RSU 34 Elementary PTC 2026-2027
Agendas & Minutes

Get Connected with the PTC!

- If you would like to be included on Elementary PTC specific emails such as event information, volunteer sign ups, meeting information, and other reminders not always shared in the Family Update, please submit your name and email using this form.
- We also have a PTC Facebook Group that can be found here.

Meetings will typically be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the OTES Library. Meetings will also be available to join virtually using this link: https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/87342999719 Meeting ID: 873 4299 9719

Meeting dates and bookmarks to agenda/minutes:

- September 9, 2026 (second Wednesday)
- October 7, 2026
- November 4, 2026
- December 2, 2026
- January 6, 2027
- February 3, 2027
- March 3, 2027
- April 7, 2027 (tentative based on RSU 34 Budget Workshop Meetings)
- May 5, 2027

Feature Presentation Ideas (past ideas not covered yet)

- What do you want to know about?
    - February 2027: School Counselor Trysha Lunn on guidance curriculum, Feelings and Fun Club, World Kindness Day, Day of Welcome, World of Work, and other counselor topics
    - TBD 2027: Pre-K Team
    - TBD 2027: New Behavior Interventionist Role
    - TBD 2027: Music Programming
    - TBD 2027: Heidi Crouse Update on Augmentative Communication
    - Come speak about things PTC funded, share how it went i.e fourth grade play
    - Teacher representation- share something
    - Nutrition and Wellness Director- have contacted director
    - Behavior focus
    - Technology use in the classrooms
    - CKLA literacy program
    - Stepping Stones math program
    - The PCHC School Based Health Center- have contacted SBHC manager

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Wednesday, December 2, 2026

- **Introductions**
  - X in attendance
- **Account Report**
  - AES $X on X/X/26
  - OTES $X on X/X/26
  - Education Foundation check-in
- **Feature Presentation**
  - Superintendent Cyr and Assistant Superintendent Doty will join us as a part of their budget planning listening tour
- **Requests**
  - Positive Behavior Incentives (Kerri Dexter on behalf of special education teachers) $200
- **Agenda Item 1**
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- **Agenda Item 2**
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- **Upcoming Events**
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- **Feedback**
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- **Other**
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- **Next Meeting:**
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Wednesday, November 4, 2026

- **Introductions**
  - 14 in attendance
- **Account Report**
  - AES $2,791.64 on 11/2/26
    - $2,500 transfer from OTES for partial fundraiser payment
  - OTES $13,137.22 on 11/2/26
    - Includes partial fundraiser deposit $6010.00, then $2,500 transfer to AES
    - Includes $17,764.00 payment for shade structure
    - Does not include initial $1074.09 payment from LifeTouch photos (student snacks)
  - Education Foundation check-in
    - No change since last meeting
    - Inclusive Playground Fund
      - $16,038 paid toward inclusive playground components

        - ~$600 remains for maintenance etc.
- **Feature Presentation**
    - Second Grade CKLA Literacy (Boost Reading, Pause Days, Celebrating End of Units)
- **Requests**
    - ~~Potential: Book Club Books~~ other funding found
    - Potential Support Requests: Fundraiser and Online Auction pickup, Book Fair
- **13th Annual Online Auction**
    - Krysta L.- lead update, 150+ letters sent in August/September, staff email going out tomorrow
    - November 30-December 4
    - Request sent for classroom projects with November 24 deadline
- **November 19th Literacy Night & January Multicultural Night**
    - UMaine & Title 1 Staff
    - Any feedback from other years as we go into this year's event?- never time to do it all, but good variety
    - World Language Team & Community School Coordinator
    - What would you like to see for cultures or activities?- ideas/thoughts? Reach out anytime!
- **Upcoming Events**
    - Food Drive November 2-24
    - OTES Veterans Day Assembly Tuesday 11/10 at 8:30, at AES Veterans Visits
    - **No School** Veterans Day Wednesday 11/11
    - World Kindness Day and Day of Welcome Friday 11/13 shirts with kind/positive messages and random acts of kindness
    - Week of 11/16-11/20: UMaine athletes visit lunches and recesses
    - **Early Release Day** Tuesday 11/17 10:30/11:00 Dismissal
    - School Board Wednesday 11/18 6:30 at LMS
    - **Literacy Night Thursday 11/19 5-6:30**
    - Trimester 1 Ends & Spirit Day "Grateful Gear" and donate to Summit Project Tuesday 11/24
    - Thanksgiving Break Wednesday-Friday 11/25-11/27
    - Online Auction Monday 11/30-Friday 12/4
    - Next PTC Meeting Wednesday 12/2
    - Book Fair Monday-Friday 12/7-11
- **Feedback**
    - Ice Cream Social- students were so patient and kind! :)
    - Fire & Bus Safety
    - Pumpkin Book Character Contest- over 100 entries this year!
    - After School Programs
    - Mock Election- great with items on loan from the city for realistic experience
    - Picture Retakes- prints came in today 11/4/26
- **Other**
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- **Next Meeting:**
    - Wednesday, December 2, 2026

