

PTO Meeting – January 5, 2026 – Call to order: 7:00 PM
Mot. to adjourn 7:54 PM: C. Cooper, sec'd: C. Begay

Attendees: T. Gilbert, J. Ramalho, A. Cakounes, S. Sullivan, C. Cooper, B. Hubbard, Diana Lebeaux, Chrystal Begay, Audrey Schwinn, Elizabeth Merlino, Kerry MacDonald, Madhoo Patil, Melissa ?, Melissa Dunne, Tara Carroll, Diana Oriol, Shamsia Muktar, Kerry Johnson

Presenter: Emily Richman

- Approval of November minutes – mot. to approve: A. Schwinn, sec'd: K. MacDonald
- Staff Spotlight –Emily Richman, K team
 - Year off to a great start
 - Added making crockpot to fall curriculum
 - Halloween parade
 - Enrichments – ocean, playful engineer
 - Things to come
 - Assessments, term 1 report cards
 - 100-day project – beginning of February
 - Enrichment – Good Pickin' Farm – bunnies and books
 - K Musical – whole grade
- Principals' Perspective
 - Donations for Wish project – really successful – thank you to community
 - First annual Turkey Trot – planning to open up to 2nd grade in future, maybe try to involve entire school
 - Cookie Dash – thank you to volunteers
 - K registration round 1 at end of Jan
 - School Committee presentation on Feb 3
 - Student Council meeting today
 - Tie Dye spirit day
 - High-five Friday coming up
 - New staff members – long-term subs – 4th grade – E. Anderson, Recess aide - T. Carvalho
 - Assessment season – iReady, guided reading, Access testing, etc.
 - “Show what you know”
 - Jan staff meeting next week – topic = safety
 - ALICE drills without students present allows for deeper and less formal debriefing
 - Sam Drazin
 - Professional Development for staff – Jan 13 – Equity at the Center
 - Family Engagement night – Jan 13 – Supporting SEL at Home
 - Grade level meetings moved to allow Sam to attend – Jan 14
 - Feedback to help boost attendance welcome
- School Committee – Diana Lebeaux - lebeauxd@chelmsford.k12.ma.us
 - Everyone welcome to attend school committee meetings
 - Decisions made for capital planning
 - SR to receive technical upgrades
 - Integrated clock/intercom/PA system
 - Coincides with roof work
 - Policies
 - Competency determination
 - Recent vote that MCAS not be graduation requirement for MA

- AI
 - Still holding for state legislature decision – potential state-wide ban
 - New Parker school project –
 - Community forums
 - Approval of educational program this month which will determine pat of design
 - Grade configuration - TBD if it will be 4-6, 5-6, 5-8
 - Ongoing review of locations and reno v. new build decision
 - 2026-2027 calendar to be determined in Jan meeting
- Treasurer's Report
 - Spirit wear – net: ~\$1k
 - Zesty's Dine-to-Donate, October – net: \$1100
 - UML, November - ~\$1k
 - Movie night candy will even out after additional movie nights
 - Roller Kingdom deposit paid
 - Bank interest accruing
 - 4th grade activities fee line is placeholder and not PTO money
 - Due: Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sam Drazin
 - Last meeting approved shifts in CD accounts
 - Shifts not able to be completed, auto-renewals completed
 - New treasurer needed!!
- Upcoming Events/Fundraisers
 - Family Engagement night – Jan 13
 - Crafternoon – Jan 31 - Tiny Tiles Mosaic coasters - \$20
 - Free crafts also available
 - Dine-to-donate – Feb 5 – 110 Grille/Evviva Trattoria – sister restaurants, simultaneous?
 - Other ideas: Pressed Café
 - Globe Trotters – Feb 14 – already over 100 tickets sold
 - Roller Kingdom – Feb 16 (Mon during vacation)
 - Pre-registration preferred
 - Early reservations - \$8 with skate rental/\$5 with own skates/if just attending but not skating free but RSVP
 - \$10/\$7 at the door if available
 - UML hockey – Mar 7 – 6PM v. BU
 - Free movie night – Jan 23 – Lilo & Stitch - reservation link to go home this week
 - Ride to School raffle with Officer Sullivan and Ozzie – details to come, hoping for January
- Looking for volunteers
 - Basket Raffle – March – May 2026 - need shadow(s) to learn to head event
 - Sunshine dance – May 2026 (16th?) - need shadow(s) and committee members