WAY ELEMENTARY PTO

MEETING MINUTES 9/15/26

AGENDA

Meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Jen Jovanis and Sarah Dougherty at 9:18 AM. 22 in-person attendees (listed at the bottom)

Welcome

1. **Introducing new PTO Officers:**
   Sarah Dougherty Co-President

   Jen Jovanis Co-President

   Yana Krefman Treasurer
   Lauren Bruss Secretary

2. **Communication**
   1. If there is anything you feel needs to be discussed at the meeting please let us know ahead of time
      1. wayptobh@gmail.com
      2. waytreasurer@gmail.com
   2. Please make sure you pay your $35 family dues
   3. Any questions or concerns? Write it on a note card and leave it with us after the meeting!
   4. Sign up for our monthly newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/b6683aa590f8/pto-newsletter-signup

Board Reports

1. Principal's Update - Jenny Rossi

a. **Literacy Update**

i. Last year, Way took part in piloting new literacy curriculums

ii. Arts and Letters- new reading curriculum starting this year

A. Incorporates science, social studies, real life examples

B. Engaging for students

iii. Literacy Block is now 120 minutes into 3 chunks

A. 30 min 95 Core- intense phonics skills

B. 60 min knowledge block

C. 30 min WIN (what I need) time (book clubs, small groups, book bins)

iv. Will use I-Ready as an assessment tool to identify areas that each grade/class needs more learning and practice with

b. **District Wide Initiative- Capturing Kids Hearts**

i. All 4 elementary schools implementing

ii. Building community, belonging, being seen

iii. Research-based, staff training is ongoing

iv. Social contracts

c**. PlayFit Recess Update**

i. Trains staff in inclusive and short recess games, group play

ii. Not taking it on this year because of all the other curriculum shifts and initiatives that are new this year

iii. May revisit down the road

iv. Will come up with new ideas to give some guidance during recess for kids who might need it

2. Treasurer's Report - Christy Booth and Yana Krefman

<u>Account Balances:</u> ***Detailed spreadsheets available***

<u>Bank of America:</u>

<u>May:</u>

Beginning Balance: 24,689.36

Deposits and other credits 1,029.59

Withdrawals and other debits -3,247.53

Checks -10,300.00

**Revolution Design -2,310, Playfit Education 3,500, Cirque Amongus -3,840.00, Kindergarten Orientation, Music Assembly, Popcorn purchases, Staff Appreciation week*

End Balance: 12,171.42

June:

Beginning Balance: 12,171.42

Deposits and other credits 9,236.50

**Book fair money deposit but to pay back*

Withdrawals and other debits -3,199.09

Checks -1,889.99

**Pony Rides -525, Staff Stipends, Teacher Appreciation Week cont., tips for vendor*

End Balance: 16,318.84

July:

Beginning Balance: 16,318.84

Deposits and other credits 171.51

Withdrawals and other debits -809.27

Checks -0.00

**PTO Today annual insurance, Quickbooks, Mailchimp, Tello*

End Balance: 15,681.08

August:

Beginning balance: 15,681.08

Deposits and other credits 23.97

Withdrawals and other debits -8,946.76

Checks -0.00

*Bank Service fees -11.40 (cash deposit processing fee)

**Book Fair Payment (debit payment from June did not go through)*

Ending balance: 6,746.89

Venmo May - August

Beginning amount **$2,420**

Ending amount **$0.00**

Link to Spreadsheet:
https://qbo.intuit.com/app/report/builder?rptId=sbg:fce82466-2d1f-414f-8e9e-fe955fcd19bd&type=user&previousRoute=customreports

Event Feedback

1. **Welcome Back Coffee**

a. Thanks to all the parents who attended our welcome back coffee! It was great to see everyone to start off the school year.

Other Business

1. **Room Parent Update**

a. Room Parent signup form will be going out at Curriculum Night. Sign up to be a room parent by 9/26. Form will also be sent out in the teacher weekly update emails and in the PTO Newsletter

New Business

1. **Upcoming Events**

a. Welcome Back Social 9/18 6-7:30
    1. DJ, music, and dancing, frozen treats, tattoo
    2. Spirit wear to sell

b. Popcorn Day + Spirit Wear Day 9/25
    i. Sign up with the flyer or link or send $1 with your student that day

c. Outdoor Movie Night 10/2
    i. Plan to have parent volunteers as bathroom monitors for event

d. Fun Run 10/14 Half Day
    i. Goal $28,000 this year
    ii. Biggest fundraiser for the entire year!
    iii. Supports assemblies/whole-school experiences, curriculum, recess supplies/activities, outdoor classroom, etc.
    iv. Engagement ideas- thermometer, celebration in the gym. Open to parent ideas
    v. Flyer going out tonight

e. Halloween Fest 10/30 Half Day
    i. Candy Crawl- recommend one treat or item to give out per table (not handfuls of candy)

2. **Approval Needed:**
    a. New outdoor recess supplies for all grades
        i. Balls, hula-hoops, jump ropes, footballs
        ii. Gopher amount: $729.00 (Coach gave us a $100 coupon, so total for approval is $629.00)
        iii. Motion that the PTO approve $629 for recess supplies made by Samantha Foon. Seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Volunteer Opportunities**
    a. Lunch volunteers
        i. Sign up here: Lunch Volunteer Signup

        ii. Will also have link on the PTO website under "Volunteer Opportunities"

4. **Parent survey launch**

    a. Keep an eye out for an email with a Parent Survey coming soon!

Open Discussion

1. Yearbook- Jenna and Kristy are setting up a new shared album parents can join so everyone can share photos from each event. We will send out a link

2. Spirit wear- ran out of 1st and 2nd grade t shirts, they are ordered and will be here in a few weeks.

3. Stock the lounge- any parents welcome to bring any snacks or drinks and drop them off in the teacher's lounge.

4. Kickbacks- link your Kroger Card, we will send out how to sign up. Toyology Toys. Mabel's Labels

5. Class Favorites- plan to send out to all parents, not just room parents

6. Principal Jenny Rossi is collecting staff ideas for field trips and events

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM

Members in attendance:

Sarah Dougherty Co-President

Jen Jovanis Co-President

Lauren Bruss Secretary

Yana Krefman Treasurer

Anna Williams

Danielle Kroll

Kristy Mandel

Samantha Foon

Jenna Klar

Lauren Opiela

Madeline Spencer

Chelsea Johnson

Jasmine Hartfield

Heather Pann

Marie Awn

Sara Schey

Christy Booth

Tracy Rumpz

Chris Kado

Chandler Yatooma

Jenny Kyriakopoulos

Kate Hicks

*Meeting Minutes prepared by Lauren Bruss, Way PTO Secretary