

Meeting Minutes January 6th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Shelly Turner, President -Present

Lauren Novak, VP of Events - Not Present

John Turner, VP of Fundraising - Not Present

Ebony Bagley, VP of Marketing & Membership -Not Present

Heather Sutherlin, Treasurer - Not Present

Jordan Dawood, Recording Secretary - Present

Miss Barb Oatley, Teacher Liaison - Present

Approval of December 9th, 2025 PTA meeting minutes: Jordan Dawood

- Miss Oatley
- Shelly Turner

President's Report: Shelly Turner

- Testing Google Meets for zoom meetings
- Thank you to Erica, Jordan, Sarah, and Allyson for Winter Shop
- We were able to help 6 HWE families from Winter Shop earnings
- Thank you to Mrs Shannon for being Elf on a Shelf and to Erica and Sarah for the background work
- PTA has bought Leo new beds and added \$250 to his budget

Principal's Report: Mrs. Shannon

- Thank you to parent volunteers for Winter Shop
- Thank you to Shelly for shopping for families
 - Parents were very appreciative of their gifts
- Thank you for turning HWE into the North Pole
- iReady window opens Wednesday until February 6th
- January 21st is Kindergarten orientation
- Annual MLK day on January 19th at 5:30
 - Asking for families to donate canned goods from January 8th until the 14th
 - Hospitality House will be picking up donations

Teacher's Report: Miss Oatley

All grade levels will be completing the iReady math and reading diagnostic during January for the mid year assessment.

Kindergarten: Social studies -Now and Then Unit 3 Family TimeLine project. The children are sharing these this week. The families have done a great job sharing important milestones and fun facts in their child's lives. The kiddos are learning even more about their school family. The next science unit focused on Weather should arrive in late January.

First Grade: First grade is starting our nonfiction reading and writing units. We are also learning about the economy through a social studies project where our first graders are building arcade games out of cardboard. We are very excited to see what they come up with!

Third Grade: Math - multi-digit addition and subtraction. Writing - finishing up nonfiction and heading into persuasive. Reading - non-fiction unit. Science - structures of life - observing seeds now and crayfish will come soon. Social studies - history of Michigan - Native Americans.

Fourth Grade: We are starting a new math unit that will include partial products multiplication. In reading, we are researching weather topics in teams. In writing, we are working on argumentative essays. Our science energy unit continues with our learning of circuits and will move into magnets.

Media: Spelling Bee January 15th (Mrs. Titus will word call) 9:30 am
3rd - 5th working on persuasive essays and voting on our Mock Caldecott titles
2nd grade is using Wixie and Pebble Go (Michigan Electronic Library) for animal research
K-1 is still working on Coding using Code.org.

Treasurer's Report: Jordan Dawood

As of December 31st, we have **\$56,260.17** in the bank

Deposits: \$6,744.68

Withdrawals: \$10,344.38

Committee Summaries: Lauren Novak, John Turner, Ebony Bagley

- Bonaventure: Thursday, January 29th. Did not do well on a Tuesday last event so we will try not to book Tuesdays in the future
- Spirit Wear: We are looking for a new company
- Popcorn days: January 23rd
 - Looking for chairs for next year
- All Pro Dads: Meeting January 9th, Topic is Joy
- Restaurant Nights: Olga's on January 28th
- Math Pentathlon: She will give us a total
- Reflections: District winners will be announced in the Sunday newsletter (10 winners from HWE); Ice cream party on January 16th

- Snack Shack: 3rd grade this week
- Box Tops: There are extra bonuses to lookout for this month
- Fifth Grade Party: Erica starting to work on slide show
 - Requesting for 5th graders to share their favorite HWE memory
 - June 9th
- Bingo Night: Need chairperson, February 25th (6:30-7:30pm)

Additional comments/questions

- We need more parent volunteers and how do we get new parents in
 - Current parents are getting burnt out
 - Maybe send an email to ask for help
 - Send emails/surveys to PTA members from Givebacks website
- Need a chairperson for Bingo Night
 - Ask parents for duplicate gifts from Christmas to donate for Bingo
- Shelly will sell frisbee golf set
- Parent's night in, ask cop to come in to talk to parents or life coach
- Possible things to spend overage on:
 - **Popcorn day (about \$150)**
 - 5th grade camp (\$160 x 85 students \$13,600)
 - **Family dance/pancake dinner (\$2500)**
 - Yearbooks for each student (\$7800)
 - **Recess equipment (\$500)**
- We have about \$13,000 in overage to spend
- We need to find more assemblies
 - Ask other PTAs what assemblies they're having

Meeting adjourned: 8:17pm

Next Meeting: February 3rd, 2026