

January Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

In Attendance

Katie Wall, Jess Montanari, Dawn Robidoux, Kerri Chroback, Nicole Lombardi, Amanda Herman, Ken Haynes

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Nicole to approve the minutes and seconded by Kerri.

Financial Report:

- Starting budget was \$94,167.85 and ending budget is \$97,395.34. Savings account remains with a balance of \$25,000. Online safety account is \$10. Checking account is \$72,385.34. 2 outstanding checks for this year- \$55.57 (one from Veteran's day and another is a teacher curriculum reimbursement). The other \$175 is from last year. Left to earn this year is \$31,397.47. K/1st grade- have a remaining balance of \$104.01- a portion was used for the upcoming 100th day of school. Next week a check will be provided to the Primary School for upcoming author event for \$200. 100 Day Supplies ordered for Primary and already received. Recent Donation to the Title 1 program for \$1000. Katie has done a great job at securing items on sale/clearance for next year Holiday Shoppe. Remaining balance to spend for Holiday Shoppe 2025 was \$40.17. Received 2 Box Tops checks- Primary School \$129.40 and Elementary School \$181.90. Awaiting Texas Roadhouse Check. Walmart round up this month was \$4.39

Fundraising:

- **Restaurant Nights-** Texas RH raised \$140 that Jess will pick up. Bistro Eighty Ates will be 20% back over the Holiday Weekend. February break will be Chuck E. Cheese on 2/16. Mascot will come to school before break. April will be Post Office Pub in Grafton
- **Great Wolf Lodge-** This Thursday and Friday. 28 families booked which will be \$560 profit for us.
- **Donut Kits-** Katie spoke with jumbo Donuts and the price of the kits increased so we need to increase this year by \$1. Kits will be sent home on 2/13.
- **Build A Pal-** Event will be week after break- Tue 2/24. Jess picked under the sea theme. \$20 per animal for a \$7 or \$8 profit. Dawn will email for HS volunteers (about 4 needed).

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - This month we did a wellness bar with Bubbly water, granola bars, cough drops and wipes. March will be next. Thinking of doing a spring theme or stock the lounge.
- **Spiritwear-** \$93.73 commission for last quarter. 34 pieces sold.
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - Dawn rearranged some dates so that the January store didn't fall on the first week back after winter break. New dates are 1/23 and 2/13. Will need volunteers and will order some items (including Valentine items).
- **Recess Committee-** Nothing to report with cold weather and not many recesses outside. Dawn will keep eyes open for sales to purchase items.
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$177.90, Primary \$162.70.
- **BBBS-** \$222 check received October
- **Walmart Round UP** - \$10.14 received October

New Business:

- **Reading Event-** Ralph Masiello booked for Wednesday 3/11 at 6:00 pm. Waiting for invoice/contract. BINGO and flyers to go out 2/27 with due date 3/9. Will have 2 Storyland tickets for a door prize. Will have 2 Bingo raffle winners per grade. Dawn will put together prizes with a giftcard to Blessing Barn bookstore again. \$350 to pay Ralph and will have rest of line to buy raffle prizes and any other supplies needed.
- **Holiday Shoppe-** Successful sale. Teachers had good things to say and were impressed by inventory. Suggestion for next year would be to get some different bags for heavier items (maybe the reusable UniBank ones).
- **Railers-** Game is March 22. \$1 added to tickets as a fundraiser. Chuck a Puck volunteers needed (easy with Rainers staff helping also). High 5 tunnel happening again at beginning of game and chorus performing.
- **Cash Calendar-** Anjelica couldn't make this meeting but will ask if she can run again. March sales. Katie thinking we should add UniPay option this year.
- **Coffee Cakes-** Orders will be due 3/16 with a pick up of April 2. Will offer UniPay option. Nicole will check with company to make sure inventory and prices are the same.
- **Bylaws-** Need to be updated. Need suggestions/help to update. If anyone can look through, read and make edits then we can discuss changes and vote at the next meeting.
- **Town Wide Cleanup-** Town event will be 4/25. We will set up table with supplies at Elementary again.
- **April Event-** Jess thinking about doing a Lego build night. Coming up with details but maybe do a theme build and then have people vote on winner. Maybe include some raffles.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mr. Haynes-

- STAR testing happening now.
- PDD will be an on site Unification Drill then back to school for Growth Mindset activities. We will have a big math emphasis with a guest speaker, Dan Finkle, doing a virtual Ted Talk and answering questions.
- Decided not to do the Heart Challenge this year
- Grade 5 hoping to go to a WooSox game. Figuring out buses.
- Field day will be 6/4 with rain date of 6/5. Ending day with laser show.
- 5th grade graduation 6//11

Mrs. Socha-

- STAR Mid-yr assessments this week
- PD Day Friday: half day workshop with Empowering Writer's, half day workshop with The Regulated Classroom, Trauma-Informed Teaching
- Tentative 100th Day Celebration: Thursday, Feb.5th Parents are asked to make a t-shirt with their child using 100 items
- Enrichment Friday, Feb. 6th- Author and Music Artist- Greg Lato

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Nicole to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kerri at 7:35 PM.