



PTO Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 16th, 2025
6:30-7:30 PM

The mission of the Chanhassen Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is to strengthen, enhance and complement the educational and social environment of Chanhassen Elementary by mobilizing volunteers, fundraising, and supporting the students and staff.

PTO Leadership Present: Kristina Kauffman, Allison Lee, Liz Borkowski, Vanessa Squiers

Chanhassen Elementary Administration present: Principal Greg Lange, Administrative Dean Jon Kison

1. Agenda

- a. Welcome
- b. Principal Lange Update
- c. Referendum Info and Update
- d. Say Yes, Say No Committees
- e. PTO Update

2. Who we are and what we do

- a. 501(c)(3)-nonprofit
- b. All parents/legal guardians of Chanhassen Elementary students

3. Welcome & Introduction of Board, Committee Members

- a. Kristina Kauffman – President
- b. Liz Borkowski – Treasurer
- c. Vanessa Squiers – Secretary
- d. Vicki Peterson – Junior Secretary

4. Mr. Lange Welcome

- a. Vision-committed to providing educational excellence for all
- b. Focus areas-Student centered, excellence, respect, collaboration, and accountability
 - Literacy
 - Math
 - Attendance
 - Academic Excellence
 - Financial Stability
- c. Direction-Personalized, safe, and resourceful
- d. New Chanhassen Star Staff

5. Referendum 2025

- a. More opportunities with 2 high schools in the district-high level of engagement outside of classrooms
- b. High percentage of PSEO

- c. High percentage of feeling value and heard
- d. Financial Future
 - Funding has not kept pace with inflation and cost of living
 - Budget cuts, cost containment, and other increase in costs
 - Student centered spending
 - Funding lags behind other schools in the area
- e. 10 year levy to increase education revenue by \$742/pupil
- f. Tax impact would be \$23/month
- g. Approval would provide stable funding, sustained academic opportunities for all, and enhanced programs for gifted and talented program
- h. If not approved, district would need to cut \$6.5 million over four years
 - Increased class sizes
 - Reduced music offerings
 - Reduced kindergarten paraprofessionals
 - Other reduced resources
- i. Vote on or before November 4th

6. Current board/spirit members and open positions

- a. Volunteering is a great way to get started
 - First Day Helpers
 - Library
 - Garden
 - Hearing & Vision Screening
 - Picture Day/Retake Day
 - MCA Testing
 - Track & Field Day volunteers
 - District provided snack pick up and drop off
- b. Join a committee-open positions
 - Restaurant night
 - Communications

7. Annual Expenses

- a. Student Experience \$9,900
- b. Outreach \$2,000
- c. Teaching aids \$23,800
- d. Staff appreciation \$7,100
- e. Operations \$1,700
- f. School enhancements \$20,000

8. Fall Fundraisers

- a. Dancing with the Chan Stars
- b. Goal \$35,000 for a mystery playground addition
- c. Top fundraisers get to participate in pie in the face (shaving cream)
- d. Same partner: 'Get Movin' Fund Hub'
 - Our school will be able to keep ~97% of donations for the school as opposed to ~60%
- e. Friday, October 3rd is the date for the dance
- f. Fundraising takes place between 9/19 – 10/5
- g. New incentives & prizes! Everyone wins a prize for registering

9. Playground Committee

- a. Looking for parent and student input

10. What's been happening at Chanhassen Elementary?

- a. Grow garden updates and learning plan

- Grade/age appropriate lessons

1. Nourishment
2. Books
3. Songs

- b. Restaurant nights

- Looking for committee members

11. Volunteer opportunities

- a. Link will go to the PTO website where all signups will be listed

12. GroupMe

- a. Join for immediate updates