PTO Meeting

13 OCTOBER 2026 / 6:30 PM / GOOGLE MEET

Attendees

Superintendent - Dr. Asia Michael

Interim Principal - Mr. Robert Dias

President - Deirdra Bonner

Vice-President - Maria Macaluso-Diaz

Treasurer - Valerie Lugtu

Co-Corresponding Secretaries - Kaitin Miller & Morgan Kemmler

Recording Secretary - Laura Palmer

Attendees

Amanda Martin

Christine Digeronimo

Dana Van Curen

Emma Cervantes

Ethan Kibrick

Gabriela Ochoa

Jillian Lazaro

Kaitlin DiCostanzi

Kristine Maticka

Miraida Morales

Agenda

BOE Readout - Superintendent, Dr. Michael

1. October 14th @ 7pm - BOE meeting, virtual or in person at the PAE cafeteria
2. October 14th - Flu/Covid Vaccine clinic at the PAE gym from 3-7pm, in partnership with Marlboro Medical Arts Pharmacy to bring this to our community, registration is encouraged but not necessary!
3. October 19 & 21 - mandatory parent meeting for the upcoming second session of the 21st Century after school program for **new students enrolling in the program**.
4. October 26th - Mental Health workshop at the FIS library from 6:30-8pm, in partnership with the Freehold Health Department, presentation on how stress affects us and our children
5. Update - Principal Smith is extending his leave of absence through next month, current return date is 11/16/2026 - will be discussed at the BOE meeting. We currently have Mr.

Dias as our interim principal providing leadership and support for the teachers and staff. Thank you to the teachers and staff for all you do

6. Boro Beat will be out on October 30th

Principal Readout - Interim Principal, Mr. Dias

7. Thank you to our wonderful PTO, for being welcoming and sharing all the exciting activities coming this school year
8. Thank you to Dr. Michaels for being helpful and supportive during this transition
9. The first Cape Ceremony of the year was a big hit as usual! We have announced our T-shirt contest winners, and we're working with PTO to get our new shirts made for the next Cape Ceremony
10. We have had a fire and safety drill, all the students performed wonderfully and knew what to do, teachers guided all their students well and safely.
11. Dolly Day set up by our Tiger Team, to celebrate Dolly Patron and her commitment to literacy, students were able to dress up and bring home a new book
12. Week of Respect, kids were able to take part in multiple spirit days!

Tiger Team Readout - Mrs. Lazaro

13. For school information please check out the school website and the Rocky instagram page!
14. Important dates!
    a. 10/19 - Give peace a chance, wear tye dye
    b. 10/20 - H.E.R.O. Day, dress like a superhero
    c. 10/21 - Beauty of Diversity, wear a new accessory/try a new hairstyle **must wear uniform**
    d. 10/22 - Bright Idea to be Safe, wear neon colors, shiny or sparkly
    e. 10/23 - Freedom day Proud to be an American, wear red white & blue
    f. 10/26 - Proud to be Drug Free, wear red to kick off red ribbon week
    g. 10/29 - Cape Ceremony, students will get their new cape ceremony shirts
    h. 10/30 - Halloween Parade, more information to come!

Financial Report

15. *Starting balance:*
    a. As of 9/14/2026: $17,585.23
16. Income (donations/interest/fundraising)
    a. Donation - $119.48
    b. Fundraising GrossIncome - $1,445.00
    c. **Total income: $1,654.48**
17. Expenses
    a. Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast - ($318.69)
    b. Office Supplies. - ($51.77)

c. 2nd Grade School Agenda Books - ($820.20)
d. NJ Gov Annual Business Report - ($33)
e. School Fence Decor - ($726.26)
f. National Custodian Day - ($26.39)
g. Fundraising Related Expenses- ($650.89)
h. **Total expenses: ($2,625.20)**

18. Fundraising Breakdown
    a. **PTO Memberships**: $830 (gross income)
    b. Route 9 Cards: $440 (gross income)
    c. Pre-K Playdoh Party: $35 (gross income)
    d. Lego Club (October): $70 (gross income)
    e. School Store: $70 (gross income) - $650.89 (expenses) = -$580.89

19. Ending balance:
    a. As of 10/13/2026: $16,522.51

PTO Readout

20. ***Winner, winner, chicken dinner!*** We have 3 winners to announce from our beginning of the school year raffle/contests!
    - ☐ Membership pizza contest - the classroom with the most PTO memberships - *winner is Mrs. Howard's class*
    - ☐ Back to School Night Raffle - if you signed up for our PTO membership at back to school night you were entered in the raffle to win a gift basket with a Paw Patrol backpack, a Lego, Playdoh and stickers - *winner is Orcelina Cetta*
    - ☐ Rita's celebrity Scooper raffle - teachers who volunteered to be a celebrity scooper at our Rita's fundraiser were put into a raffle to win a party of their choice coupon - *winner is Mrs. Flannery*

21. Current fundraisers & activities
    - ☐ Fall catalog sales - paper orders due 10/14 and online sales end 10/16. Please send in paper forms tomorrow so orders can be processed! Distribution for paper sales will be end of November and prizes will be given out sometime in December
    - ☐ School store - first school store will be on Thursday 10/15 during lunch, **only for kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders.** A list of items for sale was on the flyer sent home and also available on our socials. Please think about volunteering to help make our school store run!
    - ☐ Pre-K Playdoh party - first Playdoh party will be held on Tuesday 10/20 from 4-4:45pm, $5 per child and your child must be accompanied by an adult at all times (this is not a drop off event, due to safety and bathroom help for the little ones). This month we are making monsters! And we will have snacks, juice boxes and a story for our little ones! *We could always use Playdoh donations!*

- ☐ Lego Club - this month will be a spooky theme and we will have cauldrons set up so students can create their own spells to throw into the cauldron. Students are dismissed to the music right after school and then brought down to lunch room to start building! We are always looking for volunteers to help run this activity, and if you volunteer your students fee is waived!
    - 10/14 - 2nd grader (48 students, 9 volunteers)
    - 10/16 - 1st grader (40 students, 11 volunteers)
    - 10/21 - kindergarten (25 students, 7 volunteers)
- ☐ Churro Sale - churros are on sale $2 each from Mi Bella Puebla, the sale ends 10/20. We could use some help to distribute on 10/29!
- ☐ Trunk or Treat - Friday 10/23 (rain date 10/30), if hosting a trunk please arrive between 4:30-5pm in the pre-k lot, the parking lot will close at 5:30 due to the safety of others. We will be selling pizza, empanadas, snacks, apple cider, drinks and sweets! (If hosting a trunk you can pre-order a whole pizza pie that will be delivered before the event for $20 per pie!). Candy will begin to be passed out at 6:30, and we'll be having our judges walking around to pick our 3 trunk winners! Parking is limited in the FLC lot, but there will be additional parking at the Masonic Lodge. Admission is $10 per family (up to 6 people). There will be a DJ and games for everyone to enjoy !

22. Upcoming fundraisers / event

- ☐ Scholastic bookfair - 11/9-11/13, sign up sheets will be going out soon! Please try to volunteer for a whole slot time to help out little ones who are trying to add their money or just decided on a book! The Freehold Borough Education Foundation will also be providing Book Bucks for our 2nd graders to be able to shop for new books!

Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 16, 2026 @ 6:30PM!

PAE Virtual meeting is October 14, 2026 @ 7:30pm!