

**Eisenhower PTO General Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2026
9:30am (Virtual)**

PTO Executive Board:

President – Juli Kosovec

1st Vice President – Sam Keller

2nd Vice President - Mark Miller

Board Advisor – Rebecca Thornsberry

Treasurer – Sarah Hollihan

Secretary – Missy Nicula

Welcome – Juli Kosovec

Approval of Minutes – Sarah – 2nd approval.

Guest Speakers- Boyce

Tom Kaminski (Principal)

Number of events in spring and before school year next year. Middle school is wonderful place and a lot of elements exist like elementary school – kids are well taken care of. Team of teachers to ensure all kids are making solid connections. 3 teachers – ELA, math, science/social studies. Expressive arts and guidance, team and pride time to connect with teachers and other students. Looking forward to getting to know upcoming 5th graders and parents. Teachers and staff are amazing and willing to help navigate transition to middle school.

Amy Antonio (middle school counselor for 5th and 6th grade for incoming students)

On May 26th, Mrs Antonio will come to Eisenhower to meet with 4th grade students. Share 6th grade interviews with 4th graders. Last week of school – move up day for all 4th graders to spend a half day at Boyce – tour of building, meet teachers. Building is open all summer long to stop and come through the building. Parent move up meeting is the last week of school to review information about transition to Boyce.

Scheduling – hand schedule all 5th and 6th graders. You will receive Google form from Mr Kaminski with information sheet to share information about student (strengths, preferences, info that is helpful to know). Meet with Mrs Miller to discuss all students, and classroom teachers complete form that is used for scheduling. Will balance students from all 3 elementaries, boys/girls, etc. Many factors go into consideration for placement, placement recommendations cannot all be met. Incoming 5th grade class is very large and that will make scheduling more difficult.

PTO typically puts on welcome back night where kids can come walk building, find classrooms, etc.

Questions:

IB Program – difference between IB and traditional at Boyce is very small. Would not be able to tell the difference between IB and traditional in the classroom. Community service is additional component of IB, (15 hours in 5th grade). Difference starts in High School where IB is much different. In Elementary and middle schools, curriculum is the same.

Teams – Teams consist of 3 homerooms, 4 teams in Boyce for 5th grade.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Hollihan -2026/2027 Budget Overview

47,000 – Dollar Bank

\$ Quicken

- Came into year higher than expected with budget and did a great job fundraising this year so feeling good.
- Still have expenses and additional monies coming in through remainder of year.
- Accounting for costs going up and inflation, otherwise budget is basically the same
- Budget is posted to review, direct questions/comments to Sarah Holihan or Board members.

President's Report: Juli Kosovec

- Recent and upcoming events and activities
 - Bingo
 - Ice Cream Social
 - K-3 Socials Completed
 - Outreach – did well with food drive
 - Reading night – 200 students attended.
 - Extras – approx 200 students enrolled in classes. Kids enjoyed the activities we hosted. Open to new ideas for classes – direct suggestions to Laura DeSimone. Looking for a chair person for extras next year.
 - Kids of Steel – 160+ kids signed up. Extra bibs if any adults want to run. Eisenhower is the 1st heat in the Kids marathon. Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30 am. P3R gave us the opportunity to apply for a grant and we were awarded \$750 to purchase an adult balance bike for demonstration while teaching the kids to ride a bike.
 - Staff Appreciation Week – Theme is “thanks for helping us grow”. Petals sent home for kids to decorate for display in the school. Please send back to school; sign up genius for donations of time, items, etc.
 - Book Fair – Flyers going out soon, will send schedule out ASAP.
 - 4th Grade Activities: Farewell (May 28th), T-shirts, Yearbook, Chorus at Wild Things, musical. All kids will be receiving tshirts. Please submit pictures for yearbook and survey responses.
 - Attention 3rd grade parents – looking for a yearbook chair for next year!
- New Board Positions: Vice Treasurer and Vice President
 - Laura DeSimone – (VP role) from USC, went to Eisenhower. Happy to be involved and help the team.
 - New position created – Vice Treasurer. Chris Daley – 1st and 3rd grader, oversees digital marketing and lots of budget mgmt experience. Looking forward to helping at Eisenhower.
 - Will be voting in May to approve Laura and Chris.
- Updated By- Laws and Standing Rules
 - Updated every 3 years and posted on district website. Need to have these since we are a non-profit. Updated Standing Rules after changes through the years. Will be voted on next month so please review.

Vice President's Report: Sam Keller

- PTC updates – recruitment event occurred last year. If you're interested on the board, can reach out to USC PTC. Also hosting a presentation on AI; discussing how this will be taught and incorporated into curriculum. All schools PTO and PTC will be hosting bus driver appreciate on 4/28.

Principal's Report/Eisenhower Update: Mark Miller

- Thanks to volunteers for all activities that enhance the school environment

- PSSAs – Want kids to do their best – we are not applying extra pressure! Tests are digital this year. Eisenhower's growth scores are always very high, we rely on instruction and meeting kids where they are and how they best learn. Added component of using computers this year – we will work through it and kids have been practicing with Chromebooks.
- School is getting a gaga ball pit. Installing turf soon.
- Mr Miller is retiring at the end of the year.

Questions

Dates to Remember:

5/2 Kids Marathon

5/4- 5/8 Staff appreciation Week

5/5-5/7 Book Fair

5/7 Star Night

5/15 General PTO Meeting

5/27 KG field day (rain date: 5/28)

5/28 4th grade farewell

5/29 Grades 1-4 field day (rain date: 6/1)

6/4 4th grade Chorus Sings at Wild Things game

6/5 Last Day of School