Monroe PTO Public Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Summer Reading Program
6:35-6:40-Introductions
6:40-6:50- Mrs. CJ- Summer Reading Program
Calendars being put together
Paula's retiring this year.
One more box of books is coming for the students. Small group interventions will get 4-5 books each. They picked the books and will go home over the summer with those students.
All students will get a calendar. Certificates for Canes and pizza for those who finish the calendars
Mr. Mack has a website for summer reading. Instructional video, QR code on calendars.
Math activities put together for each grade. Work with Mrs. Durand

Next year's engagement- Mrs. CJ- Meet and Greet at conferences (for the Title 1 team), tell people what Title 1 looks like at Monroe. One academic event (math, reading, science). Kindergarten open house in April for next year. This is all budgeted from the Title 1 budget. We need to determine math or reading. Could do both or together- is there a preference from parents? Request to remain at Open House and have ability to come/go as needed and not necessarily have reserved times.

Chess night went well. Will be involved next year throughout the year- with 4th grade and in other ways. Will determine more in the fall.

Parent feedback- prefer separate nights of math and reading. Love the author idea and the reading night we had the tent. Less activity for families to rush through- prefer multiple styles of family evenings. Principal dress up is always a hit.

Loved the science night where a group stayed together.
Loved the authors, especially barbershop one.

7:00pm- Monroe Updates-
SAW- was a huge success. Great week and theme
Updates- empower you- regulation skills teaching kids. Buddy classrooms are finishing up.
STEM elective day- teachers design a class and kids register and they will be doing that soon.
Field Trips- end of year trips. Curriculum update around reading, kids have loved it and content has been strong. Done some research with Texas A & M- comprehension, and preparing for that in the fall. Seeing results through the comprehension tests and see huge growth in 3 weeks.
CKLA- will remain. Social Studies curriculum is being decided at the school board level. Math curriculum is up for review next year and will need parent involvement over the summer. We currently use Bridges and that's being reviewed on scores, impact, etc. It is a fascinating process. We haven't been asked to be a pilot school for that yet.

We have a new superintendent- Greg Cole, has been COO of Anoka Hennepin Schools. Has years of experience in every grade.

Paula and Sue are retiring.

Discussion on what parents can do to support our teachers- at a district level and here at Monroe. Discussed Parents for Good and their work with the petition to get the levy on the ballot.

Discussed the internet safety series.

7:25pm- PTO Budget- Brenda- Funds currently ending at $400 over budget and within the range. We did not give the larger donation ($10,000+) to the school this year. We have never spent the full amount that we budget for and we are on track for this year. We are still below the budget for STEM supplies, but STEM Day is coming up and we will receive receipts from that. We have funds for that delegated and within range.

7:30pm- Approve By-Law changes
7:35pm- Approve board changes for next year. See changes below.

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7:37pm- Meeting Adjourned.