

**Cherry View Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes- March 3, 2026
CVE Media Center, 8600 175th St., Lakeville, MN 55044**

The meeting was called to order by President Tiela Clement at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance: Daria Mulske and Tiela Clement- Co- Presidents, Lacey Sandquist- Vice President, Shayna Wood- Treasurer, Amber Schmidt- Secretary. At-Large Members: Lindsey Lozama, Carly Van Deraa, Mamie Paseka, Jeremiah Williamson. Parents: Christine Carlson, Jacly Metzler. Staff: Paul Helberg, Jennifer Moen, Diana Meyer.

Parent Representation

A parent brought up the idea of new shirts for the All 5th grade Track and Field Day. This is on the agenda to discuss tonight.

A parent asked what was taught for Black History Month this year. Mr. Helberg said the poster contest for Black History Month was not held this year. It was up to classroom teachers to incorporate Black History Month into their teaching. The library did have a book display.

A parent asked if kindergarten could have glasses of water at lunch. Mr. Helberg will address this with the Kindergarten teachers.

A parent mentioned the Little Free Library has snow getting inside of it. The Girl Scouts will look at this and make any repairs.

A parent shared about the upcoming bond on May 12 to add additions onto each of the three middle schools- vote yes. At Century, specifically there will be classroom additions, extended STEM space, additional space for band/choir, another gym, special education improvements, larger cafeteria/kitchen/serving line and more parking and offices. You can vote early at the school district office starting on March 27- May 11. Polling places on Election Day have been consolidated so check where you vote online.

Teacher Representation

Members of the second grade teaching team were present. They thanked the PTO for the classroom grants and the money for the plant mobile. They are planning a field trip to Mill City Museum this spring and will have a music concert in April. They also thanked the PTO for the books for every student and for the dinners that will be provided for conferences.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes- The minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting have been sent to the board for review and posted online. A motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Principal's Report- See attached for the full report from Mr. Helberg.

Treasurer's Report- See attached for the full report from Treasurer Shayna Wood.

Unfinished Business

Teacher Appreciation Week- Mamie and Lacey will organize four days of recognition with the Hospitality committee doing the Friday meal and gift cards.

LEAF breakfast- Paraprofessional Day- is April 1; to recognize the paras we will have iced coffee and bagels on April 6. No contributions are needed from the PTO for the LEAF breakfast.

Spring flower fundraiser- Lacey and Tiela are following up with Eisele's.

Plans for rock garden and pollinator garden- This spring we will be working on the pollinator garden and rock garden. Landscaping rocks will need to be brought in and placed near the bus doors. Jeremiah will get some quotes for river rocks.

5th grade end-of-year celebration- The idea for the celebration would be an event similar to CNO with food trucks, etc. If the event is held at CVE food trucks would have to follow the districts' food truck protocols. The committee will meet to plan in the coming weeks.

New Business

Enrichment Funds requests

Kindergarten requested \$1025 to spend on the Sunflower Plant Mobile with the MN Landscape Arboretum. There was a motion to spend \$1025 on the Plant Mobile. The motion was seconded and approved.

5th grade requested \$1370 for bussing to Skateville and \$70 for 5th grade graduation certificates. There was a motion to spend \$1440 on bussing and certificates. The motion was seconded and approved.

3rd grade requested \$1544.54 for tickets to the Minnesota Zoo. There was a motion to spend \$1440 on tickets. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kindergarten requested \$775 to help offset the cost of the Children's Museum field trip. There was a motion to spend \$775 on the Children's Museum field trip. The motion was seconded and approved.

Shayna noted that when she went to pay the 1st grade Ordway Field Trip the bussing was \$37.27 more than what was allocated for that grade level. Last year bussing was reimbursed for that field trip. Mr. Helberg will follow up.

Counseling office request for mints- Mints are taken care of.

Fifth grade track and field day t-shirts- There were comments from some CVE parents that special shirts are needed for the CVE 5th graders for the All 5th grade Track and Field Day. Due to the cost, tight timeline and that all students already have Panther Pride shirts the PTO will not be organizing new shirts.

