

PTA Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, February 9th, 2026

Attendees:

Erin, Jolee, Mr. Smith, Allison, Sara, Casey K., Patty, Amanda

Call to Order

Amanda made a motion to start the meeting at **5:35 PM**. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Allison to approve the previous meeting minutes.

All approved, no objections.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance referenced: **\$6,352.31**
- **\$4,950 Check out to Jack and Finns for Cupcakes**
- Profit from cupcake sales: **\$1,980**
- Expenses:
 - Thank-you bags: **\$19.99**
 - Wreath supplies (Michaels): **\$15.00**
 - 3 months of PTA phone (TracFone): **\$27.58**

The group is excited that fundraising efforts are increasing and we can start really building up our community events.

Cupcake Fundraiser

- **First grade** won by selling the most cupcakes (**66 boxes**).
- Their prize will be a tour to see where the cupcakes are made the day before production.

Family Literacy Night

- Hosted by Ms. G on **3/19 from 5–7 PM**.
- This is also the school budget night; discussion about whether the date could be changed.
- The event has had strong attendance in past years.
- Ideas discussed:
 - Selling snacks (maybe not ideal that night).
 - Possibly donating desserts courtesy of the PTA instead.
- **Allison** will speak with Ms. G about a potential date change and further details

SAS Testing (April)

- Testing will be in **April**, not May.
- **Allison, Erin, and Amanda** volunteered to assemble small bags for students.
- Grades **3–6**, approximately **72** students.

Motion: Casey K. made a motion to spend **up to \$200** on snacks for testing.

Second: Sara.

Motion carried.

Art Supplies / Wish List

An Amazon wish list was submitted for the Art Classroom.

Discussion points:

- A lot has already been raised/spent through previous fundraisers.
- Suggestion to explore other community resources (e.g., Veterans to Veterans, Boys & Girls Club - Gets a lot of donations and perhaps can hang a flyer for supplies).
- Consider focusing PTA funds on **larger, reusable, higher-impact items** (e.g., scissors, hot glue guns) rather than single-use materials.
- The teacher is often working from donated items and would prefer reliable supplies to teach planned lessons.
- Need to **track donation requests**.
- PTA may want to create a **grant or application process** to ensure fairness and avoid appearing biased.
- Like the idea of getting items that appear more “need” than “want” and that are multiuse.
- Amounts discussed ranged from **\$50** for small starters to **up to \$100** for larger reusable items. Further review to come but all in agreement to give **up to \$100** Or purchase a few items off the list.

Community Movie Event

- Idea: PTA-sponsored, family-friendly weekend movie (PG, classic style).
- Colonial already offers free Saturday morning cartoons in their regular season
- April vacation movie screening is off the table; they are closed until May
- Need an in-person meeting to discuss costs for having that showing
- Possibility of partnering with **Jax** to run two age groups or an afternoon event (likely not evening).

Sara will reach out to Jax for more information and run the same ideas past them.

Goal: create a positive community event sponsored by the PTA and do a completely free event.

Childcare for Annual Meeting – 3/17

- Board meeting first; general meeting begins at **5 PM**, voting later.
- **Patty** will contact the high school about childcare.
- Pizza was donated last year by the Village Store.

Principal's Report

- Fall benchmark data shows overall growth across grades.
- Grade 1 had an anomaly affecting some reading assessments but over all all test scores are trending up.

SAS Overview:

- Grades 3–6: reading, vocabulary, comprehension, and AI-scored writing sections.
- Math: all grades.
- Science: Grade 5.
- Although last year's science scores dipped, they remained **8 points above average**.
- Practice tests will continue and our hope will be helpful for preparing the students.
- Current 5th grade shows a similar downward trend.
- Writing scores tended to be lower for students writing fewer than six paragraphs.

Student Government

- Several new student-led clubs launched.
- Pokémon Community Trading Club: 33 members.
- Volleyball and Hockey Clubs: 5 members each.
- New Comedy Club starting the second week of February.
- The Student Government passed a bill to allow a 4th grade pet (Rex Rabbit) in school.
- Bill will be presented to the School Board in March to request approval to update policy wording on duration and learning goals.

Community & Family Engagement

- Climate Cafe will be held at Rocks Estate instead of PSU this year.
- Tentatively scheduled for April 10th but likely will be changed due to the play being that day.
- Student-led, intergenerational climate change conversation.
- Participants include students, undergrads, professionals, and senior citizens.
- Focus on face-to-face discussion, empathy, collaboration, and inspiring environmental action.

Building and Grounds Updates

- Steam table has been installed.

District Alignment / Looking Ahead

- Staff participating in two committees to further align with the SAU.

Shirts

- Idea raised for PTA T-shirts for spring field trips.
- Approximately **147 students**.
- **Sara** will research pricing (Embroidery by Everything).

Teacher Cleaning Supplies

- Topic raised; limited information currently but we believe teachers are still paying for this themselves.
- Mr. Smith is going to bring up this topic at their staff meeting and share that they do have some money in the budget for these items.

Parent Connection Idea

- Erin suggested casual Saturday morning gatherings (e.g., donuts) for K-2 families once the weather improves.
- Aim: build community among younger grades.
- Consider planning for spring.

Other Notes

- Cupcake morning organization: **Allison, Amanda, Erin and Casey K.**
- School budget meeting at **5 PM 2/10/26.**

Next Meeting

March 9 at 5:30 PM

Amanda made a motion to adjourn.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at **6:47 PM.**