

PTO Meeting Minutes **April 7, 2026** 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions - 7:01p call to order

- a. Meet PTO Board and Members
 - i. Sign in on the Screen
 - ii. Introductions

2. Executive Board Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report- Nicole
 - i. Heavy with checks coming in for 5k sponsorships and Kroger donations
 - ii. Purchased Cricut for 5th grade posters; classrooms; art fund; teacher appreciation; archery supplies for PE class (thanks from Katie!)
 - iii. Payments for field trips and author visits
 - iv. Approved - Kayleigh; Ashlea
- b. Secretary's Report- Sara
 - i. Approved: Kayleigh; Courtney
- c. Principal's Report- Katie
 - i. Archery equipment purchased (thanks, PTO!) and Mrs. LaRussa has been certified to teach in PE class and will begin next school year, along with an after school club
 - ii. Elections are coming up! If you are interested in a PTO exec board or member at large, please email Katie
 - iii. Next week will be last safety drill of the school year (will be a combo of both types of safety drills from the year)
 - iv. Thanks for the St Paddy's Day treats!
 - v. State Testing starts tomorrow - 5th grade Wed/Thurs; 3rd/4th is next week (splitting between the two weeks since many students need accommodations and we need teachers/space to support) ... this is a "show what you know" test and no need for stress!
 - vi. Looking ahead to next school year: Hites/Denner loop for 4 + 5 grade; Sprouse is looping to 3rd grade (can choose to keep him again or have a new 3rd grade teacher); probably losing 6-8 staff members next year (retirements, transfers, etc.); thoughtful placement forms are coming this Friday (class lists to be created May 5 - get your form in before then!)
 - vii. Mrs. LaRussa's first field day with HTE! She is so excited (and so are we!) - Friday May 15 (rain date will be Thursday May 21)
 - viii. Kindergarten kickoff will be Monday, May 18 from 6:15 - 7pm for incoming kindergarteners
- d. ISPTO Report - Allison
 - i. District Bus Ride Tour! Could see how far Hilliard covers; changes that went in since the Levy passed last year: Darby Weight Room, new playgrounds + new entryways (HTE happening this summer)

3. Past Events

a. RECAP OF PAST EVENTS

- i. Teacher Appreciation March - St. Paddy's Day treats
- ii. Family Library Night- Jan 28th→ March 4th
 1. Thanks to Ashlea and Jenna for coordinating the evening with Mrs. Cook, and with Tim Horton's!
- iii. Flower Sale
 1. Just ended ... but reopened for a few last minute orders ... profit was \$5681 (plus upcoming deliveries sales)
 2. Delivery available within 2 miles of HTE
 3. Volunteers will be needed the day-of for sorting, pickup, and delivery
- iv. 5th Grade Posters
 1. Can we create a flyer with an image that tells parents what the posters are at the beginning of the year for next school year?
 2. Working on them now, they are posted outside of the IDC
 3. Start going back to HR Imaging now to get K and 5 photos!

4. Upcoming Events

a. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- i. Liz McClelland- April 15th
 1. Currently doing work with the staff, upcoming event for parents
 2. Topic: the Invisible Load
 3. District wellness coordinator, works with Alex Beekman
 4. Babysitting is available (thanks, Caito family) - link on socials to sign up
- ii. Hoffman Trailblazer 5k & Fun Run- April 24th - Nicole
 1. It's RACE MONTH!
 2. T-shirt guarantee cutoff was April 6; but sign-ups still available
 3. 238 sign-ups so far (goal is 300)
 4. Raised over \$7k in sponsorships! Covers operating costs and the rest is donations
 5. Volunteer sign-ups are happening now!
- iii. Teacher Appreciation April & Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8
 1. Around the World theme!
 2. Sign-Up Genius is out now for donations!
- iv. Spirit Day @ McDonald's May 5th
 1. 7am to 7pm in the McDonald's app - 10% goes to HTE
- v. Flower Sale Pick Up May 6th 3:45-6
 1. Volunteers needed for sorting, pickup, deliveries - sign-up genius is available
- vi. Kidchella - Thursday, May 14th from 6-8pm
 1. Celebrating with Mojo Flo band members (AW Duo), food trucks and celebrating the end of the school year

vii. Spring Book Fair Thursday, May 13th & 14th

1. Flyer coming soon! Megan is here to learn from Johnna
2. Volunteers will be needed! Sign Up Genius coming soon

viii. 5th Grade Picnic- May 20th

5. Other Items

a. Field Day (May 15th)

i. Shirts - should be in this week!

1. Kindergarten will receive theirs prior to their zoo field trip on May 4
2. All other students will distribute the week of May 11 (target May 14)

ii. Popsicles vs. Sno Cones - popsicles it is!

b. Elections - email Katie if you're interested in an exec board position

c. Pelotonia Kids Hilliard is coming in July 11, 2026 to Bradley High School

- i. No minimum donation, but asking families to donate \$50
- ii. Open to ALL kids, no minimum distance

Adjourn - Allison and Kayleigh