



PTO Meeting

08 SEPTEMBER 2025 / 6:30 PM

Principal, BOE, PTO Executive Board Attendees

FLC Principal - William Smith

President - Deirdra Bonner

Vice President - Maria Macaluso-Diaz

Treasurer - Valerie Lugtu

Co-Corresponding Secretary - Kaitlin Miller & Morgan Kemmler

Recording Secretary - Laura Palmer

Member Attendees

Adelina Perez

Amanda Grasso

Antoinette Siluk

Ashanta

Caitlin Hemway

Caitlin Mastriana

Cassandra Abel

Christine Digeronimo

Chuy De La Cruz

Claudia Gonzales

Dana Norton

Danielle Sanchez

Eliodora Lopez

Emanuel Bruno Contreras

Elizabeth Gill

Ethan Kibrick

Julie Chung-Ying

Kaitlin DiConstanzi

Kaitlyn Schaeffer

Merari Maldonado

Miraida Morales

Nancy Mauricio

Nohemi Xicay

Paige Areman

Sommer Fadl

Susan Velasquez

Tara Terreros

Tatiana Newcomer

Victoria June

William Smith

Yasmin Velasco Torres

Yenni Nieto

Gabriela Ochoa

Yesenia Veras

Jacqueline Gilmore

Yoli Sandoval

Jacqueline Profaca

Jasmine Fonseca

Jillian Lazaro

Agenda

Principal Readout

1. Thank you to the PTO for the Back to School staff breakfast. It was set up at the perfect time, after a 2 hour staff meeting. Thank you for everything you do for our school and the community
2. Security/Fire drill
 - Fire drill needs to be completed within the first 10 days of school, already completed and went great
 - Security drill needs to be completed within the first 15 days of school, we will be conducting this soon and we always notify the parents when we do one
3. Upcoming dates to remember
 - 9/11 wear red, white and blue
 - 9/16 & 9/17 are half days for Back to School night (FLC Back to School night is only 9/16)
 - 9/23 & 9/24 **NO** school for Rosh Hashanah
 - 10/3 is our first cape ceremony
4. Assessments
 - Benchmark assessments are underway - these measure where students are at with grade level standards and gives baseline
 - I-Ready testing helps guide instruction moving forward
 - We do these assessments 3 times a year to measure growths at their typical rate and beyond to help get them to the next grade level
5. First days of school - so far the best year we've had. This is a testament of our front office staff with their communication and all of their prep work to help everything run smooth. We've had no complaints and our arrival procedure is already in mid year form. We had a dismissal delay due to a radio mishap but still finished by 4:05pm. Thank you to everyone for listening and doing what you're supposed to do

Financial Report

6. Starting balance
 - As of 7/1/2025: \$13,828.60
7. Income (donations/interest/fundraising)
 - Interest - \$0.01

- Cash deposit - \$1.79
 - Fundraising Gross Income - \$631.97
 - **Total income - \$633.77**
8. Expenses
- Cash box withdrawal - (\$200)
 - Insurance - (\$356)
 - Welcome back Teacher breakfast and supplies - (\$728.34)
 - Chalk the Walk - (\$46.70)
 - Back to school bash - (\$66.88)
 - Professional fees - (\$610)
 - Office supplies - (\$34.98)
 - **Total expenses - (\$2,042.90)**
9. Fundraising Breakdown
- PTO memberships: \$180 (gross income)
 - Route 9 cards: \$20 (gross income)
 - Ritas Fundraiser (June '25): \$431.97 (gross income)
10. Ending balance
- As of 9/8/2025: \$12,419.47

PTO Report

11. PTO Board for the 2025-2026 school year introductions -
- **Deirdra Bonner** (President), **Maria Macaluso-Diaz** (Vice President), **Valerie Lugtu** (Treasurer), **Kaitlin Miller & Morgan Kemmler** (Co-Corresponding Secretaries), **Laura Palmer** (Recording Secretary)
12. What does the FLC PTO do?
- We do many fundraising events to earn money that we put right into the school for our students, teachers and community.
 - Examples - buying the class shirts, second grade agendas, funding class trips, putting together after school activities like Lego Club, Pre-k Playdoh Party and our Earth day activity, putting together movie nights, funding the second grade clap out, field day supplies, playground equipment and so much more!
13. Join us!
- Become a PTO member for just \$10 per family (this is a yearly membership), this is our first big fundraiser of the year to help go right into purchases and activities for the school
 - The classroom to have the most paid memberships by October 1 will earn a pizza party!
 - We are looking for grade level ambassadors to help be an amazing extra pair of hands for at events, please reach out if you would like to help!
14. Events

- Back to school bash at PAE was a great day for the community with many vendors, the PTO did a raffle for anyone that joined and paid while there - the winner of the raffle was
 - ☐ We will be holding another membership raffle at Back to School night on 9/16!
- Welcome back breakfast for the teacher and staff went great! Teachers were able to enjoy pastries, fruit, coffee and teas, as well as receiving a goodie bag and a new book for their classroom
- Chalk the Walk was a very successful night! There were so many families that came to decorate the walk way, the pto supplied chalk and snacks to the kids and the Kona Ice truck stopped by for the kids to get a sweet treat

15. What's next?

- Rita's Fundraiser 9/10 - we do this event twice a year, once at the beginning and once at the end. Rita's gives us 15% of the sales, and we partner with the Freehold Fire Dept to do Touch a Truck and use their fire bay for a tattoo and reading area. We'll also have some special guests, Rocky the Tiger, as well as some teachers and BOE members as our celebrity scoopers, mystery readers and tatoosers
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Play Date 9/12 - this event is held at Lake Topanemus at 5pm and is for families to come and meet other families that are in the same class as their child. Families can plan their own play date and all the kids get to have a good time playing - siblings are invited! And the PTO board members will be there if anyone has any questions
- Hispanic Heritage Month begins 9/15 and runs through October - there will be a traditional pineapple dance outside the front of the school during drop off - if there are any other families that want to join the dance please let us know! Between the tiger team and the pto there will be activities to honor the holiday
- Back to School Night 9/16 - PTO will have a table set up with flyers of events happening, Route 9 card forms as well as PTO membership forms - anyone that signs up and pays at Back to school night will be entered into our raffle!
- Lego club - starts back up in October, more information will be sent home soon for signing up. Lego club is held every month, a different day for each grade level (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd) and is an after school activity lasting until 5pm. It is \$5 per student and must be sent in to your students teacher after signing up. We can always use volunteers and would love to have your help! If you signup to volunteer, your \$5 fee is waived! This is one of our biggest fundraisers during the year and always has a great turn out. We typically have a theme or specific challenge to work on, and also allow the students to take creative liberties and just have fun
- Pre-K Playdoh Party - this activity is a little different from Lego club, it is also an after school activity, one parent/guardian **must stay with the student for the entire time**, since the students are so young. This activity is also only held 3 times a year - October, January and May. Our first one will be on 10/21, and flyers will be sent home soon with your preschooler and is \$5 per student. We will have a theme to go along with the season / holiday we are around

- Trunk or Treat 10/24 - this is our most popular event, it is a lot of fun and we take over the entire parking lot. We have cars parked in the pre school parking lot and the teachers lot next to it, to set up your trunk and hand out candy. There will be a contest for best trunk. We could use parent volunteers, it does not have to be for the entire event, even 30 minutes is a great help to run this event smoothly! There is a \$10 per family entrance fee at the door! We will also be accepting snack, drink and food donations to sell during the event

Additional Notes

- **NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 15 @ 6:30**