Yearbook companies- We are currently in a contract with Lifetouch to produce this year's Yearbook. The contract will be up for renewal soon. The cons of working with Lifetouch—parents concerned about the CEO being in the Epstein files. The software is hard to use. Pros—the Lifetouch rep is great. Tree Ring was recommended to look at—Christine and Daria will arrange a time to meet with Tree Ring to get a quote for next year.

Next year's Board nominations

President- Tiela Clement

VP- Lacey Sandquist

Treasurer- Carly Van Deraa

Secretary- Lindsey Lozama

Communications Manager- Amber Schmidt

Members at large- Mamie Paseka, Jeremiah Williamson, Christine Carlson (4 more open positions for members at large)

Next month (April 7) will be the vote and then board members for next year will be announced at the May 5 meeting.

Committee Reports

Support Our Schools- March 10- Raising Canes—flyers printed and will go out to students.

Hospitality- Planning conference night meals—soup for March 5 and ordering Jimmy John's for March 10. Sign up genius going out for donations.

Monthly Staff Appreciation- Kit Kats “give me a break” right before spring break.

Lost and Found- Setting up on Thursday to have out during conferences; picking up the following Friday. Photos will be posted on facebook and in the Panther Announcements.

Family Fun Night- April 24- Candyland theme, working on raffle prize baskets for grade levels to put together, would like kids make thank you notes to our sponsors. The MN Wild donated a few sticks and equipment.

Scholastic Book Fair- nothing to report.

Yearbook- nothing to report.

Fun Run/CNO- nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Next meeting is April 7

Principal's Report
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Since we met last time:

- **I Love to Read Month** – Thank you to Shelly Clausen, our Learning Specialist, and our 1st Grade team, we had a fantastic I Love to Read Month with many activities to support reading. We ended I Love to Read Month with our 25 Day Book Challenge drawing and Book Cover Design winners. Each winner won a gift basket with books, and a variety of prizes that we have used in previous years for our Read-a-thon. As a reminder, we did not run this as a fundraiser this year. Thank you to the PTO for supporting I Love to Read month by providing a book for each student and your financial support with the prize baskets.
- **February is Black History Month** – Teachers were provided a wealth of resources to support their instruction during Black History Month.
- **5th Grade Hyland Hills Ski Trip** – Our 5th graders went to Hyland Hills for their annual ski trip on, Wednesday, February 11.
- **No School – Teacher In-service Day and President's Holiday**– There was no school on Friday, February 13, due to a scheduled teacher in-service day (Bridges Math Training and READ Act training) and Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of the President's Day holiday.
- **Valentines** – We supported students with the exchange Valentines. Students took their bags home for parents to determine and decide on how to handle the cards and treats. Students were not allowed to eat any of the goodies here at school.
- **Family Bingo Night** – Thank you to our PTO for hosting our second annual family Bingo Night. 5:30-6:30 K-2 students, 7:00-8:00 3rd-5th grade students.
- **ACCESS Testing** – Our English Language students participated in the ACCESS assessment. Each year, students in English learner programs take the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test. The test measures academic English language proficiency for students learning English in our school and throughout the state.
- **MN Wild at CVE** – MN Wild Mascot, “Nordy” along with Natalie Darwitz and Stéphane Veilleux visited CVE on Tuesday, February 24 to highlight health, fitness and teamwork.
- **Roller Skating Unit and CVE at Skateville** - - All of our students are participating in our Roller Skating unit this week, March 2-6. We will be having our 5th graders assist with getting skates on and tying laces. CVE will have Family Skate Night at Skateville Burnsville on Tuesday, April 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

- **Boundary Change Numbers** – due to boundary changes:
 - Incoming students: 57 new students, 45 new families, 11 returning students coming from HVE
 - Out going students: 75 students moving to OHE

Things that are coming up:

- **Conferences** – Our spring parent/guardian-teacher conferences start this week. Parents/families received the link in our Panther Announcements. The dates are Thursday, March 5, from 4:15-8:15, Tuesday, March 10, from 4:15-8:15 PM, and Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 8:15-11:00 AM. Our goal is to confer with 100% of our parents/caregivers.
- **Late Start** – we have scheduled late start of school on Wednesday, March 11. School will begin at 11:25 AM. We will use this time for Parent/Teacher conferences.
- **2026 Student Art Exhibit** – 28 students have been chosen to represent CVE in the exhibit at the Lakeville area Arts Center. See art from all Lakeville Area Schools from grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.
 - Opening Reception – Monday, March 2, 5-7pm
 - Exhibition Ends – Friday, March 20
 - Congrats to our students representing CVE with their artwork:
 - 5th : Mya H., Natalie Z., Isla B., Peyton W.
 - 4th : Max H., Harper W., Anurima C., Teddy B., Rhylee H.,
 - 3rd : Zayla S., Evelyn B., Anika N., Brylie K., Samuel A.
 - 2nd : Hazel F., Kate W., Lunah B., Sarah I.
 - 1st : Anlan L., Tyson G., Sammy S., Olivia E., Hallie M.
 - Kindergarten : Carson B., Shay K., Bo T., Harper I., Margaux A.
- **Staffing** - We are at the very beginning of our staffing process for the 2026-2027 school year. I am hoping to provide an update at our April PTO meeting. I am not anticipating many changes for the upcoming school year. Our enrollment should remain fairly steady, which would mean not an increase or decrease in grade level sections.
- **Kids Heart Challenge** – CVE is participating in the KHC through the American Heart Association again this school year. Our Kick Off Assembly is Monday, March 9! Parents/caregivers will receive periodic communication regarding how to optionally participate. We will wrap up KHC during the week of March 16 with Wellness Week. Each day has a different theme for the week.
 - Monday, March 16 - Mix and Match or wear blue
 - Tuesday, March 17 - pajama day or comfy clothes
 - Wednesday, March 18 - Wear your favorite team's gear or athletic wear
 - Thursday, March 19 - Wear Finn's Mission Cape (if earned) or red
 - Friday, March 20 - School Spirit Day - Wear CVE Panther Pride gear

Other items for discussion:

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Questions:

CHERRY VIEW ELEMENTARY PTO TREASURER'S REPORT

02/01/2026-02/28/2026

BEGINNING BALANCE		
	Checking	\$21,235.94
	Savings	\$10,331.99
Total		\$31,567.93

Checking DEPOSITS/CREDITS			
	9-Feb	Deposit (Box Tops)	\$247.70
	20-Feb	Deposit (Bingo Starter)	\$400.00
	20-Feb	Deposit (Snack Profit)	\$358.00
	20-Feb	Deposit (Little Caesars)	\$174.00
	27-Feb	Interest	\$0.16
Total Deposits			\$1,179.86

Checking EXPENSES/DEBITS			
	3-Feb	Check #6239 (Babysitting)	\$20.00
	4-Feb	Check #6244 (Printing)	\$12.32
	10-Feb	Check #6246 (Babysitting)	\$20.00
	11-Feb	Check #6248 (Bingo Snacks - RAT)	\$261.81
	11-Feb	Check #6247 (Snacks)	\$74.24
	17-Feb	Check #6230 (Babysitting)	\$30.00
	17-Feb	Check #6231 (Babysitting)	\$20.00
	19-Feb	Withdrawal (Bingo Concession Starter)	\$400.00
	24-Feb	Culligan	\$24.15
	25-Feb	Check #6251 (Teacher Grant)	\$150.00
	27-Feb	FedTax Withheld	\$0.03
Total Expense/Debits			\$1,012.55

Savings DEPOSITS/CREDITS			
	27-Feb	Interest	\$0.08
Total Deposits			\$0.08

Savings EXPENSES/DEBITS			
	27-Feb	Fed Tax	\$0.01
Total Expense/Debits			\$0.01

ENDING BALANCE		
	Checking	\$21,403.25
	Savings	\$10,332.06
Total		\$31,735.31

Outstanding Checks/Payments			
	6-Jan	Check #6238 (Babysitting)	\$20.00
	10-Feb	Check #6245 (Babysitting)	\$20.00
	20-Feb	Check #6249 (Teacher Grant)	\$150.00
	20-Feb	Check #6250 (RAT Supplies)	\$27.57
	23-Feb	Check #6252 (Teacher Grant)	\$150.00
	2-Mar	PayPal	\$2,618.85
	Total		-\$2,251.28
	Checking Balance After		\$23,654.53

Notes:	