October 7, 2026

- **Introductions**
    - 12 in attendance
- **Account Report**
    - AES $303.40 on 9/17/26 (error in reporting on our September agenda)
        - Fall catalog fundraiser profits expected soon
        - Expected Hannaford Helps by 12/15 $2,992 (2025 was $414)
    - OTES $28,432.05 on 9/17/26
        - Playground and garden invoices outstanding
        - Fall catalog fundraiser profits expected soon
        - Expected Hannaford Helps by 12/15 $8,419 (2025 was $4,702)
    - Education Foundation check-in $16,977.90
- **Feature Presentation**
    - Melissa Gasaway on library programming including author visit, pumpkin book decorating contest, book fairs (12/7-11 & 3/22-26), and library pets.
- **Requests**
    - Library pets yearly budget $600- approved
    - Author Visit $500 for mileage and book giveaways ($950 grant awarded)- approved
    - Pre-K visit by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers *The Banana Kid* $850 plus mileage- approved
    - Standing PO for AES school event planning such as holiday concert, Valentine Dance and Book Fair $500- approved
    - Spanish supplies for the year such as monarch migration and fresh foods for hispanic cuisine lessons $300- approved
- **Progress Reports, Report Cards, Parent-Teacher Conferences**
    - What has worked for you? What would you like to see stay the same?
        - Like checkmarks and narratives on progress reports, working well
        - This year's teacher gave a great description of parent-teacher conferences and gave multiple time options
        - Bloomz scheduler worked very well for conferences
        - For report cards, look down at numbers and see what stands out, then read comments (multiple similar responses)
        - Like to compare trimesters for growth on report cards
    - What hasn't worked for you? What would you like to see changed or improved?
        - Need varied availability including evenings for conferences
        - IEP progress can be hard to read and understand
        - There is a lot on the report card
        - Discouraging when report cards have lower scores with no comments
    - What is most important?

        - Need varied availability including evenings for conferences
        - Comments on report cards and progress reports
- **Fall Fundraiser**
    - Sales right around $48,147(87% online, 13% paper, donations)
    - Expected profit $21,191.80
    - 266/540 participation (197% of national average) 9 items on average per seller
    - Only planned fundraiser of the year except charitable giving, 5th grade whoopie pies
    - Feedback: pictures and fundraiser at the same time can be hard for family spending, more time for paper orders would be great, given money collection up front
- **Ice Cream Social Thursday 10/8/26**
    - Lead (order & pickup): Cally C, Volunteers to set up, serve, clean up: Lauren D, Brittany K, Chelsie J, Sarah R, Amanda M, Staci G, Cally C
    - All ingredients and decorations ordered
    - Plan for students with allergies and dietary restrictions: Nurse Hannah providing list, we will provide tickets with needs for those students
- **Upcoming Events**
    - 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
    - Scheduling of Parent-Teacher Conferences ongoing through Thanksgiving Break
    - Monday 10/5-Friday 10/9 Fire Safety Week
    - Friday 10/9: No School In-Service
    - Monday 10/12: No School Indigenous Peoples Day
    - Tuesday 10/13-Friday 10/16 Pumpkin Book Character Drop Off
    - Friday 10/16 Progress Reports Sent Home
    - Monday 10/19-Friday 10/23 Bus Safety Week
    - Tuesday 10/20 Early Release Day
    - Wednesday 10/21 Public Hearing on OTHS Window Bond 6:00, School Board Meeting immediately after in LMS Cafeteria
    - Friday 10/23 District Spirit Day Flannel or Fall Colors
    - Tuesday 10/27 Mock Election
    - Wednesday 10/28 Picture Retakes
    - Sunday 11/1 Daylight Saving Time Ends- fall back
    - Tuesday 11/3 Election Day including OTHS Bond
    - Wednesday 11/4 PTC Meeting
- **Feedback**
    - Start of year
    - Student talk of CKLA (literacy program)
    - Homework
    - 6 Day Schedule- How can we help? What is working well?- a challenge, but OK, would help to have on the lunch menu
    - Field Trips
    - Fundraiser- more time needed especially for paper orders and money collection
    - Riverfest

