

Colonial Park PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 7pm
Colonial Park Library

<https://meet.google.com/chq-fcuy-mwd>

The mission of the PTO shall be to promote communication and cooperation between parents and teachers; and to work for the constant betterment of the school community and the harmony of its members through enrichment opportunities and educational support for students and teachers.

Attendees: Carla Meyers, Linsey George, Rachel O'Brien, Sue Palmacci, Christina Turolski, Jess Ziegler, Abby Shaw, Alyssa Franford, Liz Benbow, Nikki Imbergamo, Karen Mole, Chris Tuon, Caitlin Marquedant, Katie Allen, Stephanie Grainger, Samantha Bull, Jill Foreman, Jenn Khodush, Tina Gualatieri

1. Principal Report
 - a. MCAS for 4th graders
 - b. End of year window starting in 2 weeks- Devils, Star
 - c. Kindergarten orientation on Thursday- meet teachers
 - a. Screenings at end of the month, screening paperwork filled out at time of screening
 - b. Parents with kids already at Colonial Park- not mandatory
 - d. Started next year classroom placement process
 - e. Friday- Patrick- graduation pics for the rising kindergarteners
 - a. Liz gets a thumb drive- see if we can save the pics for the Fourth grade yearbook
 - f. Enrichments
 - g. Sensory Night
 - h. Field Trips
2. Approval April Meeting Minutes- Approved
3. [800,000 minutes Reading Challenge](#) - Jessica Ziegler
 - a. Students are struggling with fluency- kids are not reading as much as they used to
 - b. Goals- get kids reading at home, excited about reading
 - c. Ideal 20 minutes a night
 - d. Between 2026-2027 Sept to May.
 - e. Bonus Minutes for fun reading-adjacent incentives
 - f. Rewards
 - a. Year- pizza ice cream and movie party
 - b. month to month incentives- challenge trophies that are passed month to month
 - c. School-Wide Rewards: If achieve goal, Ms. Flynn and Ms. Halsey will spend the night in the Colonial Park library
 - d. Individual student rewards-
 1. first principle for the day
 2. vice principle for the day
 - g. thermometer in lobby to show progress
 - h. Maybe include Boys and Girls Club this year
 - i. Applied to grant for Stoneham Business Bureau
 - j. Colonial Park PTO will provide additional funds that might be needed along the way

4. [Treasurer Report](#)
 - a. 501(3) sales tax exempt, working on trying to figure out how to take advantage of it
 - b. Moving funds: approved!
 1. Girls on the Run stipend- \$1000 left. Vote to do coffee truck for staff
 2. Family Picnic - \$400
 3. Raising money from recess equipment- \$900
5. Fun Run - April 17th
 - a. Raised \$28,109
 - b. Prizes earned: Dance Party May 5th, Recess Party May 18th, Kona Truck at Field Day June 9th
6. Art Show and Ice Cream Social - May 21
 - a. Committee needed - establish first meeting date
 - b. Sign up genius to field volunteers
 - c. Will likely meet next week to discuss
7. Family Sensory Night - June 4th- Looking for more volunteers
8. Sunshine Committee Updates - Alyssa Franford
 - a. Monday- sips and snacks
 - b. Tuesday- Taco luncheon- La Qchara
 - c. Wednesday- plant and flower bar
 - d. Thursday- coffee and tea bar
 - e. Friday- cupcakes provided by Ryan
 - f. Coffee truck for staff- coming
9. Field Trip Updates
 - a. Kindergarten - North Shore Children's Museum May 19th
 - b. 1st grade - Discovery Museum May 20th
 - c. 2nd Grade - Lego Discovery Museum May 14th
 - d. 3rd Grade - Duck Tour May 28th
 - e. 4th Grade - Boston Old South Meeting House- American Revolution May 21st
 - f. Rise – Stone Zoo!
10. Enrichments
 - a. 1st Grade - curious creatures March 6th
 - b. 2nd Grade - discovery museum May 5th
 - c. 3rd Grade - top secret science March 23rd * reschedule due to storm
 - d. 4th Grade - top secret science May 8
11. Current and Upcoming fundraisers
 - a. Passive – Mabel's Labels, , Box Tops

- b. 2 Restaurant Fundraisers
 - 1. The Stones
 - 2. Daily Scoop- maybe last day of school
- 12. 2026-2027 PTO Elections/Voting
 - a. Voted in Jenn Khodush for Secretary, Sue Palmacci for President
 - b. Co-president role and Treasurer role open