

Fieldstone Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes



General Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 6:00PM
Fieldstone Elementary School, East Commons

Introductions/2026-2027 PTO Board

- PTO board made introductions to the group

Principal's Report (Alison Koshiol)

- Alison introduced herself to the group and provided a glimpse of the beginning of the year so far.
- Staff came in for workshop week. They had chance to do district training at the high school and at Fieldstone.
- First weeks have gone well and they are currently working through some transportation issues
- Students went through safety presentations, went over expectations, met Dean, and they are learning procedures to follow rules
- Respect is the character trait of the month, so finalizing students of the month soon for September. They get to have lunch with principal and dean (next week)
- Homecoming/sprit days are this week. Spirit week days were decided by the 4th graders
- Staff is working on beginning of the year assessments. They are almost to the end of that.
- The district switched to EduClimber over the summer. It doesn't do real-time updates like Prolific did. Parents won't see scores yet as it's a manual entry. Previous database populated automatically. Educlimber aligns better on teacher side of things to access meaningful data. Will give staff all data in one place and it's very visual. Easier to group students. Reduces human error with scoring/grouping. Has behavior data, attendance, health needs, etc.... So they are working out a few kinks, but in the long run, it will allow teachers to track and review data better.

Student Council (Emily Schluender)

- 3 pillars/focus this year: school spirit, giving back, leadership
- They now meet after school. Meetings are every 3 weeks after school from 2:15-3:15PM
- Applications are due on Friday. They are looking for 30-40 students, around 5-7 per class for even representation
- They are hoping to do several fundraisers to help raise funds (ex. Coin Drive this fall). They'd like to do a food drive for a local food shelf (parent suggested new STMA Food Pantry to support our community). Valentine's Bags is another they'd like to do to earn money.
- They are also getting t-shirts (\$10/kid)
- In the spring, they'd like to work on the school garden and cleaning up the school
- They would like to introduce monthly spirit days that the 4th graders can plan
- They have not yet talked about the possibility of a Valleyfair trip. That still needs discussion
- They'd like to look into Toys for Tots over the holidays and making tie blankets in January
- They want to implement reading and walking buddies to serve the school community
- They also would like to plan a Fieldstone Movie Night. Student Council would run concessions. Families can bring blankets/chairs and watch a movie in the gym

Teacher Reports

- 1st grade is working on routines. 2nd grade is excited to welcome David LaRochelle back in November. 3rd grade is working on planning The Works in-school field trip.
- 4th grade changed this year. Kids now see 3 adults/day so time is more intentional. 4th graders travel with a binder with colored folders + and a take home folder, so it stays with them all day. Books are stored in desks based on where students sit.
- JA Biz Town booked for 4th grade. They will learn about economics, how to balance money, apply for a job, do a mayoral election, go shopping, etc..

Fundraising

First Day of School Supplies

- We signed again with First Day of School Supplies to get more free kits. We got 5 other free kits for promotional opportunities this past year
- Teachers advised Kleenex were much better this year.
- Issues: a few 3rd grade kits were missing pencil pouches. 1st grade folders were not 3-hole punched. Also, 1st grade did not get slips indicating what was not included in the kits like before and it was very helpful. Notes taken for next year
- Teachers indicated there is no pro/con to the kits – they are fine either way

Glow Run

- FunHub will handle accounting for us this year
- Families can create profile and set up for their student(s)
- Families can check on their own to see how their child is fundraising
- FundHub takes a very small amount, but nothing compared to Apex or Booster percentages
- Headbands were about \$1,000. Instead, this year, we are doing 3 glow necklaces for registering. Glow Run and LED bracelets would be passed out before the Glow Run
- Teachers will take away glow sticks/bracelets if they swing them/hit others, toss as frisbees, etc...
- Headbands were a huge hit. Just trying to switch it up
- We will have two, main prize distribution days (10/8 and 10/13). Volunteers will spend the days of 10/7 and 10/12 packing prize bags and delivering to teachers. Teachers can then distribute on 10/8 and 10/13 in whatever way is most appropriate for them time-wise
- We will let the parents know that high-demand items may require restock, so some items may be delayed like the Needohs and dumplings
- Teacher recommendation: send 'coming soon' slips like IOUs
- We will staple bags closed and have teachers ask kids to not open them on the bus as we will not replace lost items
- Agreed it makes sense to have kids put right in their backpacks/lockers so we don't make other kids feel bad
- We'll have a simplified assembly with Alison emceeing (not as extravagant as last year)
- Flyers are ready to go, so we'll get those printed soon
- Sarah has prizes coming in now, so we're in good shape there
- Alison spoke with the Journeys team and they do have some sensory needs, kids with epilepsy, etc.. There will be a 30-minute window for students with special needs to run safely
- We will not be able to decorate/set up the night before the Glow Run due to scheduled events, so we'll decorate most likely between 8-9AM the morning of the event. Alison should be able to finalize very soon.

Holiday Shop

- We are in the planning stages. We are figuring out dates for PTO board to cover shifts

- More to come

Staff Appreciation

- We will be purchasing conference meals for 10/22 (baked potato bar from River Inn) and we'll ask for extra chicken this time!

Special Events

- Pops on the Playground was great! A lot of people attended. The line to meet Alison was very long
- We will continue this event
- Kindness in Chalk is next. We typically do it during the month of October for anti-bullying, but due to conflicting times with Glow Run, we want to consider modifying dates
- Students will chalk on Monday, 9/28. We will ask families to decorate sidewalks on Sunday, 9/27. Will advertise on social media
- Alison is OK with families chalking the front or back as long as we avoid the actual walkways into the building as the chalk gets tracked in
- We will make up a map indicating where families can chalk

Administrative Updates

- Emily Schulender will be the 4th grade rep this year, so all grades are accounted for now
- We are going to try something new this year offering a combination of in-person (quarterly) and Zoom (in between). We will communicate this to Alison/team with schedule/dates/links so they can communicate to families
- More to come on that!
- What can the PTO do for staff/school? Continue to support per teachers. Continue with the conference meals as that is much appreciated. Continue with the Holiday Shop as the kids love it.
- Last item is that we need to make sure and coordinate between the school/Student Council/PTO to ensure we do not overlap on fundraisers/events