

October Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025

In Attendance

Kerri Chrobak, Katey Morin, Jessica Montanari, Anjelica Scott, Katie Wall, Ken Haynes, Dawn Robidoux, Jessica Frank, Amanda Herman, Paige Kamer, Julie Longchamps, Ashley Samara, Cindy Socha, Allison Lewia, Lisa LaFortune, Jared Faircloth

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kerri to approve the minutes and seconded by Anjelica. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Starting \$73,116.16 and ending \$73,668.83. 4 outstanding (2 from last year, Mobile Ed, and teacher account). \$1,895 paid to Mobile Ed. Received \$40 donation for staff appreciation. Check came in for \$330 from school supply kits.

Fundraising:

- **UnFundraiser**- Raised \$745 which is over the \$500 estimate for this year.
- **SSOTM**- Fundraiser closed. 162 sold. Ordered the spirit sticks for the next couple of months. First month will be sent home next week.
- **Restaurant Nights**- Had our first of the year at Qdoba. Total sales were about \$400 so profited about \$100. Red Robin will be Monday 11/10 and December will be Texas Roadhouse.
- **Breads and Crisps**- This is our big fall fundraiser. Paper forms are due Friday while online sales open until Monday. Profiting \$1,700 so far. Pick up will be 11/18 (same day as PTO meeting). Orders will be dropped off to school at 1:30 and Katie will meet them. Looking for help around 2ish. Hoping to meet the \$4,000 profit goal. Will send out another reminder to students who sold with a pick up date reminder.
- **Corporate Donations**- Dawn updated a spreadsheet with local businesses. Sent out emails to those companies with email addresses listed. If no email was found then a paper letter was sent. Paige Kamer going to reach out to her sister that works at Pyne to ask for a donation.
- **Wreaths**- Jenn Maddy looking for help to get flyers out and to pick up orders from farm. Orders will be due 11/14 and pickup will be 11/25 (Tue before Thanksgiving). Julie and Mandi can help with pick up day.
- **Back to School Event**- \$970 made from raffles (total was \$1,028 with a donation). Jess is thinking of not including teacher donations next year because we don't receive enough. Overall feedback is that the event went smoothly and everyone had fun.

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - November plan is to be pies. Jess asked for pie donations from Table Talk pies but still waiting to hear back. January will be a wellness bar with Bubblr waters and wipes.
- **Spiritwear**- Nothing to report.
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - First store was a success. Had some Halloween items and otherwise cleared out a lot of inventory on hand. Next month we are going to have students shop during recess instead of lunch. If this works we can continue with this for later school stores.
- **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.
- **Box tops**- Elementary \$134.50, Primary \$97.80.
- **BBBS**- \$338.00
- **Walmart Pay** - \$24.25

New Business:

- **Elementary Events-** Book fair will be April 16th. There will be one day for in school shopping and night time hours for families. Mr. Haynes is thinking of getting a food truck or something similar to make it a family night event. Related Arts night will be a separate event on May 14th. PTO will sell pizza again (hopefully can get a donation from Tony's again). December 4th will be a bullying prevention night. There will be a separate meeting time for parents and kids so each can learn what is relevant. March 20th will be a "4 Square-athon". This will be a fundraiser for kids and families to come play 4 square and proceeds will be donated to a local cause.
- **Trunk or Treat-** 21 cars signed up so far. \$300 donation received from Unibank. This year there will be a \$50 GC for 1st place winner and a leftover 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. There will be thank you signs for Unibank at event (thinking to include it on each QR code for voting on favorite car).
- **STEM Night-** WPI coming November 13th at Elementary at 6:00. There will be limited space for 50-60 students on a first come, first serve sign up basis. No volunteers will be needed. We can ask for a couple HS volunteers for check in.
- **Reading Event-** Will do an event in March with Reading Bingo leading up to it. We are still looking for an author for the event. Some ideas given were Melissa Stewart, Ralph Maziello. Dawn will reach out to Ralph Maziello who is a children's book artist.
- **Great Wolf Lodge-** Last year was the 1st year we did this and decided to do again this year. Katie booked again for January 15th weekend. We don't have school January 16th so families can book 1 or 2 nights. PTO will receive \$20 per room booked. It's an easy fundraiser by just sending out flyers.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mrs. Socha-

- \$2,750 made from the book fair at Open House. Bought books with the money earned from the fair, on the night of the fair, so we didn't have to pay shipping. Will also get free shipping through January.
- Friday PD day- Staff learned reunification drills. January will be offsite where unifications will take place in real emergencies. Wilson Reading also came with a refresh on Foundations.
- Field trip for K and 1st is this coming Friday with a lot of parents signed up to chaperone.
- Johnny K coming at the end of the month.
- Kindergarten STEM event on Halloween for Kindergarten students and their families.
- Veterans Program will be 11/7. Will need food donations. Katie will update the sign up sheet and send out a flyer with QR code to send home for food donation sign ups. Going to have drop off time from 7-8:30 am on the day of the event. Hoping to request that paper items (like plates and silverware) dropped off to school no later than Tuesday before the event.

Mr. Haynes-

- Thank you Mrs. LaFortune for coming to the meeting. Looking for parent feedback on the upcoming 3rd grade Plymouth field trip. Is \$35 too much to ask parents to pay? There was already a grant received and PTO \$20 per student contribution. Need coach buses because it's a long ride and will need bathrooms. There was an idea to include an option for families to donate extra money for another student to use towards their field trip payment. A lot of discussion but overall the vote was that most parents would be ok paying and will discuss help for families who can't afford to pay.

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Jess F. to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kerri at 7:40 PM.

