

September 9, 2025 PTO MEETING AGENDA

Attendance: Lisa Ruplinger, Jeremy Ruplinger, Nicki Woitula, Sara Potter, Rachel Graves, Karlene Giese, Kris Zasada, Natalie Cummings, Emily Kiefer, Chase Gildenzoph, and Grace Molter

Meeting Times: 5:33pm - 6:40pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Principal's Update

The family picnic next Friday, 9/19/25 during the school day.

There is a school assembly in the works, looking into dates and lesson plan. Pricing is \$650 for one show and \$350 for a second - only one show should be needed for the school size.

There was also a discussion regarding having snow cones available in May again like we did last year.

- Upcoming event:
 - Unity Day - in october (wear orange)
 - Halloween celebration at school

3. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for approval

- Back to school night profited \$763.20
- The playground fund currently has \$1,958.64
- Checking has \$5,278.61

Yearly Budget: The annual budget was presented by Jeremy with a motion to approve the budget by Emily Kiefer, and seconded by Karlene Geise. The 2025-2026 annual budget was unanimously approved.

4. Review old business

- A. Back to School Night Papa Murphy's Fundraiser

There was discussion regarding if we wanted to continue having a similar fundraiser opportunity on back to school night next year. There is a chance that the Papa Murphy's trailer will not be available next year. There was discussion regarding looking into other companies such as Little Caesars or Pizza Ranch.

B. Magic Paper Box and Box Tops

We have seen an increase in usage for Box Tops and Magic Paper Box. We will continue to advertise for both. A flyer can be sent later in the school year to remind parents of each service.

C. Teacher Welcome Back Treats

The PTO approved to spend \$200.00 at the end of the 2024-2025 school year to stock the teachers lounge with snacks for the first day of school this year. There were many positive remarks and the teachers were very appreciative.

D. Thank you's: Papa Murphy's, Save-A-Lot, Point Brewery

Thank you notes will be sent to all businesses that donated and assisted with back to school night.

Lisa reached out to Point Brewery to see if there was interest in creating a specialty root beer for the school, which is something that has been done in the past. After discussions, it does not seem that now is the best time for the company to participate.

6. New business

A. Discuss field trips and amount to donate this year. Vote.

There was discussion regarding the PTO funding a portion of fundraiser costs for all kids throughout the year. It was recommended to contribute \$10 per student (there are 354 students enrolled this year) up to a total of \$3,600. Sara Potter motioned and Nicki Woitula seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

B. Butter Braid fundraiser to start 10/14 and forms in 11/4.

Our Butter Braid fundraiser will be starting on 10/14/25 with forms due by 11/4/25. There was a comment that in previous years the only way teachers could order was if a child asked them. To ensure that teachers have the chance to order, a form should be placed in the teachers lounge this year.

C. October 30th, Halloween movie night - choose options for voting

With the large turnout at the movie night held last year, we would like to have a Halloween themed movie night this year. The gym still needs to be reserved and PTO will provide free popcorn again to attendees. To be sure that the movie chosen was suitable for all ages, the board proposed three separate options and

opened the floor of additional recommendations or comments. After discussion, the group decided that the movie would be one of the Hotel Transylvania movies.

D. Playground Committee Updates - SNAP fundraiser, where to showcase the plans?

The SNAP fundraiser forms went out today 9/9/25 to families. The fundraiser will run from 9/15/25 - 10/13/25. Any money that is earned through the fundraiser will be directly for the playground, and we will receive an 85/15 split on earnings. We will hold one this year and an additional one next year.

Playground signage will be displayed at various family events held at the school (conferences, movie nights, etc.) and will be kept in the office when not in use. There was discussion on having additional signage, including a fundraising thermometer that we will look into once the first round of the SNAP fundraiser is complete.

E. Develop Playground Party Committee

There was discussion regarding having a "Playground Party" community fundraiser event similar but on a smaller scale of Panacea. Possible events include having carnival games, bounce houses, raffles and auctions and having a band. A potential location for this event would be the SPASH field house. There are communications in the works regarding renting the space in SPASH, but no updates yet.

F. PTO status update - request for support from district/past members

This topic was skipped due to time.

G. Mural proposal

There are elementary schools in the area that are having murals painted on parts of the building. It has been shown to increase student morale and give the space new life. The base price of a mural would start at \$1,000 and potentially increase due to design. The designs would be a collaboration between school representatives and the artist. It was determined that it is something we would be interested in in the future and to look into it closer once we have some fundraisers finished.

H. Add two more Papa Murphy's Nights to calendar (12/16 only so far)

All in attendance were in agreement about adding two more nights throughout the school year. The dates will be announced at a later time.

7. Requisition requests

A. PTO Fund Requests

A request from the 4th grade teachers was received for \$100.00 to pay for an online math platform that they have had great success with in the past. Nicki motioned to approve the request and Grace Molter seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

There were additional discussions regarding previous requests from last year regarding other clubs. Chase will look into it and bring forth numbers at a later date.

B. Donation to Boston School Forest

This will be tabled until later in the year.

8. Highlights – Happy Thoughts (Closing)