Wednesday, October 14th, 2026
6:30 PM

Attendees (20 in total): *Robin Nusbaum, Christina Dvorak, Maria Papia, Joe Ciminelli, Sarah Ferguson, Krystle Williams, Nathaniel Barnes, Rebekah Skinner, Dr. Brown-Hall, Christina Bleckinger, Kristin Guckian, Jacky Damon, Leigh Worral, Danielle Hartman, Holly Majszak, Kristen Squillace, Dawn Denisco, Amanda Pugh, Jihae Lee, Taiho Shin*

Called meeting to order: Robin Nusbaum, 6:38PM

Approval of Minutes

i. Motion to approve May meeting minutes
   a. Motion to approve by Danielle Hartman (1st)
   b. Motion to approve seconded by Jacky Damon
ii. Minutes approved

Guest Speaker- Dr. Brown-Hall

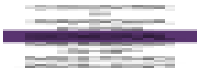
i. Board meeting was held last night
ii. Family Flu Clinic will be at Casey Middle School on October 26th.
   a. You must register for this and they will ask for your insurance carrier upon registration
iii. On Tuesday, October 20th at Williamsville South there will be a hands-only CPR training
   a. Important in general but particularly close to the Williamsville school district because there was a student last year at South that experienced a cardiac event and students and teachers single handedly saved his life by performing CPR measures on him
iv. Universal Meals
   a. Going well
   b. More students are purchasing lunches and breakfasts this year than before
   c. Important for students to be fed and nourished and helps with their learning
v. Transportation
   a. Thanked everyone for their patience with transportation at the start of the school year
   b. They have experienced fewer tardiness and issues with transportation and started the year off smoothly

vi. Safety
   a. See Something Say Something
      i. Start teaching this to your children/students young
      ii. Talk to a trusted adult that looks out of the ordinary
   b. Each school in the district has a secured vestibule guests enter instead of previously where visitors would just walk into the general area of schools
   c. Performing a security camera updated and seeing what they need to get.
      i. This is part of their Modernization Project
   d. The Raptor system is used in the district
      i. System checks national databases for every visitor that enters the building for offenses or on child endangerment
   e. Zero Eyes
      i. Gun protection system
      ii. Anyone approaching the building with a gun, the program can detect this and the police are immediately

vii. State Budget Anticipations
   a. The governor instituted the Distraction-Free School Zone policy a few years back. With her budget this year they are anticipating some limits on screen time, electronics, and AI
   b. Williamsville is ahead of the AI trend
      i. This past summer Dr. Tony Frontier came and spoke with them, and he is coming back to work on focus groups with students and parents to help Williamsville decide and design our best practices guideline and procedures for use of AI district-wide
      ii. Will be the guest speaker at the Board of Education retreat on December 2nd
      iii. Working with PTSA to setup an additional parent workshop on December 1st with Dr. Frontier. He has confirmed he is available just working on the details now. Will be free of charge for all parents of the district.

viii. Chromebook Update
   a. Current 4th graders that are moving into 5th grade next year, they will no longer receive 1-on-1 Chromebooks
   b. District is deciding if they will extend this to the 7th and 8th graders for the 2027-2028 school year, too

ix. Fall Community Forum
   a. Being held this Saturday at East High School
   b. Follows the Glow & Grow Method



c. Only meetings where the Board can respond to questions and comments made from the attendees

x. 2027-2032 School Teaching Framework Update
   a. Thanked everyone who submitted feedback to this
   b. Being worked on now and will be submitted to the BOE in April
   c. Will be open for a 30-day comment period and then will go back to the BOE in June for an adoption meeting

xi. Capital Project Update
   a. Country Parkway is one of the Phase 1 schools for the A/C project.
   b. Project will be full finished by Fall of 2027

xii. Modernization Project
   a. Looking for parents and district families to support this project
   b. When you vote on the budget you will vote on this and he is asking for the support of everyone on this
   c. Will affect all 13 schools in the district and become most up-to-date in modernization for them
   d. Superintendent Assistant Matuszak will go around the different buildings to see what needs to be modernized in each

Question: Danielle Hartman- In the realm of the modernization project, will that include adding extra classrooms/spaces/wings to very packed classrooms

Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- Not at this time They wanted to capitalize on modernizing our current spaces because we receive reimbursable aid at a certain percentage. Because we have a high-income level in the district, we do get a lower percentage. We have not yet convinced the education department that we need additional space yet. With the square footage we have in our building compared to our enrollment, the state is not convinced we need more space. The district had 10,000 students, during Covid it dropped to around 9,5000 students and we are just not slowly creeping back up- about 9,670. Because of our number of students needing additional resources, some classes are fitted for 25 students, but it is an 8:1 class so the space isn't used to its fullest. Working with the state now to have them review our blueprint, number of students we have, special education students, construction costs, trends, and how they will affect our enrollment. We will not be using power school to power our analytics and projections to help plead our case and should have those numbers set and sent to them next year.

Question: Robin Nusbaum- Where do we stand, or can you give us an updated on the communication apps that our teachers are able to use district-wide? Can speak for at least a small group that has expressed frustration over just using WITS mail because it is a very one-way communication, and hard for parents to communicate with each other too.

Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- Many of the communication apps are no longer ed law compliant. We have found an app called Parent Square that we are going to be piloting in our elementary building. Working with BOCES on this. He got to visit Parent Square during a conference and more schools are starting to use them because they are ed law compliant. When will we roll it out? Not sure yet, but they are finalizing the contract now and once approved they will be launching and piloting in the elementary school level

Question: Robin Nusbaum- When we create our calendar of events for the year for PTA, we have to submit our dates to the district to approve so they don't conflict with feeder school. Is there any consideration to connect to the other elementary schools because events with them are falling on similar dates and having a hard time getting student volunteers?

Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- We don't do that as a district, but for PTA events like this I recommend working with the PTSA so that they can help schedule to try to avoid overlapping. It is only district directed if it is a feeder school event conflict

Question: Danielle Hartman- I have heard rumblings on state-wide school start time talk again. I know we did this before, but checking to see if this is going to come up again?

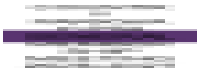
Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- we have been asked to put the committee back together to research this. Some direction for other states has been to have no start times before 8:30 AM, but nothing has come from the state to us yet. They are more focused on cultural goals and inclusivity of holidays

Question: Kristin Guckian- Lunches, are they the same across the school and grade levels or do they get heartier as they get older. Her middle school children said they are getting smaller less hearty meals than they did in elementary school, so she was curious?

Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- As the grades go up and they get older; their meals get heartier. He recommended reaching out the kitchen manager at this school because less hearty shouldn't be the case and should correlate

<u>Board of Education Report</u>- Christina Bleckinger

i. October is National Principals Month



a. Thanked Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Skinner for their dedication and energy they bring to their jobs, and how that makes Country Parkway such a special place
    i. Dr. Brown-Hall added his thanks and noted that it was School Board Appreciation Week and thanked Christina Bleckinger, as well

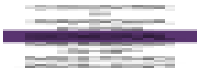
ii. She also noted that her updates were covered by Dr. Brown-Hall, so she had nothing else to add to his report

<u>Principal's Report</u>- Nathaniel Barnes

i. Teaching & Learning
    i. New CKLA curriculum is implemented this year
        1. Yesterday our district provision had a coach in the building to get feedback and provide support to our staff
    ii. Our Math & ELA teams have come up with a toolkit for any student who may need extra support
    iii. SST
        1. Our team came up with overarching spirals they see for each grade level to help determine if a student has an issue, what the issue is and how to handle the issue and resolve it
    iv. Michael Lauer and Alyssa Perna-Britt are also working on a toolkit for social emotional tools
        1. This toolkit can be used in the classrooms, daily
        2. Will use this in their evaluations for the teachers in their STEP Evaluation

ii. Eagle Eye
    a. Coming out this Friday
    b. Mr. Barnes is hosting it this week

iii. SDM (Strategic Decision Making)
    a. Spent a lot of time with the technology coach to work on the Resource Guide and how it will look.
        i. Will launch on November 1st.
        ii. Will be used as a virtual handbook in a way
        iii. Will include visuals, videos and resources for families
    b. Two new parent member openings on the committee.
        i. Barnes sent out an email to the Country Parkway community on this.
            1. Worked on this with Robin to describe what SDM is, what the committee does, and how parents can get involved
            2. Had 7 parents interested and had the two selected by a virtual random selector.



a. Barnes is reaching out to those chosen

ii. Will have another vacancy at the end of this school year.

