



Angell Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes Oct 6, 2026

I. Call to Order:

- Quorum established with 24 participants and meeting started at 7:03 pm

II. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

- Motion: Rob Herman
- Second: Bridget Rock
- Motion passed: minutes approved as presented

III. PTA Board & Principal Reports

President – Nicole Feys

- Reminded members they can be as involved as they like. There's no need to chair a committee to take part.
- **District updates:**
 - The next regular school board meeting is October 12 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Three new administrators are at the board office: Meghan Ashkanani, Deputy Superintendent; Alexa O'Brien, Director of Facilities; and David Pass, Director of HR.
 - Safe Schools Week is October 19–23.
 - A ribbon cutting will be held October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the new high school Performing Arts Center.
- **PTSA Caring & Sharing (district holiday drive):**
 - Runs November through mid-December and gives families in need grocery gift cards. In past years it has provided winter gear.
 - Nominations open November 2 and close December 1. People can nominate themselves or others.
 - Donations are already open on GiveBacks.
 - Last year it raised \$22,000 and helped 100 families.
- **New Angell family assistance fund (with Kezzie Chudler):**
 - This is for Angell families only and goes beyond what is already available to help with Book Fair, Holiday Shop, field trips, etc., so no child feels excluded. It will cover larger costs and emergencies as temporary, one-time help.
 - The goal is a seasonal fundraiser each quarter. The kickoff will be at Dog & Pony Show Brewing within the next month, and Katie Greager and Kezzie Chudler will hold an event with staff support in January/February.
 - Privacy comes first. Requests and funds go only through Matt Provost and Kezzie Chudler. Other parents and the PTA board won't know who receives help.
 - Funds will always be kept separate from the PTA. While they will be in our non-profit bank account, they will never be used for PTA items or counted toward the operating budget.
 - Students will help name the fund. That will start after the Fun Run.
 - Bridget Rock suggested linking the GiveBacks app so the kickback money goes to this fund instead of the PTA.
 - Virginia Corcoran suggested a seasonal no-risk sale similar to the mum sale to go into the family fund.
 - The fund is just getting started, but the goal is to launch quickly. Fundraising ideas are welcome. Enthusiasm and support in the room were high.

Vice President – Kelsey Cole



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- **Berkley Education Foundation (BEF) fundraiser at X-Golf:**
 - November 13, 6:30–10:00 p.m.
 - Tickets can be bought in advance to play or to attend.
- **Founders Day:**
 - February 25, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
 - More information will be shared as nominations get closer.

Treasurer – Colleen Miglio

- The current bank balance is \$56,696.61.
- Of note: Run Club and class funds are managed by the PTA but don't belong to it.
- Fun Run donations have been really strong, great job!
- **Reimbursements:**
 - Reimbursements are now paid only by Zelle or paper check. Venmo is no longer an option.
 - A new reimbursement form is posted on the Angell website.
 - Dana Sturtz will share the change with staff.

Secretary – Ariana Carps

- **Proposed bylaws amendment:**
 - The board is proposing a bylaws update so that communication hands off smoothly from one officer to the next each year and stays transparent. Under the change, specified PTA business would be conducted only through PTA-maintained email accounts. This covers board communications on behalf of the PTA, reimbursements, PR, and the room parent coordinator.
 - Process: members are notified of the proposed amendment at this meeting, and the vote takes place at the next meeting.
 - Proposed text:

Article IX, Section 6. Specified official PTA business shall be conducted through official PTA email accounts maintained by the association. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Communications from officers and executive board members on behalf of the PTA;
- b) Reimbursement requests and related correspondence;
- c) Communications from the room parent coordinator to classroom room parents; and
- d) Public relations, publicity, and communications with the media.

Officers, executive board members, committee chairs, and the room parent coordinator shall not use personal email accounts to conduct PTA business. Messages may be sent from official PTA accounts to members' and volunteers' personal email addresses. Official PTA email accounts are the property of the association and shall be transferred to incoming officers at the close of each term, along with other official material as provided in Article VIII, Section 6.

- **Member feedback:** Members asked which committees are affected by the update and why. They also asked that all PTA email addresses be added to the website, and that a reminder list of PTA emails be sent out so everyone has them handy.
- Reminder to pay PTA dues. Members who have paid can vote on business this month and on the bylaws amendment next month.
- **PR report – Shannon Amori, presented by Nicole Feys (given during Secretary's report):**



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- o Committees that want something shared should send it to the PR email at least one week before it needs to be posted.
- o Committees are encouraged to create their own graphics using the Angell Canva account.
- o Shannon is happy to help but needs an extra week to do so.

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Principal – Matt Provost

- Thanked the PTA for stocking the staff lounge. It has been a big hit.
- **Staffing:** Elizabeth Maxout has joined as a new building sub, so the building now has two full-time building subs. That helps now that sick season has started.
- **NWEA assessments:** The first round is done, and results will be posted in MISTAR soon. The second round is in January.
- **Family Circle:** The first Family Circle was held last week. Each family made a puzzle piece for a building-wide puzzle.
- **Construction updates:**
 - o Windows have been installed on the addition.
 - o The corridor connecting the field and playground is now open, and the soccer nets were moved so students can play on the field.
 - o Hydroseeding was done the day of the meeting.
- **Upcoming:**
 - o The first concerts are next month.
 - o Student Council is raising money for a buddy bench.
 - o Conferences are the week of Thanksgiving this year, later than last year.

Teacher Rep – Dana Sturtz

- Thanked the PTA for stocking the staff lounge.
- Staff were curious about the Fun Run volunteer sign-up. About 50 parents have signed up to run. There will be no bibs, only shirts.
- **Class funds:**
 - o Teachers are curious about class funds, SignUpGenius, and Amazon wish lists. They are hearing families are confused about GiveBacks. A separate message explaining how it works was suggested. With Halloween parties coming up and class funds still being low, this has been a recurring question.
 - o Nicole Feys said there will be a bigger push for class funds toward the end of October, and an outline has been shared with room parents.
 - o Room parents can send SignUpGenius or Amazon wish lists to other class parents, but they can't ask for cash.
- **Ask: Clorox wipes.** Classrooms are going through them quickly because students are eating in their classrooms during construction.
 - o **Motion:** Virginia Corcoran moved to approve a special-by-vote expense of \$150 for Clorox wipes. Amanda Meek seconded. The motion passed 18–0.
- **Para stipends:** Nicole Feys added that the paras have asked for a stipend. There are currently 7 paras, and possibly one more coming. They're buying supplies with their own money. A \$300 budget would come to about \$50 per para.
 - o **Motion:** Kristy Devine moved to approve a special-by-vote expense of \$300 for para stipends. Hilary Riddell seconded. The motion passed 18–0.

IV. Committee Reports and Upcoming Events



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Fun Run - Nicole Feys and Bridget Rock

- **Fundraising:** The goal has been surpassed. \$26,889 has been raised, or \$31,475 with in-kind donations. More will come in from parent participation and signs.
- Thanked everyone who has registered their kids and donated. Fun Run is how the PTA funds everything it does.
- **Registration:** Families who haven't registered should do so. Registered students are eligible for prizes even if they don't fundraise.
 - o The QR code stickers worked well, and 30 students registered the day the stickers went home.
- **Prizes:** A new raffle includes fun in-kind donations. There are also extra prizes for the class with the most students registered and the class that raises the most.
- **Event details:**
 - o Friday, October 9, 1:00–3:00 p.m. The event has moved back to the school.
 - o It will end before dismissal. Staff ask that families not check students out early.
 - o Every student will run and get a shirt, whether or not they fundraised or have a parent there. Families are welcome to come, but it's not required.
- **Volunteers:** Spots are still open, mainly for setup and cleanup. Sign up on SignUpGenius. Volunteers must be approved, but families don't need approval to run or watch.

Dad's Club – Rob Herman

- **Monster Mash Block Party on Coolidge, October 24:**
 - o Dads' Club will have a table, canopy, and games. The plan is blindfolded cornhole, with prizes for everyone.
 - o Details are still being worked out. Nicole Feys will send a SignUpGenius for volunteers.
- **Fall cleanup, November 7, 9:00 a.m.:**
 - o Meet at the school. The usual work: cleaning the flower beds, raking, and clearing debris.
- **Cummings sign:**
 - o The club is trying to find the sign on Cummings, which may be behind the construction gate, so it can be fixed up and put back. Matt Provost will help them get access.
- **Holiday Lights Parade, December 5:**
 - o The club is taking part again. It will be discussed at the next meeting, and more details will follow.
- **4th Annual Angells in the Alley, February 7, 1:00–3:00 p.m.,** at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights.
- **Next Dad's Club meeting:** October 15, 7:00 p.m., at Dog & Pony Show Brewing.

