

September Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

In Attendance

Kerri Chrobak, Katey Morin, Jessica Montanari, Anjelica Scott, Katie Wall, Ken Haynes, Dawn Robidoux, Jessica Frank, Amanda Herman, Camiel Campbell

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jess M. to approve the minutes and seconded by Jess F.. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Starting \$76,444.68 and ending \$73,116.16. Not cleared is \$1,725.00 from accountant, teacher reimbursements, and some outstanding checks from last year. Scholastic paid out.

Fundraising:

- **School Supply Kits-** Waiting on check. Earned about the same as last year. Everyone agrees to do it again next year.
- **Restaurant Nights-** October 9 will be Qdoba which is the night before the long weekend. We'll get 25% with a \$150 minimum. November will be Red Robin with 20% earnings. December 11th is Texas Roadhouse with 15% back and the manager usually gives a donation. Chuck E Cheese for February vacation again. New ideas for future months are Outback in Auburn and Luv 2 Play in Sutton. Papa Gino's now has a \$250 minimum. Looking for local ideas if anyone has any.
- **SSOTM-** Grade sticks and flyers to join were sent home. Had some paper and UniPay orders already after day 1.
- **UnFundraiser-** Dawn will send out flyers next week.
- **Breads and Crisps-** Katie has flyers with pick up date listed. Pick up is 11/18 which is same as the PTO meeting. Looking for volunteers to help with that count and distribution.
- **Corporate Donations-** Jess M. wrote up a donation request and corporate sponsorship letter. Dawn will compile a list of businesses and send letters out.
- **Grants-** Cultural Council did not give us a grant this year. Katie will try again specifically through the town and request \$250 to use for the reading night event.

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - PD day was pastries and coffee for staff. "That's It" donated apple crisp snacks that were put out for September. Next up is November. Anjelica is getting cans of Bubblr antioxidant drinks that maybe can be put out with wipes that were sent from PTO Today. Jess F. suggested Muffin House and Jess M. suggested apple cider donuts.
- **Spiritwear-** \$1,100 sold during the current sale period.
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - First Store is Friday, October 3rd. Dawn will use remaining inventory and then will need a restock. We can always use volunteers.
- **Recess Committee-** One recess bag had disappeared from last year so had to buy a new one. Primary cart and elementary grade bags all stocked. Half of the recess cart at Primary is broken so Dawn will order a new one. Also will order a ball pump so it's less work to fill each ball.
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$31.10, Primary \$43.50. Need to send out a reminder because new email sign ups will get us \$10.
- **BBBS-** \$338.00 came in from the previous period.
- **Walmart Pay** - \$24.25

New Business:

- **Back to School Night** - Will be on 9/26 from 5:30-7. There will be a lot of raffles (40 confirmed). Sponsored by Confident Travel who will have a table set up. Will have vanilla,

chocolate, and dairy free options upon request. Kids can color and create a craziest ice cream flavor to win a Blaze stuffed animal. Rapunzal will make a character appearance. Dawn reached out to HS for volunteers. Idea to maybe post to FB with advertisement and examples of some raffle prizes. 4:30 arrival for volunteers. Jess will buy ice cream and store it in the freezer at the school. She will also buy more spoons and bowls.

- **Teacher Amazon Wishlists-** Going out to staff to send us if they have one.
- **Trunk or Treat-** October 24. Will ask for donations of candy and non candy options on the flyer. Winner will get a \$25 GC. Anjelica is thinking of changing and using a different platform for trunk volunteers.
- **STEM Night-** WPI coming November 3rd at Elementary. Different options of activity themes that we can choose.
- **Reading Event-** Looking for author. Blue Bunny, Reynolds Bros were ideas given. Jeff Kinney is local.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mrs. Socha-

- Thank you for the treats on our opening days
- Teachers participated in trainings the first two days : Stop the Bleed, Epi-Pen, Allergies, Alice lockdown
- Opened school with 24 Prek3, 37 Prek 4, 76 K, and 85 Grade 1 students
- Preschool Orientation and Kindergarten Orientation went well, eased the anxiety for students
- Open House/Book Fair Thursday 5:30-7
- First Fist Bump Friday last week with Police and Finn!
- I will be offering a Coffee with the Principal hour once a month for conversation and feedback-date and time TBD (any suggestions? 8:30, 8:45 after drop off?)
- School pictures Thursday, Sept. 18th for all, Friday for absentees and preschool MWF kids
- STAR beginning of year assessment the week of Sept. 22nd

Mr. Haynes-

- Thank you for being here and talking to teachers at the beginning of the year.
- Relatively smooth opening of the year with new staff settling in.
- New social media and website up and running.
- excited to introduce a new adjustment counselor and he will help with posting on social media.
- Brainstorming enrichment shows for the year. Thinking Tanglewood Marionettes again and would like to book that with money from line.

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Jess M. to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Katey at 7:53 PM.