

**Alice Costello Elementary School PTA**

**301 Haakon Road  
Brooklawn, NJ 08030**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**Meeting Start time:** 7:03 p.m.

**Meeting End time:** 8:12pm

**Total time:** 69 minutes

**PTA Board**

**President:** Maddy Meehan (present)

**Vice President:** Sara Hennessey (present)

**Treasurer:** Vacant

**Recording Secretary:** Becky Wagner- Rita Conway (present)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Melissa Gettings (present)

**President**

**A- Flag Salute**

**B- Welcome**

**Recording Secretary-**

No changes

**Corresponding Secretary-** N/A

**Treasurer Report**

a.) Treasurer report was given by Maddy Meehan

**Checking-** \$14, 234.63 (Includes 8th grade)

**Gaming-** \$4, 073.59

**8th grade-** ^^^

**Field Trips-** All teachers have put in requests for their class trips. Chaperones are typically picked on the 3-2-1 PTA attendance rules. PTA pays for 2 chaperones per Homeroom. If there are not enough PTA members who have reached their 3-2-1 rules in a homeroom, others may be chosen. If there are more people available than 2, they will be picked from a spinning wheel. Only **some** homerooms may allow other parents to join but they have to pay their way (not paid for by PTA in any way). Thank you Ms. Lee for setting up the buses for us!

Prek- Storybook Land- May 8

Kinder- Johnson's Farm- May 27

1st- Philly Zoo- June 5

2nd- Aquarium- June 3

3rd- Fun Plex- June 3

4th- Place TBD- May 21

5th- Place TBD- May 21

6th- Franklin Institute- June 4

7th- Edelman Fossil Park- May 29

8th- Washington, DC- June 3

## **Standing Committee Report**

**Gaming-** Basket Auction- \$12,514 was made at the auction! Thank you Melissa, Chelsea, and Amy. They have kept spreadsheets of all expenses, etc. The plan is to open the doors sooner next year, have a visible pathway to walk around the prize tables, and set up an extra check-in table. It can possibly be moved to the Legion for space, tables/chairs are available there, etc. More volunteers would be helpful. Student helpers were great. We will continue to look into companies who may make donations, including Subaru of America.

[Donationmatch.com](http://Donationmatch.com) website: You upload a letter and companies can respond and send donations. For a fee (Level 1- Free, but only a certain number of places receive your letter to make donations; Level 2- \$129 for one event and no limit of donations that can be given; Level 3- \$249 and unlimited number of events and donations given for one year.) The Basket Committee will work on creating an email to use for the account for next year.

**Motion to purchase a membership- McCall Prager and Ally Brown for \$249 Level 3 membership.  
Motion granted.**

**Dances-** There is potential for another dance in late April. There was a discipline issue at the dance for the older students that the school was made aware of.

**Box Tops-** Currently at \$138.70; keep on Box Toppin!

**Spirit Wear-** Orders will be sent to Maddy Meehan, hopefully over spring break.

### **Special Committee:**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade-** The dance on Feb 27 made around \$750! The 8th grade has around \$6,600 in their account. They will be collecting around \$30 from parents for tickets to the Dinner Dance.

**Family Literacy Night/Bookfair March 2026-** Over \$1,100 was raised at the book fair. Family Lit Night was also well attended. A free library was ordered by Maddy Meehan on behalf of the PTA with Scholastic Points and will be added to the school after all the renovations are done.

**Trivia Night-** 19 people attended and we made \$190. 3 \$25 GCs were donated from Thom McNulty and Holy City.

### **Updates from Dr. Rosetti-**

Building maintenance repairs are still a go. No other new business from him.

### **New Business:**

**T-Shirts-** Shirts will be made for Wellness Week (starting April 16). The shirts will also be used for the kids to wear on class trips. One event is BMX riders (a surprise for the students!) PTA will be paying for the shirts and assemblies.

**Teacher Appreciation-** Week of May 4-9. We have a lot of chips left from the Basket Auction and will have those out for a snack for one of the days. There will be other treats given throughout the week including a catered lunch. There will be a blast sent out looking for volunteers (mainly for setup).

**Administrative Professional's Day:** April 22. Gift cards purchased for our two secretaries.

**New 8th grade (Class of 2027) Fundraisers:** Community Center is booked for Friday, April 24. Possibility of having a dance or candy bingo. There is also a Tarantini Panzarotti sale set up for next fall 2026.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Board Position-** Treasurer wanted! If you have a group who would like to take over several of the positions, that is a possibility as well. If you are interested in any other positions, please reach out.

## **Fundraising Ideas-**

**Westbrook Lanes-** All of April there will be a fundraiser where ACES will receive 20% of sales from students/staff (must show ID- will look into that because the younger kids do not have IDs) Call ahead of time to make sure there is availability due to leagues.

**Blankets-** Sale is on-going.

**Cherrydale catalog-** We are on the calendar to be set up to sell in November of 2026 for next school year. Orders can be made online.

## **Announcements-**

**Book Fair-** There will be no fall book fair in 2026 due to uncertainty of construction and building setup.

**Wellness Week Assembly-** April 16

## **Questions/ Concerns-**

**Is there a way PTA reaches out other than FB?**

-They are sent through Parent Square, and links embedded in the newsletter that is sent out. We try not to overwhelm with robo calls sent by Dr. Rosetti.

**Concerns about the baseball players being so close to the girls school softball team, the balls are coming close to the girls field.**

-A question for Mr. Thomson first, then most likely the school board and/ or Dr. Rosetti. There was a net put up to stop the balls from flying in. It is a shared property and there is supposed to be communication on team schedules.

**Meeting adjourned**