Question: Robin Nusbaum- CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts), when a student needs extra support, they use UFLI. Why is it a different program?

Answer: Mr. Barnes- CKLA is a Tier 1 program. If a student needs extra support that is a Tier 2 program and that is what ULFI is, so just different tiers of teaching programs

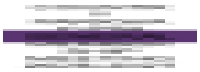
Question: Amanda Pugh- I noticed there are images on the Eagle Eye that don't have text and then they aren't translatable for inclusivity.

Answer: Mr. Barnes- There is an ADA law going into effect in April and Nick Filipkowski goes through all the media for the district to ensure compliancy and emails all the tech coaches to catch any issues and rectify. Currently working on this so by April all schools and media is in full compliancy, so the district is already currently working on this.

Mrs. Skinner also added- One of the DEI goals is getting recognized and clear on the ADA compliances, and Nick will be coming in to give trainings to them to teach them what to look for and how to catch anything that is out of compliance.

<u>Assistant Principal Report</u>- Rebekah Skinner

i. Safety
   a. Most important thing to the schools before learning
   b. Always looking to improve and constantly reviewing ourselves
   c. Had a district-wide safety meeting
      i. Received new info to bring back to the building safety team for their meeting next week
         1. Give the team scenarios to have the team think about and what they would do in different situations
            a. Keep them on their toes and prepare them to always have a gameplan for every type of situation
   d. Every summer they do an updated school safety plan, and every year the state has different requirements for schools to implement
   e. The safety team is always talking about what is happening in the building, what needs to be buttoned up, what concerns there may be and what to do about them



i. An example of this was the lunchroom concerns and now they have the new lunchroom procedures, and the bus dismissal concerns and now all the new bus dismissal changes they made
    1. Barnes added- if you notice, the lunch monitors stand in different quadrants of the lunchroom now. They are set in strategic places to watch for choking, safety concerns. Breakfast procedure is different now too. Students that arrive to breakfast before 8:45 AM can get their breakfast and eat in the cafeteria. If they arrive after 8:45 AM, they get their breakfast and take it down to their classroom to eat

f. If anyone has any safety concerns, send them to Rebecca (Mrs. Skinner)

Question: Jihae Lee- We see measles outbreak here and there in the news in different places in the country. Is there any concern for this in the district?

Answer: Dr. Brown-Hall- Our district requires vaccinations for all students, and we make sure all safety precautions are taken

Barnes added- Our school nurse is very on top of things and ahead of the curve and she very closely watches the vaccinations of our students.

Mr. Barnes thanked Christina Bleckinger for her School Board work for School Board Appreciation week with a card

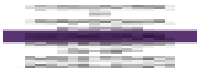
<u>Executive Committee Reports</u>

President's Report – Robin Nusbaum

i. Great start to the school year
ii. Highlighted that the success of our programs and events are all due to the support of the PTA members
iii. Thanked the Fall Book Fair Chairs
    a. The Book Fair did better this year this is did last year, and it keeps getting better
    b. We will use the proceeds from the bookfair to stock the Book Vending Machine with more books

Treasurer – Joe Ciminelli

i. Showed start of the month records. Shared that checks were cut for the Gaga Ball Pit and the flooring for it
   a. $8,899.17 and $2,435.00
ii. 2025/2026 proceeds used for
   a. Book vending machine
   b. 4th Grade class gift was rolled into the vending machines
   c. Paid down half of the mascot cost
iii. Upcoming committed funds
   a. Remaining half of the mascot
   b. Art Fest- will be free this year based on our vote from the last general meeting
   c. Sound baffling for the lunch room- voted on this last year
iv. There are 30k left of unallocated Fun Run funds
   a. We came in under budget for our previous voted funds
   b. Have a list of items to vote on to use the excess funds
      i. We will do the same process as before where we will list the items in priority and run down the list until the money runs out
v. Suggestion list for voting on the use of the excess Fun Run funds from last year
   a. Vending machine books
      i. Mr. Barnes shared a cute story about a student wanting to save her coin for the vending machine but still wanting a book
   b. CP signage
   c. Covering the cost of yearbooks for all 4th graders
   d. Increase the budgets for the Gifted, STEAM, and Wellness teams
      i. This would be a school-wide initiative. As prices are going up, it is hard to properly fund for over 600 students
   e. Attic clean-up
      i. Janitorial team has done an amazing job cleaning up the attic, but we are in need of storage to keeps things organized, clean, safe and to keep things running smoothly
   f. Stanchions
   g. Visiting author budget increase
      i. Last year's author was budgeted for and over the usual budget, but more and more authors budgets are increasing to cover travel and other expenses
      ii. Kristin Guckian shared- she knows some budding authors in her school district that she is sure would do it inexpensively



