

November Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

In Attendance

Katie Wall, Jess Montanari, Jess Frank, Amanda Herman, Anjelica Scott, Katey Morin, Jared Faircloth, Ken Haynes, Cindy Socha

Call to Order: 6:31 PM

Approval of Minutes

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

Financial Report:

- Starting \$98,678.83 and ending \$92,136.48. 6 outstanding (2 from last year,). \$151.50 left over from K & 1 field trip. \$82.50 in third grade scholarship fund, this money will roll over to their 4th grade field trip line for next year. Ms. Amy was paid out for half the year, the planetarium was paid out. Jess F. asked that the bottom line of the reimbursement be filled out so she knows what line funds come from

Fundraising:

- **Restaurant Nights-** Qdoba check for \$99.80, Red Robin made \$127.69. Texas Roadhouse is December 11th and working with Bistro 88's to set a date in January and they will give us 20%. February vacation will be Chick E Cheese
- **Breads and Crisps-** profited \$3,427 from the fundraiser. Pickup was tonight and only a few left/ not picked up. Sent emails, text message, reminder flyer sent home in backpack to pickup and facebook posts reminding people to pickup their order prior to pickup date.
- **Wreaths-** Orders submitted to greenhouse. Pickup will be 11/25 from 3-5:30 in the elementary lobby. Collected \$3,590, waiting to get invoice from greenhouse to see what our profit will be and to write a check for Anjelica/Chris to bring when they pick up the orders from supplier.
- **Great Wolf Lodge-** About 18 rooms booked. last day to book is December 16th

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - November plan is to be pies. Jess asked for pie donations from Table Talk and received over 100 pies from them. January will be a wellness bar with Bubblr waters and wipes, hand sanitizer or assortment of wellness items.
- **Spiritwear-** Nothing to report. Sale right now on t-shirts. Got check for \$228.72 for last quarter.
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - Second store was a success. Mystery bags were a big hit and made over \$860 this time. No Store in December because of Holiday Shoppe
- **Recess Committee-** 2nd and 3rd grade are both keeping ball bags upstairs which has worked great. 4th and 5th grade bags are not usually put back after being used at recess and restocked. Dawn will do Primary when she is back from vacation.
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$155.40, Primary \$113.30.
- **BBBS-** \$222 check received
- **Walmart Round UP** - \$10.14 received

New Business:

- **Trunk or Treat-** 27 cars signed up and the event went very well. Learned to have cars park in the middle aisle first. \$300 donation received from Unibank. This year there was a \$50 GC for 1st place winner and a 5 Guys GC donation for 2nd place. We didn't ask for candy donations this year but have told each car to have enough candy. Used donation money to buy non candy backup options for each car and if items are not used this year they can be used next year or for other events like school store.

- **STEM Night-** WPI came November 13th and did a presentation on propulsion and students and families made catapults. HAD about 50 students and everyone seemed to have a great time.
- **Reading Event-**Dawn reached out to Ralph Maziello who is a children's book artist. Asked about dates in March but she has not heard back. Paige reached out to local author Kayla Paquette she wrote "Sometimes It's Hard" a children's book about a sibling with ASD and how to interact with others that are different from you. She asks that copies of the book are purchased for the students and she will donate her time doing a reading with a discussion and an activity (unless you prefer just a reading and discussion). An honorary fee is appreciated if it is within the school budget, but I'm happy to spread the story as far as she can!
- **Holiday Shoppe-** December 15th for setup in afternoon, daytime shop hours are December 16th and December 17 for Elementary students. The nighttime shop is December 17th. Dawn will reach out to HS for volunteers. Dawn will send schedule from last year to Mr. Haynes for approval or edits. Katie is done purchasing items and everything is priced with a sticker so it just needs to be put out on tables.
- **Elementary Book Fair-** Date is April 16th. Mr Haynes and Paige had a phone call with Scholastic and the event is moving forward.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mr. Haynes-

- Thank you for the mobile planetarium, it was a great experience.
- December 4th will be a cyber safety/bullying presentation by the Worcester DA and is open to students and their parents.
- Related arts night was scheduled for May 14th but may be moved to a different date due to district conflict

Mrs. Socha-

- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Veteran's program and to those who brought in items. There were 31 veterans and their guests and they each received a plant donated by Lindsay Sarah and a ham that was purchased through a \$300 cash donation Mrs. Socha received.
- STARR testing will be this week
- Johnny the K was a great show again this year
- Report cards will be coming out on the 25th and also sent home in backpacks
- November 25th will be a principal roundtable at 8:45
- Fistbump Friday has been alternating between police and fire personnel and the students have been loving it
- Ornaments have been placed in the lobby for families that have been identified and agreed to have the school put a tag up with a child's age, size and toy preference. Items are to go back to school wrapped with a tag on it.

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Anjelica. to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jess F. at 7:23 PM.