    - Maine Through Year Assessment- better communication next year of schedule and description of testing
    - Picture Day- not during fundraiser
- **Other**
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- **Next Meeting:**
    - Wednesday, November 4th 6:00pm OTES Library or via Zoom
        - Report out on playground & garden invoices
        - Input for January multicultural night

Wednesday, September 9 2026

- **Reminder, this meeting is the second Wednesday of the month because we are all exhausted on the first day of school!**
- **Introductions**
    - 20 in attendance- great number!
- **Account Report**
    - AES $303 on 6/30/26 * corrected from report at meeting
    - OTES $28,724 on 7/30/26 (after OBC, no garden/playground withdrawals yet)
    - Education Foundation check-in: This will continue to be an agenda item and we will update the group when the Foundation updates financials.
- **Budget Updates**
    - OBC was more than budgeted $1296 - $500= $796 additional, re-evaluate for this year
- **Requests**
    - PTC Request Form proposal (see attached)- *approved*
    - Riverfest decorations $100- *approved*
        - Candy donations will be sought from families and unused funds will be used to purchase additional candy if needed
    - Common snacks for AES and OTES $500- *approved*
    - Box of Maine for entire 4th grade annually, presented by Mr. Rand, $2,500- *approved*
- **Featured Presentation**
    - Us! What are your thoughts for the year?
    - Would love to recognize groups of staff throughout the year like bus drivers, secretaries etc., and continue to spread out staff appreciation
    - Would like to highlight groups of staff to families as well to get to know people
- **Riverfest**
    - Decorating on Friday, hopefully during the school day, if not, might be small evening event
    - Candy and support for Saturday morning parade
    - We welcome you with your students!
- **Fall Fundraiser**
    - September 15 kick off
    - September 29 orders due

    - In-lieu of letter
    - Keychains- Foodiez
    - Silly String Party- 10 or more sign ups
    - May look for support in the future given Betsy's last year
- **Ice Cream Social**
    - Continue the tradition of celebrating the start to a successful year? Yes!
    - Thursday, October 8, before Friday in-service
    - Lead (order & pickup): Cally C, Volunteers to set up, serve, clean up: Lauren D, Brittany K, Chelsie J, Sarah R, Amanda M, Staci G, Cally C
    - Need more whipped cream
    - Need better system for students with allergies
    - Cups worked well at AES for younger students
- **Feedback**
    - End of Year
    - Summer Programming- great!
    - Welcome to Kindergarten- some evening offerings would be appreciated
    - Welcome Back to School
    - First Days
    - Cooking with Kids- fun!

- **Upcoming Events**
    - 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
    - Tuesday 9/15-Tuesday 9/29:Fundraiser
    - Wednesday 9/16 6:30pm: School Board Meeting
    - Tuesday 9/22 11:00am: Early Release Day
    - Thursday 9/24: Picture Day (Retakes 10/28)
    - Friday 9/25: District Spirit Day: "Pack Pride" Wear your school or RSU 34 gear, Riverfest begins
    - Saturday 9/26-Sunday 9/27: Riverfest Weekend
    - Monday 10/6-Thursday 10/8: Fire Safety Week
    - Wednesday 10/7 6pm: PTC Meeting
    - Thursday 10/8 (Tentative): Ice Cream Social
    - Friday 10/9 and Monday 10/12: No School

- **Other**
    - School receives monthly copy of PTO Today magazine if anyone is ever interested

- **Next Meeting**
    - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 6pm in the OTES Library of via Zoom (first Wednesday of the month going forward)
        - Author Visit Information and Pet Budget from Melissa Gasaway
        - New AES & OTES T-Shirts
            - What to offer

        - How to order
        - Pricing
    - Potential Need for new bike racks?

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