



McAuliffe PTC Meeting
October 21, 2025 6:30pm-7:30pm
Christa McAuliffe Media Center

Officers: Christi Johnson (president), Erin Radford (vice president), Sarah McNamara (secretary), Kim Parker (treasurer)

Meeting Attendance: Christi Johnson, Erin Radford, Kim Parker, Sarah McNamara, Torrie Johnson, Jacki Bauer, Matt Esterby

Welcome & Introductions

Officer Updates

- Secretary
 - Approve Minutes from September 16th General Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
 - Account Balance: \$19,798.02
 - Key transactions:
 - 10-9-25 \$17.99 purchased a tripod off of amazon to display PTC poster at book fair and other events
 - 10-14-25 \$362.55 Purchased box lunches from Ptaceks for teacher/staff
- President
- Vice President

Principal

- Report

We will be partnering with the American Heart Association on "something" coming up. Not confirmed yet, however they are interested in teaching kids CPR/First Aid. Possibly incorporating during Spirit Week. More to come!

AAUW (American Association of University Women) would like to partner with Works Museum, and Hastings Elementary schools on a STEM night likely in March 2026. They will provide the supplies and volunteers for the evening. 15 minute activities will be led by women engineers via video. Students/families will have the opportunity to do hands-on activities.
- Questions for the Principal

Back to School Picnic Follow-Up (Sarah)

- Total cost to put on the picnic was \$433.82
- It started raining 25 minutes into the event but there was a great turn out of families.
- Next year ideas: reserve gym but would have to shift from 6-7:30 so it doesn't interfere with Kids Campus.
- Sign up genius for donated items such as ketchup, mustard, etc.

October Book Fair Follow-Up (Kim)

- New committee chair for 2026
Lisa Krause - has a first grade student at McAuliffe
Lisa will shadow me for the next book fair. I have Book Fair notes in the drive as well.

Fundraising

- We need to vote on whether we continue with one annual fundraiser (Read-A-Thon) or consider going biannually or to smaller but more frequent fundraisers
- Discussion centered around how we can communicate ways our PTC funds that are raised during read-a-thon are being utilized. (Supplement field trips, Welcome back picnic, Carnival, Teacher appreciation, teacher conference meals, 4th grade t-shirts, yearbooks (for those that cannot afford), etc. Also how we can streamline our fundraising so that it is utilized during the current school year and is not carried over.
- Approx. \$5000.00 is needed to run PTC (this amount does NOT include supplementing field trips.)

Motion was made to shift the fundraiser Read-A-Thon to September 2026 and make February 2026 an "I LOVE TO READ" month with various activities for the kids that do not have the fundraiser associated. - Motion was approved by all present (Sarah McNamara, Erin Radford, Kim Parker, Matt Esterby, Torrie Johnson, Jacki Bauer.)

Motion was made to allocate \$11,500 to field trips for 2025-2026 school year to be paid to the school to supplement cost of field trips. - Motion was approved by all present (Sarah McNamara, Erin Radford, Kim Parker, Matt Esterby, Torrie Johnson, Jacki Bauer.)

- Culvers Share Nights Dates
 - November 10 and December 15 from 5-7pm. We will need **2-4 volunteers** from our group to help run food orders to drive-up and dine-in customers. We can split the time up into two different one-hour shifts. It is best to have adults volunteer to run food to the drive-thru and dining room. If we wanted a couple students to greet guests or help wipe down tables we can, but since we are handling food, it's best that an adult does this. Do any officers want to sign up or should we create a sign up genius for McAuliffe families?
- Box Tops Update - Christa Hamann will manage and will think of ways to expand awareness of Box Tops to McAuliffe families
- Any other fundraising needs/ideas?

Teachers Sodas - how is the new Venmo account working for payments?

Notes from Kim: Venmo is great! We have had \$28.14 in purchases. I transferred the funds into our Premier Bank account on 10-19-25. Venmo does take some of the payment. We receive 89 cents of the \$1.

Cost of sodas was increased this year to \$1.00

Carnival (Jacki Bauer and Torrie Johnson)

- Inflatables are time sensitive and need to be lined up
- Kim set Jacki and Torrie up with the access they need for all the documentation for Carnival, wishlist QR code, & Sign-up Genius volunteer list.

Elementary PTC/PTO/PTA meeting

- Friday, October 24th at 9:30am at Pleasant Hill Library. Sarah and Christi will attend.

Upcoming Events

- Activity for November?
- December Winter Wear Drive **Needs chair person!**
- BINGO (Friday, January 30) - Sarah will chair
 - Kim purchased many books for event; we will need to purchase bookmarks, pencils, fidgets, etc. off of Amazon
 - Have popcorn and lemonade available
- Read-A-Thon (February) Chair person: Christi, co-chair: ??
- Sledding Day (February)
- Spring book fair (March) Chair person: Kim; Co-chair Lisa Krause
- Activity for April?
- Teacher Appreciation (May 4-8) Chair person: Erin; Co-chair: Christi
- Carnival (June) Chair persons: Jacki Bauer and Torrie Johnson
- Working on Exploradome date (Christi) - tentatively set for March 11-12 but waiting to hear back about whether we need to schedule 3 days of activities based on number of classrooms
- Glow Dance Party or STEM night with other elementary schools? TBD
- **Future PTC Meeting Dates**
 - **2025 dates:** 11/18, 12/16
 - **2026 dates:** 1/13, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19

Open Discussion

Summary of Activities and Funding Made Possible by PTC

2023/2024/2025

- Welcome back! Sidewalk chalk event (coordinate and provide chalk)
- Raider Set Go "Welcome to McAuliffe" sign (2025)
- Picture Day volunteer coordination
- Exploradome
- PTC Partner Meetings
- Box Tops
- Staff Lounge Sodas
- Book Fairs
- Teacher Appreciation (conference meals, appreciation week)
- Read-a-Thon
- Movie Nights
- Hat and Mitten Sled / Winter Wear Drive
- Sledding Day
- Carnival
- District and Curriculum Awareness/Enhancement
- Field Trip assistance
- 4th Grade Celebration Funding (freezies and certificates)
- 4th Grade T-Shirts (if students can't afford a t-shirt so all 4th graders receive one)
- Change for Children donation event (years past)
- Food drive for Hastings Family Service (years past)
- Open House concessions (years past)

Announcements /Questions

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