

April Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

In Attendance

Katie Wall, Jess Montanari, Dawn Robidoux, Jessica Frank, Cindy Socha, Anjelica Scott, Amanda Herman, Julie Longchamps

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jess M. to approve the minutes and seconded by Anjelica.

Financial Report:

- Starting budget was \$99,037.90 and ending budget is \$98,375.76. \$2,195 ready to be deposited tomorrow from cash calendars. \$627.03 not cleared. 5th grade shirts ordered. 2nd grade Hanover Theatre field trip paid. 2nd grade parents don't have to pay anything for field trip. Cultural Council will be sending check to cover author (Ralph Masiello) night. \$1,900 made for cash calendars (Jess F will have to buy stamps). Coffee cakes earned \$1,555.50. Jess M secured a \$250 donation from Webster First for Walkathon. Jess F would like to rethink rollover money for next budget meeting. She brought up the fact that the money should be spent on the students who fundraised for it, rather than have it sit in the bank for rollover.

Fundraising:

- **Restaurant Nights-** Panera made \$33.63. Post Office Pub will be next month with 20% back. We are going to give Bistro EightyAtes another try in May.
- **Cash Calendars-** 323 calendars sold. We needed to sell 125 to break even. Names are being pulled daily.
- **Coffee Cakes-** 366 cakes sold. Katie and Nicole picked up the day of. Jess and Nicole distributed night of.
- **Penny Wars-** Started this week. Yesterday \$109 collected and today \$425 from the Elementary School. Primary will be picked up tomorrow for leader update.

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - Brainstorming ideas for teacher appreciation week. Anjelica thinking Rainbow theme again. Some ideas so far are DIY lanyards, fun canned drinks, charcuterie, ice cream sundae bar, cookie donations perhaps from Insomnia cookies. The budget allows for about \$182 per day.
- **Spirit Wear-** Nothing to Report
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - Dawn ordered a big restock for both April and May. Looking for volunteers for this Friday's store.
- **Recess Committee-** Dawn continues to restock and will need to order more supplies to use line money for the year.
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$227.50, Primary \$203.50
- **BBBS-** \$197.25 check received February.
- **Walmart Round UP** - \$13.42 received March

New Business:

- **Railers-** About \$400 raised with \$200 of that being from Chuck A Puck.

- **April Lego Event-** Free event to be held on 4/28 from 6-7 PM. We will raffle off a lego basket door prize. Jess M will make a sign up and cap it at 75 students. Will have a coloring station,, tattoos, duplo station and a different lego challenge at each table. Mrs. Herman has offered to let us use her STEM legos. Jess M will buy tablecloths, balloons, and prize goodies. Dawn will contact HS for volunteers.
- **Elementary Book Fair-** 4/16 with daytime shopping for students and evening hours for families. Katie has a list of volunteers who have signed up and will reach out to confirm.
- **Walkathon-** Cups ordered. 99 Pledges will be sent out to families. Katie will send an email to teachers to make signs to hang on the track. The new mascot costume will come next week. Kerri offered to be mascot.
- **School Supply Kits-** Both sites up and running but won't send an email to parents until the end of May.
- **Town Wide Cleanup-** Jess can set up outside the Elementary School from 9-12 on 4/25. Families can sign up and we will provide supplies. Families who check in will be entered for a raffle prize.
- **Friendship Bracelets-** Everyone agreed to run this again this year. Katie will make stickers with the contact info so it's easier and quicker to attach to the bracelets to distribute. This will run in May.
- **Other/Not on Agenda-** Ms. McCarthy, who runs after school enrichment, asked if the PTO is able to buy and donate a plaque for the gardening enrichment class. They are going to make a memorial garden for a prior custodian that passed away and would like to have a plaque. Unanimously voted yes but will need to be approved by Admin.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mr. Haynes-

- Not present, no update.

Mrs. Socha-

- Primary is at 100% puzzle completion for ST Math. Each child gets a Star to be in the 100 Club once they complete their journey.
- March Mathness is complete. Mrs. King's class will celebrate their win with a Gigi party and snack.
- Starting a new incentive on Fridays for Students. We will raffle off some prizes left from the Heart Challenge during lunch for students whose tickets get pulled.
- Primary School qualified for a new roof, windows, and doors. Going to move forward with this so hopefully can be approved by the town.
- Having a magician come to school the Friday before break
- Each class will have a day for select students to read to Finn
- This Friday is the preschool teddy bear events for families

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Jess F to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jess M at 7:39 PM.