

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

6:00 pm

Mills Lawn

In Attendance: Emily Gray, Gina Soldano, Lindsey Fickert, Sara Holtsberry, Megan Feola, Maria Baker, Brittany Keller, Hannah Sarnow, Sachi Dixon, Lisa Varandani, Doug Jones-Graham, Megan Meier, Dorothee Bouquet, Kristi Myers, Megan Bachman, Sheranita Hemphill, Natalie Shelton

Approval of Minutes - Dorothee moved, Emily seconded. Approved unanimously.

Finances

- [Treasurer Report](#). Boogie and 5th/6th dance made about \$300. \$32,207 in the bank. Biggest outflows were student experiences, around \$3,000.
- Any cash needed for upcoming events?
- Remember to use the UPDATED [Debit Card Usage Form](#) and [PTO Member Reimbursement Form](#)

Event Recaps/Old Business

- Skate Night: Skate night went well. We should be getting more from skate rental.
- Bulldog Boogie & 5th/6th grade dance: Food ran out for the Bulldog Boogie (could have had more pizza and chips.) Could have used more volunteers (4 at snack sales, possibly splitting them between food and drinks). Too many pizzas the next night. 1.5 hours continues to be perfect length. So many props and decorations got trashed, need to hold back good quality decorations for older kids. No props needed. Lights were amazing for both dances. Need to send them a thank you. Suggest using a local business for pizza. Look into gluten-free snacks. Could even take dairy-free cheese to YS Pizza Company. Student Council set the playlists — that worked well.
- PTO Expansion, start rebranding? Did not meet due to the dances. We will have the meet & greet with Jack. April 23. Becca can meet either time. We should have it here at Mills Lawn, in the gymnasium. More of a Q&A instead of a “Meet and Greet” so it is not confused with an Open House. Suggestion to get questions ahead of time. 6-7:30 p.m. Megan M. will create a Google Form for Jack to review ahead of time, due by April 21st. Re, rebranding, should we become the “Yellow Springs PTO” or “Bulldog PTO.” However, our expansion is just to middle school for next year, budget-pending. Snacks and teacher stipend need to be for the entire district, not just middle school.
- Donation to Josh. PTO donated \$250. We should share the link to his GoFundMe on Facebook.

- Testing Snacks

Teacher Requests:

- Doug has only received 4 invoices, but all the core experiences have been selected except for fifth grade.

Upcoming/Ongoing Events

- Meet and Greet with MS/HS admin either April 22 or 23. See above.
- Earth Day Clothing Swap, April 26, 1-4. Hannah to chair. Kids volunteered and had fun. Need an EZ up. Printed flyers needed. Setup at noon or 12:30 p.m. Reach out to social workers to see if leftover clothes can be donated to those in need.
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, budget \$200?
 - Wednesday: People to cover recess & lunches 11-12 and 12:15-1:15, 5 per shift. Lindsey volunteered for Wednesday. We will send out a SignUp Genius for everyone else.
 - Thursday: Cookies. Lisa and Kristi volunteered to bake and deliver cookies.
 - Friday: Dessert buffet, desserts, napkins, utensils, help set up. Plates and napkins left over from the dance. Sarah can make a dessert. All desserts need to be here by 10:30 a.m. and Becca will put them out for the first teacher lunch.
 - Additional ideas from PTO? T-shirts. Will look for next year. Also need to look into new PTO shirts, but need to decide on our new name.
 - Dorothee moved we spend \$200 for teacher appreciation, Sheranita seconded. Approved unanimously.
- The May 11th meeting is when we select dates for events and co-chairs, as well as officers for the following year. May need to change date or time due to competing band/orchestra concert.
- Field Day, May 20, [volunteer sign up](#). Usually do popsicles, but considering Kona Ice truck. It would be offered for everyone, but want to make it more special for 4th & 5th graders. If it's too expensive, just do it for 4th & 5th. Lindsay said she has a friend who does cotton candy and popcorn.
- Street Fair, June 13th. Mark your calendars! We need all the help we can get.

New Business

- Pride Parade, June 27th. It was warm, fast and fun. Also too long. Could have bikes, scooters, etc. A good deadline for having T-shirts.
- PTO Closet. Need to move it by the week after the end of school. May have a place to put them if we wait long enough.

- Lindsay raised the issue of time change and the impact on families. Children's Center and Open Air does after care but not before. A latch key program would be very difficult to put together in this community because of how small we are. Maybe PTO could help parents network and create their own shared childcare solutions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.