iii. Jacky Damon asked/suggested if we could combine with other schools to increase the budget. Robin answered that we had talked about combining with the other elementary schools at the middle school or some other location, but that logistically it is hard

vi. Amanda Pugh asked for estimates for the voting and estimates were given. Also included that the suggestions all fit in the estimated budget that they could all be covered.
   a. Robin makes a motion to vote on allocating the unused funds to this list
      i. Kristen Squillace -1st
      ii. Kristin Guckian – 2nd
      iii. All yays in favor
      iv. No nays

vii. Joe shared that there was not much activity in the operating account
   a. Donations, Box Tops, and memberships were all that was in there

viii. Cash out for the month
   a. $377 in dues
   b. Petty Cash for the Book Fair
   c. Down payment on the mascot

ix. The Book Fair and enrichments will be reflected in October's records

VP of Tech & Membership- Sarah Ferguson

i. Hit our membership goal for the year and are well over it

ii. Still have awards and incentives we can hit in regards to membership, so keep that in mind because if we hit the different requirements, we become eligible for gift cards and different prizes

iii. "Membership is a milestone, not a finish line"

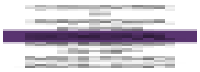
VP of Volunteers- Maria Papia

i. Fall Fest
   a. We are low on volunteers right now, we think it is because there are conflicting events throughout the school district and community
   b. Let Maria know if you know anyone who is in need of volunteer hours or would like to help out

ii. Lunch sign-ups are all available

iii. Appreciation Station sign-ups are up and available

PTSA- Danielle Hartman



i. 50th Year Anniversary of the Craft Show is this year
    a. Looking for committee members and volunteers for the event
    b. Let Danielle know if you are interested

SEPTSA- Leigh Worral

i. First general meeting of the year is on the 28th at the District Offices
    a. Meeting is being held at 6:00 PM
    b. A presentation on IEPs will begin at 7:00 PM
ii. On the 18th there will be a Fall Family Fest at Heim hosted by SEPTSA
    a. There will be pumpkins, pizza, and fun at the event
    b. Everyone is welcome

Y.E.S. Awards- Danielle Hartman

i. Danielle is the new chair for the SOARespondent position
    a. She shared that Y.E.S. Awards are a way to acknowledge someone for doing something special
    b. Shared that the QR code for the submission portal is in the presentation, and you can find the link on our website

Fall Fest- Robin Nusbaum

i. The event is a week from Friday
    a. Down to single tickets for the 1st session
    b. Still room in both sessions, get your tickets now before they sell out

ROTM – Kristin Guckian

i. Shout out to Pesci's
    a. Gave gift cards to each child in the school
    b. We had our ROTM week with them that they ended up extending for us and we raised $268
    c. Made a reel for them that was shared on our socials
ii. October 17th is National Pasta Day and we are doing our ROTM on that day with Andiamo
    a. They upped our percentage to 20% of the proceeds and just doing a one-day event
    b. Has an idea to do a reel for them with Barnes and Skinner and some students wearing a chef's hat for our social media pages
iii. Kid's Corner
    a. Thanked coder school

Reflections – Christina Dvorak

i. Theme this year is 'What My Culture Means to Me'
ii. Deadline for entries this year is November 2, 2026
iii. Looking for committee members to help with grading entries

Night-Out Books – Robin Nusbaum

i. Participating in this fundraiser again
    a. Info will go out in the next Eagle Eye
ii. The books are BOGO for $30

New Business / Open Floor

i. We are still collecting candy from the classes for Fall Fest
    a. Mr. Barnes will be our official taste tester
        i. Question: Danielle Hartman- are non-food items included in the donations too?
        ii. Robin answered: yes, we could include non-food for prizes

Motion to adjourn

i. Motion approved by Danielle Hartman
ii. Motion seconded Christina Bleckinger
iii. Meeting adjourned 7:47pm