



Valentine Hills PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2026
6:30pm

Location: Valentine Hills Library

Virtual Option : Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rcx-efxi-cra>

1. Call to Order/Introductions:
 - Land acknowledgement
 - PTO Board Introductions
 - Parent/Guardian/Teacher introductions
2. Principal/Associate Principal & Updates
 - Testing is almost over! 5th graders have been doing some testing almost daily for the past 3 weeks.
 - Teachers for 2026-2027 will be released on 8/21 at 4 pm.
 - 4th grade (currently) will be going down one class section- losing some students for next year
 - Orchestra concert tomorrow at 6:30 at Mounds View
 - Band concert on Wednesday at Belair
 - Track meet on Thursday 4-6 pm
 - Doing bike give away! First come, first serve! Left over bikes will be used for a raffle at the carnival.
 - Retirements- Jenny H. (library para), Janet (technology)
3. School Board Update – liaison: Tascha Just.
 - The board will have a work session this Thursday and the next board meeting is Tuesday. Expect to have a number of community members there to discuss the music program. There have been continued emails and the board will be discussing it.
 - Additional communication from the district will be coming mid-next week
4. Speaker - Jason Knighton-Johnson on Equity Committee update and Thinking MAPS
 - Look at patterns for students are not achieving and address the patterns
 - Thinking MAPS- visualizing critical thinking, a way to help student critically think and be able to repeat back what was said to them; helps kids get their thinking out on paper
 - 6 different types of Thinking MAPS

- Will be using Thinking MAPS at Valentine in the near future

5. Treasurer Update/Vote to approve budget for Next Year

Summary for the Period		
Starting Total		\$33,090.44
Income	\$19.94	
Expenses	(\$8,819.53)	(\$8,799.59)
Ending Total		\$24,290.85

- 2026-2027 Budget for review
- No changes from last year – approved!

6. Review 2026-2027 dates



2026-2027 CALENDAR

August 2026 7 - 1st Grade Playdate 7 - 2nd Grade Playdate 7 - 3rd Grade Playdate 7 - 4th Grade Playdate 7 - 5th Grade Playdate 31 - Chalk the Walk	September 2026 14 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM 17 - Fall Family Social 22 - CARES-a-thon Kick-off	October 2026 2 - CARES-a-thon Fun-Day 26 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM
November 2026 7 - Scholastic Book Fair 7 - Books and Bingo	December 2026 7 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM	January 2027 11 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM TBD - Winter Fun Day
February 2027 8-12 - CARES Week 8 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM 7 - Scholastic Book Fair TBD - Winter Fun Day	March 2027 15 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM	April 2027 12 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM
May 2027 3-7 - Staff Appreciation Week 10 - PTO Meeting 6:30PM 21 - Carnival	June 2027 TBD - 5th Grade Celebration	July 2027

7. Wish List

- All staff have been invited to add any classroom needs to a PTO hosted Amazon wishlist. This will be a fluid list that they can add to at anytime throughout the school year as

needs arise. The PTO will distribute to regularly for any families interested in purchasing any items. There is no obligation

- **Don't forget to include staff's name and your name in gift message!!**

8. Call for volunteers

- Carnival on 5/15
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!
- Please sign up ASAP to help our volunteer coordinators
- Neighbors, friends, high school students, responsible middle schoolers with a parent, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. are all welcome!
- Have your children ask their teachers to play Minute to Win It or Human Candy Crush!



Be totally amused and excited!

Valentine Hills PTO CARNIVAL

5-8 PM | FRI. MAY 15 | PLAYGROUND

Thanks to the generosity of so many, the Carnival is FREE for everyone.
Please note this is a family event and parent/guardian supervision is required for all children under 15.

FREE!

- Games & Prizes
- Photo Booth
- Silent Disco
- Bounce House
- Cotton Candy
- Bottled Water

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are greatly needed to run the games, activities & more. Sign up using the QR code below.
All volunteers get a free raffle ticket!



Questions? Contact the PTO:
valentinePTO@gmail.com

FOOD TRUCKS

- KCM Egg Rolls | Tomatillo
- Deb's Hot Dog Cart
- MNice Cream
- Now That's Waffles
- Signature on Wheels (Gluten Free)
- Bring a picnic dinner or purchase food from vendors (credit card or cash)

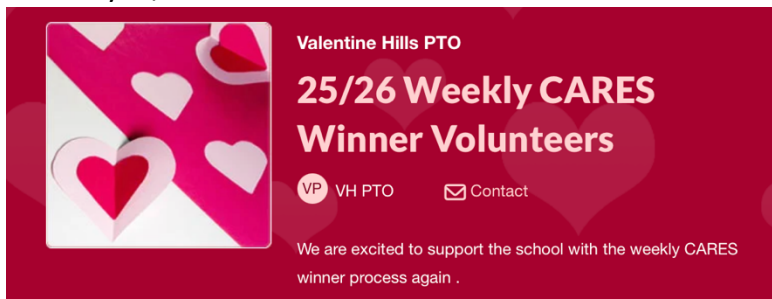
RAFFLE

For every \$5 donation, receive 2 raffle tickets (cash or credit card)
Enter by 7:15 pm
Winners announced at 7:45
Do not need to be present to win

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



- 5th Grade Celebration on 6/3- volunteer sign up coming soon!
- Field Day- 5/21: TBD



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25/26 Weekly CARES Winner Volunteers

VP VH PTO Contact

We are excited to support the school with the weekly CARES winner process again .



BOARD OPENINGS:

- Vice President
- Create your own role
- **COMMITTEE?EVENT LEAD(S):**
 - Grade level summer playdates
 - Family Fall Social
 - Dine out for Dollars
 - CARES Week (2/8-2/12)
 - Book Fair Co-Lead
 - 5th Grade Bulletin Board
 - Staff Appreciation (communication night meals & staff appreciation week)
 - Carnival Lead or co-lead
 - 5th Grade Celebration

9. Open Discussion/Announcements/Questions

- First meeting for next year - Monday, September 14th
- Let us know what you would like to see in the new year and please tell your friends!
- Playground play dates (tentative):
 - 1st grade: 9/1
 - 2nd grade: 8/25
 - 3rd grade: 8/24
 - 4th grade: 8/31
 - 5th grade: 8/26

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