



Dress Down passes were given to families who attended the meeting & 1 Volunteer hour earned for each attending. Families instructed to record time spent at the meeting in the volunteer log book.

PTO Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025 6:30

Welcome done by – President – Julia Place

Minutes –Co-secretaries —Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. Minutes are kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage, and a copy is sent with the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Cristina Wright balance as of last week (week of the 3/30/25) 15,256.88 in PTO bank account.

Co-treasurer nominations and vote: Families invited to co-cheer for PTO President and Vice President as the current ones are looking to step down and gradually hand over the responsibility to the positions for next school year. Both ladies are willing to serve as a support and resource to anyone interested in taking on the role of PTO President and Vice President. There were no volunteers during the meeting. A few parents expressed possible interest but not confirmed commitment.

Vice President's report - Alicia Savelle

- **Jog-a-Thon:** Grand Total Raised \$8,238. Raised online \$4,283 Spent \$191.07 on 99pledges to host online collection. Top earning classroom Rm 8 Ms. Murphy and Ms. Saldanha. Top Participation: Ms. Lonna and Ms. Melissa
- **The Spring Fling:** Raised close to \$800. This event had a great turn out and the venue gave back 50% of admissions cost to the PTO. Group voted on using this venue for next year's 2026 Spring Fling
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** all week 4/21/25 to 4/25/25. Daily activities (the daily activity poster was sent out with the April Newsletter email from Principal Galloway). Volunteer opportunities were available to assist with decorating the school for the teachers as well as for set-up and breakdown of lunches and decorations.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Will be held on 4/24/25 at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. Dinner in honor of all the family volunteers for this school year. The volunteer of the year award will be presented and the kids will also be doing a talent show. This will be a fun social for families to share with each other.

- **Last Morning Mile 4/29/25** - purchasing more charms for 2025-2026 school year
- **Art Walk evening-** Ms. Liu will be on 4/29/25.

Teacher's Report – Christina Caldarola

- **Kindergarten:** Learning about themes, birds, Africa, Ecology, Earth Day and Spring. In Math they are learning about money and telling time. Also do reading comprehension with non-fictional text.
- **1st and 2nd Room 7:** In Math they learning about money, time, and shapes. In Science learning about states of matter and physics. In Social Studies learning about patriotism and the past.
- **1st and 2nd Room 8:** In Math they are learning about telling time and counting money. In Science learning about natural disasters, how the earth changes. In Social Studies learning about needs and wants, American symbols.
- **1st and 2nd grade has STAR testing on 4/22 and 4/23.**
ELA: working on unit 6 for grades 1&2. Grade 1 working on cause/effect, sentence fluency, and author's purpose. Grade 2 is discussing what keeps our world working by learning about energy, money, and teaming up. They are also working on expository text and context clues.
- **3rd Grade:** working on division, multiplication, measurement, US documents and people, animals, plants, genes. In ELA review and cursive.
- **4th Grade:** In Math working on composing and decomposing angles, area, perimeter, review. Social Studies working on World War I. In ELA analyzing character setting, plot, cause & effect in tall tales. In Science we re working on measuring mass of regular and irregular objects.
- **5th/6th Grade:** Math 6th grade working on Statistics and 5th working on Geometry, In Science 5th grade working on forces and 6th grade working on Climate issues. In Social Studies 5th Grade learning about Revolutionary War and 6th grade learning about the Crusades. Both grades reviewing for Math and Science.

ELA 5th Grade learning about central ideas and details, text structure, influencing, summarizing, problem and solution, and critical thinking. 6th Grade did the writing assessment on 4/1/25. Working on writing speeches with supporting a claim, using logical reasoning, relevant evidence from multiple sources.

Top options for spending/ campus improvement project of the year

1. Saving money/financing for astroturfing: Current Research Presentation By Marcella Carbajo. This project deemed not feasible due to the high cost associated. PTO would have to participate in aggressive fund raising to get funds and may be more difficult to met this goal.

Estimated total: \$70,000. PTO discussed that it would take the school and PTO years to raise that amount of money. One parent suggested applying concrete to the playfield; however, there were several safety concerns related to kids falling. Another parent recommended rubber mat for the field but concerns were brought up on product material not being environmentally friendly and increased risk for kids to get rug burns from fall on the mat.

2. Montessori in-service training for teachers: Current Research by Dr. Thorson
Estimated total: \$5000. Proposition to have teachers do a Montessori training and workshop. The group being hired is called Authentic Institute. The workshop would be over the summer and focused on integrating a Montessori culture with a traditional curriculum. PTO was caused to help

Principal's report - Paul Galloway

- STAR Reading/Early Literacy-4/22, STAR Math-4/23, FAST Reading-5/1, FAST Math 05/06, BEST Science-5/13
- Parent Survey must be completed by April 30th, 2025
- School April 18th- Last Hurricane Make-up Day

Concerns and Comments:

Final PTO will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30