

March Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

In Attendance

Katie Wall, Jess Montanari, Dawn Robidoux, Jessica Frank, Ken Haynes, Kerri Chrobak, Cindy Socha, Anjelica Scott, Katey Morin, Paige Kamer, Amanda Herman

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Anjelica to approve the minutes and seconded by Jessica F.

Financial Report:

- Starting budget was \$98,538.29 and ending budget is \$99,037.90. \$627.03 not cleared. Remaining to spend \$37,428.85. Busy month. Build a Pal raised \$877.67. Coffee cake and cash calendars coming in. Donuts raised \$368.95. Great Wolf Lodge made \$580. BBBS bins \$197 for February. Check from photography company came in to Primary. \$14.12 from Walmart RoundUp. Mrs. Tedisky will get an invoice to Jessica F for field trip.

Fundraising:

- **Restaurant Nights-** Chuck E. Cheese made \$138.52. Panera will be 3/19 with 20% back if \$100 order minimum met. 4/15 is Post Office Pub. May will be Bistro Eighty Ates again. Anjelica recommends Urban Air over the summer.
- **Build A Pal-** 117 sold which is 6 more than last year. Only 5 extra animals. We will raffle of the two tigers as a fundraiser.
- **Cash Calendars-** 45 sold so far. Can sell until end of the month. Will need to sell 125 calendars to break even.
- **Coffee Cakes-** Due date will be 3/18. We have 8 online orders so far. 1 more reminder will go out.
- **Penny Wars-** Donated old jars to the middle school for their fundraiser so we need new ones. Katie wants to know if we should do a theme? Mario or something else? Silver and gold will be negative while pennies and dollars will be positive at elementary. Week of 4/13 (week before school vacation).

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - Stocked the lounge yesterday. Some things donated and some bought. \$70 was donated through UniPay. For Staff Appreciation week we will send email and UniPay link if people want to donate money for that. Will be rainbow theme for the week. Jessica M posted to look for sponsorship for days/week.
- **Spiritwear-** No updates.
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - Had our March store Friday 3/6. Very successful with a lot of inventory being cleared out. Dawn will place another order for April/May. Always looking for volunteers.
- **Recess Committee-** Dawn will need to restock with nicer weather coming but neither school has gone out much with cold/snow.
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$218.70, Primary \$187.10
- **BBBS-** \$197.25 check received February. We will post on FB close to town wide cleanup to remind people to donate to bins with spring cleaning. Thinking we could even set up a clothing collection with town wide clean up to then donate in bins.

- **Walmart Round UP** - \$10.14 received October

New Business:

- **Reading Event-** Ralph Masiello booked for Wednesday 3/11 at 6:00 pm. Received invoice and signed by Jess F. Will pay him by check on night of event. Supplies and raffles ready to go. About 50 students signed up. BINGOs collected with a few still coming in. Great participation for this.
- **Railers-** Game is March 22. Chorus and Dance Sensation will perform. Tickets are on sale now. Railers reached out to see if we want the mascot, Trax, to walk around schools to promote event.
- **April Lego Event-** Will be on 4/28 in the Elementary Cafeteria. Free family event. Jess M may need to use some STEM night line money that wasn't used this year. She will use to buy raffle prizes and other small items for night of event.
- **Elementary Book Fair-** 4/16 with student shopping during the day and with family shopping hours in evening from 5:30-7:30. Set up will be Wed. 4/15 from 10-2. Breakdown will be Friday. Will need volunteers for set up, shopping (cash registers) and clean up. Set up will be in the library like Holiday Shoppe. Will need to purchase tablecloths and bags. All marketing materials provided. Also will need PTO to stock the registers. Mr. Haynes was thinking of getting a food truck out front. Looking for 4 volunteers per shift.
- **Walkathon-** Dates and school use forms all set. Need to order cups. Katie will email secretaries for lists of student contact info. Katie will also send schedules to principals to approve. Will need to look at prizes per tier and see if we want to keep the same or change a bit. Only thing that will need to be bought is ice and gallon waters. We have pom poms and reusable decorations from years past. Dawn will bring speaker. We are going to purchase new mascot costume. Eboard voted to move \$600 from reading event 2026 line to general/office to purchase mascot costume. Always looking for volunteers for day of event. Jess M may have secured a donation from Webster First but waiting to hear back.
- **Bylaws-** Motion to approve changes by Jessica M and seconded by Anjelica. Approved unanimously.
- **Friendship Bracelets-** In the past we have done a fundraiser where kids can order bracelets and send their contact info to the entire class at the end of the school year. Do we want to do this again? We haven't done it in 2 years. Had a request from a parent come in so we will have to discuss if we want to.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mr. Haynes-

- Reminder email for stock the lounge was helpful to spread the info to staff.
- Special breakfast for students coming up this Friday. Kids are excited.
- June 4th is field day. Zombies obstacle course is booked. CORIs need to be in for volunteers.
- MCAS starting 3/30.
- Community Meeting next week (will need blaze bucks).
- Related Arts night- Tony's has offered to donate pizza to be sold by PTO again.

Mrs. Socha-

- ST Math Projection is 50% at this time of year and we are at 90%. ST March Mathness started yesterday. Mr. Smith practiced with the students in advance this year. Mrs. Hendricks currently in 1st for preschool, Mrs. Berthiaume won for k/1st bracket shots. Bracket will be up for the whole month with winner at the end.
- STAR testing will be next week so we don't have to wait until May to address any problems if there are any for students.

- Preschool Info Night moved to tomorrow night 3/11.
- May 22 will be field day. We will have blow up slide, obstacle course, bubble man, Amy Fragala, and Karate. Parents will be invited for the morning. Magician is booked for afternoon.
- Guest readers will be coming this week to read to each class.
- Report cards will go out Thursday.

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Kerri to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Anjelica at 7:45 PM.