

**Winding Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**  
**6:30pm**

*Meeting called to order at 6:28pm*

1. Principal's Report – Dr. Runkle
  - a. Thank you to the hospitality committee for for Teacher Appreciation Week
  - b. Legislators were here last Friday talking about early literacy and the science of learning
    - i. Big takeaway was it is truly amazing to see what our students are capable of doing
  - c. Field day(s) is postponed until next week due to weather
  - d. Girls on the Run had their 5k last weekend; thank you to the staff who helped with coaching this year
  - e. Thank you to Suzann Roberts for her time, energy, and dedication to the PTO and our school; we appreciate all you have done
  
2. President's Report – Suzann Roberts
  - a. Enchantment Under the Sea dance was very well attended–thank you to Jessica Pescatore
  - b. Military appreciation breakfast was Friday April 11–thank you to Lauren Barker
  - c. Dine and Donates and Skate Nights–thank you to Tracey
  - d. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for organizing was to show staff how much we appreciate them, and to all who donated items and gift cards for Staff Appreciation Week
  - e. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the End of Summer Bash
    - i. The event helps celebrate the start of a new school year
    - ii. If you are interested please reach out
  - f. I attend the final presidents meeting of the year a few weeks ago
    - i. Dr. Blanchard spoke about how he loves to recognize individuals who embody the PoE initiative
      1. It is an impactful moment he surprises people with and gives them a coin. CV staff has been recognized; recently individuals at Bobby Rahal Auto have been recognized for their generosity and support of Middlesex Elementary. The co-presidents of Green Ridge PTO were also given coins for their adaptability with the construction issues.
    - ii. CV's Special Olympics took place a few weeks ago
      1. Athletes are elementary age through 12th grade
      2. There were 375 volunteers who helped with this event
    - iii. Other PTOs shared what was happening at their schools
      1. Winding Creek hosted a May Fair for Green Ridge; they were very thankful
      2. Multicultural Celebration at Mountain View
      3. Other May Fairs, Spring Dances, and Teacher Appreciation Week was briefly discussed

4. Other PTOs are also having difficulty getting volunteers to help with events and serve on committees
        - a. Most schools have been using the CV Key Club and National Honor Society to help with events
      - g. Thank you for the privilege of serving on the Executive Board for the past five years. It's been an honor.
  3. Treasurer's Report – Justin Stryker
    - a. We have around 26k left which is where we started at the beginning of year; so in a good spot
  4. Committee Updates
    - a. Dance – Jessica Pescatore
      - i. It was a successful event
    - b. School Perks – Tracey Dukert-Martin
      - i. \$100 from Chick-fil-a dine and donate
      - ii. Hersheypark tickets have been distributed electronically
    - c. Yearbook – Irene Mulkerin
      - i. Yearbooks have been shipped, will be distributed tomorrow
    - d. Hospitality – Katie Stryker
      - i. Thank you to everyone who donated for Teacher Appreciation Week
        1. We were able to do a chocolate day, an ice cream sundae bar, and a luncheon thanks to the generosity of the parents donating items.
        2. Parents were also very generous with gift card donations this year, and every teacher/staff member was able to receive at least a \$10 gift card
    - e. Spirit Wear – Tracey Dukert-Martin, Suzann Roberts
      - i. Picnic blankets, bucket hats, rash guards available in the store to purchase
    - f. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Suzann Roberts
      - i. Last week photos were taken of 5th graders with their future profession
      - ii. Volunteer sign up for 4th grade parents was sent out to help during the evening graduation/reception
      - iii. A TTSU will be shared soon for 5th grade parents who would like to volunteer to help with the afternoon 5th grade part on June 4
    - g. End of Summer Bash – TBD
      - i. The PTO is looking for a chair and still assembling the committee
      - ii. Kona Ice and Henna Artists are booked
  5. Open Discussion/Questions

- a. Jessica Seitz shared about being a local author; has a soon to be released children's book and is hopeful more are to come
6. Upcoming Dates/Announcements
- a. Field Day 3-5 – May 15th
  - b. Field Day K-2 – May 16th
  - c. No School – May 20th
  - d. Field Day Rain Date 3-5 – May 22nd
  - e. Field Day Rain Date K-2 – May 23rd
  - f. Memorial Day – May 26th
  - g. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – June 2nd
  - h. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – June 4th
  - i. Last Day of School – June 5th

*Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm*