

## **Meeting Minutes December 9th, 2025**

**Meeting called to order at 7:02**

Shelly Turner, President -Present

Lauren Novak, VP of Events - Present

John Turner, VP of Fundraising - Not Present

Ebony Bagley, VP of Marketing & Membership -Present

Heather Sutherlin, Treasurer - Not Present

Jordan Dawood, Recording Secretary - Present

Miss Barb Oatley, Teacher Liaison - Present

### **Approval of November 6th, 2025 PTA meeting minutes: Jordan Dawood**

- Shelly Turner
- Erica Brennan

### **President's Report: Shelly Turner**

- Want to have some sort of virtual option for meeting, possible Zoom or Google Meet
- Supplied Secret Stories to 1st grade classrooms
- Purchased microwave for teacher's lounge, budget \$150
- Purchased Inclusion Brew Crew ice machine, budget \$100
  - Autistic kids create social skills by taking a coffee cart around school every Friday
- President and Secretary were added to account to check signs
- Reimbursements should be done within two weeks
- Bank admin is now the President rather than Treasurer
- Kudos to Sarah Vaughn for bringing back Box Top and bringing good ideas to PTA
  - We get \$5 for every referral
- Changing up format of meeting to make it more of a group conversation

### **Principal's Report: Mrs. Shannon**

- Thank you for dinner at conferences
- Monday, Dec 15th report cards go out around 4pm
- Winter break coming up for two weeks
- A lot of illnesses going around the school including the flu; make sure kids wash hands
- Being stricter on tardiness; doors closing at 9am

## **Teacher's Report: Miss Oatley**

Kindergarten: Students are writing nonfiction booklets about their “favorite places”- making sure to use labels to teach others. In Reading, students have worked on their partner reading skills- how to be more of a “coach” -giving tips and cheering friends on. Social Studies is all about cultural celebrations and celebrating Hickory Woods diversity.

1st Grade: First grade celebrated 6-7 day on Friday with some fun math activities and crafts. We are finishing our word detectives units in reading and phonics. The kids are now experts on silent e. We are also wrapping up how-to writing.

2nd Grade: Second grade is piloting a different Social Studies curriculum. We are learning about the history of Walled Lake and will create postcards to go with what we learn.

3rd Grade: Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop - nonfiction texts. For writing, each student chose a Michigan animal to write about, since social studies is all about Michigan. Math - unit 3 - multi-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping - Also keep practicing multiplication facts. Science - structures of life - Will be doing a fruit dissection soon, to observe seeds. Social Studies - Kicking off our unit on Michigan history.

5th Grade: Students are working hard in math on learning operations with fractions and mixed numbers. They are also learning how to interpret remainders in fraction division problems. In reading, students are learning summarizing and vocabulary strategies to understand nonfiction texts. In writing, they are working on argument essays about whether schools should give kids homework. They are also learning how to pull evidence from published texts to support their arguments. In science, we started our new unit on Living Systems and are reviewing food chains and food webs. Lastly, in social studies, we are studying European explorers. Right before Thanksgiving Break, students also took their reproductive health course. It is a busy time to be a 5th grader!

Media: Spelling Bee is under way and by the last week of December we will know who our 5th Grade Spelling Bee competitors will be and they will have materials to prepare for our building competition.

Caldecott Medal work is being done by 3rd-5th grades and they will vote on their favorites before the American Library Association picks the winner and runner ups.

2nd Grades are focused on non-fiction in Media. Animal Reports using Pebble Go in January and our own writings in February.

Next week is International Hour of Code Week and there are many projects available on the Hour of Code site for kids to explore. All of my grade levels are working on Code.org from our Classlink and learning how games and programs are created.

LEO: Leo will be picked up over our Holiday break. Leo will spend the next month at home getting acclimated to Mrs. Watkin's house before coming to school. He will then be at school part-time until he is able to attend school full time.

### **Treasurer's Report: Jordan Dawood**

**As of November 30, 2025 we have \$59,859.87**

**Income \$246.33**

Giveback deposit: \$46.00 for membership

Dine to Donate: \$133.00

Giveback Deposit: \$12.00 for membership

Giveback Deposit: \$25.53 Shop to give donation via Givebacks

Bottle Return: \$19.80

**Expenses \$5, 617.09** from bank account for checks/payments that processed

**November Expenses: \$2691.08**

Membership dues: \$775.50

Classroom support: \$150

Field Trip \$100.00

Conference lunch for teachers: \$500

All Pro Dad: \$51.49

Fall Festival: \$1114.09

### **Committee Summaries: Lauren Novak, John Turner, Ebony Bagley**

- Bonaventure: Event was on a Tuesday last week and attendance was really low
- Spirit wear: 77 orders placed, 144 items sold, profit \$295.20
- Popcorn last Friday
- All Pro Dads talked about confidence. Next meeting January 9th, theme is Joy
  - Be sure to rsvp
- Olga's next restaurant night is on 1/28
- Math Pentathlon: Added line item for buying tshirts
- Assemblies: Contact in Spring to see if he's available in Fall 2026
- Snack Shack: Second graders are up
- Reflections: 35 entries, students names have been shared
  - 15 students moved to district
  - Art night in tinker lab to kickoff Reflections
  - Ice cream party on January 16th for all participants
  - Budgeting for school winners to get a prize

### **Additional comments/questions**

- Trying to revamp PTA to get more volunteers in
  - Find a sign to update parents in the parking lot
- Parents night in
  - Dinner for parents
  - Have a professional come in to address parents on important issues
  - Discuss volunteer opportunities
- Book fair moved from Scholastic to Literati
  - Easier setup, book fair currently takes day and a half of setup
  - Book content is similar to Scholastic
  - Trinkets are limited
  - Risk is we only get two registers
  - Rewards also comparable
  - Will start at Spring Book Fair
- Parents/teachers have been asking for more purchase options
  - Looking into another company to use in the future
- Budget for Leo needs to be updated to add dog beds for classrooms, which are about \$800
  - We emailed Chewy to see if they can give us a deal or donation
  - PTA can create an account with them and be tax exempt
- Ideas for budget overage
  - Add pancake company to bingo night?
  - 5th grade end of year party?
  - Free popcorn in 2026?
  - 5th grade camp paid for?
  - Yearbooks for everyone?
  - Family dance?
  - Bounce houses?
  - Recess equipment?
- Try to sell frisbee golf which was never used
- Voting for 2025/2026 budget
  - Motion passed by unanimous vote
- Bingo night will be in February
  - Allyson, Rebecca and Shelly will be co-chairs

**Meeting adjourned: 8:06 pm**

**Next Meeting: January 6th, 2026**