

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27, 2026, 7-8 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Nalie Lee-Heidt, PTA board president, Jen Thurston, PTA board secretary, Mallory Tuominen, PTA board vice president, Rebecca Wade, EDW principal, Tina Bauermeister, Tracy Cummings, Jenny King, Chelsea Ankeny, Lisa Thai, Anna Parker, Bee Lee, EDW art teacher, Nate Heidt, Brooke Dickmeyer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Nalie. Attendees were welcomed, and the agenda included a budget update, election of new PTA officers, PTA announcements, and principal updates from Rebecca Wade.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Update

Nalie presented the year-end budget update, prepared by Treasurer Lindsay.

Financial Highlights

- Current checking account balance: approximately **\$35,000**
- Spring Fling fundraising exceeded the previous year's results
- The auction generated strong community support with over 100 donated items
- Additional fundraising income included:
 - Read-a-thon
 - Dine Out Nights
 - Zero Gravity fundraiser
 - Community donations

Discussion

- Staff Appreciation Week expenses came in under budget due to donations and community support.
- A few yearbooks were purchased by the PTA to ensure additional copies would be available for families who missed the original ordering window.
- Questions were raised regarding funding for kindergarten playdates and welcome-back activities. It was confirmed these expenses are included in the Welcome Back/Startup budget category.
- Discussion occurred regarding classroom funds, district funding, and field trip support. Principal Wade clarified that teachers utilize district funds first, followed by PTA funds when appropriate, and that PTA funds may roll over year to year.

No budget amendments were presented for vote.

Spring Fling Review

The board celebrated the success of Spring Fling and the annual auction.

Highlights

- Fundraising exceeded the previous year's total.
- Significant community support was received through donations and volunteer efforts.
- Appreciation was expressed to:
 - Chelsea Ankeny
 - Lisa Thai
 - Jennifer Thurston
 - Auction volunteers and donors
 - Families who contributed items and support

Special recognition was given to Bee Lee for creating personalized student doodles, which were well received by students and families.

PTA Board Elections

Nalie presented the slate of candidates for the 2026–2028 PTA Board terms.

Candidates introduced themselves and shared their interest in serving the school community.

Candidates

Co-Presidents

- Chelsea Ankeny
- Brooke Dickmeyer

Co-Secretaries

- Lisa Thai
- Tracy Cummings

Treasurer

- Tina Bauermeister
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Election of Co-Presidents

Vote

Motion: Elect Chelsea Ankeny and Brooke Dickmeyer as PTA Co-Presidents.

Discussion: None.

Result: Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Co-Secretaries

Vote

Motion: Elect Lisa Thai and Tracy Cummings as PTA Co-Secretaries.

Discussion: None.

Result: Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Treasurer

Vote

Motion: Elect Tina Bauermeister as PTA Treasurer.

Discussion: None.

Result: Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items from Elections

Action Item	Responsible Party	Due Date
Coordinate board transition and handoff meeting	Outgoing and incoming board members	June
Schedule annual budget planning meeting	PTA leadership and Principal Wade	Before July 1
Transfer PTA records, accounts, and documentation	Outgoing officers	Summer transition
Plan kindergarten playdates for incoming families	New PTA Board	Summer 2025

PTA Announcements

End-of-Year Survey

Families were encouraged to complete the PTA End-of-Year Survey by June 8.

Survey results will:

- Help guide future programming
- Inform event planning
- Assist with budget development

Participants completing the survey will be entered into a drawing for State Fair tickets.

Family Directory

Families were reminded that the PTA Family Directory remains available and new families are encouraged to join.

Principal's Report

Principal Rebecca Wade provided updates on staffing, enrollment, summer programming, and school initiatives.

Staffing & Enrollment Updates

2026-2027 Classroom Structure

Updates will be provided in the next Bobcat Beat.

Special Education Services

- Increased allocation for special education staff
- Increased speech and occupational therapy support
- Continued support for four center-based CID classrooms

Staff Changes

- Some staff members will transfer to other district buildings due to enrollment shifts.
- Hiring is underway for:
 - One special education teacher position
 - One combined .9 FTE special education/CID support position

Retirement Announcement

Principal Wade announced that Julie Fick from the front office will retire in February after 32 years of service to EDW.

Summer Programming

For the first summer in several years, EDW will not undergo construction.

Summer programming will include:

- Friendship Connection
- Extended School Year (ESY) programming

An estimated 140–150 students will be in the building daily during summer programming.

Courtyard Beautification Project

The school and PTA will partner on a courtyard gardening initiative.

Plans include:

- Raised planter beds
 - Vegetable and flower gardens
 - Student participation through Friendship Connection and ESY programs
 - Ongoing maintenance by students throughout the school year
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Transportation & Schedule Changes

Beginning next year:

- All students, including CID classrooms, will follow the same arrival and dismissal schedule.
- School day:
 - Start: 9:35 a.m.
 - Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.

The school is working with transportation services to ensure safe arrival and dismissal procedures for buses, vans, and family pickup.

School Highlights & Student Programs

Principal Wade shared highlights from the school year, including:

Bobcat Bonding Program

Schoolwide social-emotional learning initiative featuring:

- Monthly themes
- Classroom read-alouds
- Social skills lessons
- All-school morning meetings

Environmental Learning

- Annual maple syrup/tree tapping program
- Hands-on learning experiences with local agriculture and nature

Music Programs

- Band and orchestra concerts
- Grade-level music performances
- Xylophone instruction across grade levels

Black Girl Magic Celebration

Annual celebration recognizing achievement, culture, and community.

Field Days

Field Day activities began this week and included outdoor games and schoolwide participation.

School Communication

The digital display in the lobby continues to highlight:

- Student artwork
 - School events
 - Cultural heritage month spotlights
 - Classroom activities
 - School announcements
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Recognition and Appreciation

Principal Wade thanked outgoing PTA officers for their service and support over the past several years, noting the positive impact the PTA has had on staff, students, and the broader school community.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded following principal updates and discussion of summer transition planning.