Teacher Appreciation - Beth Phaneuf and Amanda Meek

- Surveyed teachers on what they like and don't like.
- Based on the survey, the conference cart is being dropped so the committee can focus on other wants and needs.
- Monthly treats will continue.
- **Stock the Lounge:** Based on feedback from the last meeting, Stock the Lounge will be assigned to different grade groups as needed.

Reflections – Lisa Klein and Aileen Snyder



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- **First art night:** It went well, with students from a wide range of grades. Most came with an idea in mind and a parent ready to help. A lot of great art was made, and prizes were handed out.
- **Next art night, October 16:** Students can finish their work and use the light box. It's also open to students who couldn't make the first night.
- **Deadline:** November 11. Aileen and Lisa will collect the entries.
- **Brainstorm ask:** How can we encourage more students to enter dance, writing, and photography?

Restaurant Night – Sammi Russell-Anderson

- **Nawab, October 20:** 15% of sales all day goes to the PTA. No need to mention Angell.
- **Local 13:** The last dine-out earned \$125.
- **Nawab, second night:** Nawab would like to host a second restaurant night the following Monday, possibly October 26.

Room Parent Coordinator – Lindsay Muncey (presented by Nicole Feys)

- Lindsay Muncey has taken over as Room Parent Coordinator.
- Lindsay sent an email from the room parent email account on the day of the meeting. That account is the only point of contact going forward: angellroomparents@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat - Aileen Snyder and Lia Vanderhoof

- **October 23, 6:00–8:00 p.m., on Beverly again.**
- 24 trunk spots are available. A SignUpGenius will go out soon. This year it will include a spot to list your theme, so there are no duplicates.
- **Requests for the event:**
 - The construction dumpster is expected to be gone by then.
 - The committee asked that the school stay open so attendees can use the bathrooms.
- **Motion:** Lia Vanderhoof moved to use special-by-vote funds to increase the Trunk or Treat budget by \$300. Colby Maiorana seconded. The motion passed 18–0.

Robotics Club – Aaron Feys and Alan Posner (presented by Nicole Feys)

- Started last week, and it's going well. The kids love it.
- The program is for 4th and 5th graders. The coaches were advised to cap it at 25 students (5 teams), but they took all 35 who signed up, for 7 teams.
- Teams practice twice a week until their competition on December 6.
- If more staff get involved going forward, a 3rd grade team could be added in the future.

Turkey Trot – Kelly Williams

- Kelly Williams has taken on the Turkey Trot, and the board thanked her for stepping up.
- Planning will get started in the coming weeks.
- **Motion:** Kelly Williams moved to approve a special-by-vote expense of \$100 for post-race treats. Kristy Devine seconded. The motion passed 18–0.



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V. Old Business

- **Fall Fest – Nicole Feys and Sammi Russell-Anderson**
 - This was the first year food was free for kids. Fall Fest is no longer a fundraiser, but it still brought in \$300.
 - Nicole and Sammi are passing Fall Fest on. Jayme Love is taking over and would love a co-chair to join her.
- **Mum Sales – Colby Maiorana**
 - The mum sale is finished and raised about \$1,500–\$1,600.
 - Next year, pickup will be organized in alphabetical order.
- **New Parent Liaison - Ariana Carps, Hilary Riddell, and Amanda Meek**
 - The new parent meetings were a success and will continue. Nine parents attended across the meetings.
 - Attendees shared great suggestions, including sharing committee descriptions.
 - Another round of meetings will be held after winter break for parents who felt overwhelmed at the start of the year.
 - In the meantime, the liaisons are available to help parents find their place in the PTA.

VI. New Business, Questions, and Comments

- **Book Fair:** Amanda Meek confirmed the dates, November 9–12.
- **Class party sign-ups:** Is SignUpGenius an option for Halloween parties if supplies are needed?
 - Nicole Feys said supplies are available in the PTA closet. Both Lindsay Muncey and the PTA Board are available to try to fill in the gaps before sending out a SignUpGenius. After that, a SignUpGenius is an option.

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Rob Herman at 8:28 pm
- Second: Kristy Devine
- Motion passes and meeting adjourned