



Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Troy Union Media Center

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Stefanie Feustel, PTO President
2. Principal's Message - Mike Cottone, Troy Union Principal
 - Welcome to all families who are present
 - Important for people to continue to be involved
 - Curriculum Night was a big success
 - Fun Run is coming up - kickoff is this Friday
 - Costs have been going up
 - Focus is doing what's best for the kids - creating a positive culture
3. 2025-2026 Budget
 - Currently, the PTO is in a unique position. There was extra money raised that was not used during COVID, as well as additional funding provided at the State and Federal levels. The extra funds have run out, and the government funding is no longer there. Therefore, changes are necessary
 - Costs have been increasing while income has declined, causing the need for change.
 - There were things taken out of the budget and also paired down to make this year's budget more realistic
 - i. Looking for a sponsor for the Maker's Challenge as funding for that has decreased (Amber was able to secure 60 rolls of duct tape already which should help)
 1. Mr. Cottone suggested having a Maker's Challenge Coordinator Committee role to facilitate donations and help make sure we have the necessary supplies
 - ii. Removed extra playground equipment (balls, etc.) from budget
 - iii. Kindergarten welcome shirts are something the PTO would like to include, but the current budget does not allow for that – looking at the option of having a sponsor on the back to help offset costs
 - iv. Budget cuts were made to the March is Reading Month program. Mr. Cottone is committed to making this event happen

- v. Cuts were made to the staff appreciation fund
- vi. Mini grants were cut down
- vii. Wagon replacement was removed, but hopefully can be added back in after the Fun Run
- viii. Amber requested a list of the large items that we are currently considering for sponsorships
- There was some discussion about additional fundraisers to offset the cuts
 - i. Kroger rewards program re-post could offer a little help (Tawana made a post awhile back and will re-post to the Facebook page)
 - ii. Discussed other fundraisers, such a pizza kits – will see how the Fun Run goes and go from there
 - iii. Stefanie to make a QR code for the Fun Run to have at the Fall Festival
- Motion to approve by Tamira Thomas. Seconded by Tawana Price.
- 4. Teacher's Report - Michele Fredericks, Teacher Representative
 - Thank you from the teachers for the gift cards to start the year
- 5. Treasurer's Report - Somin Kim, PTO Treasurer
 - No additional report besides budget
- 6. Secretary's Report – Lindsay Szela, PTO Secretary
 - No additional report
- 7. Committee Reports
 - School Supply Kits – Amanda Harrison
 - i. Supply kits went well this year
 - ii. There is a meeting next week to discuss next year
 - iii. 154 kits were sold
 - Bagel Fridays –Krystal Thompkins
 - i. Around 70 bagel pre-orders so far
 - ii. Sold at curriculum night, but the table was only in front of the doors for 3-5 grades – discussed either having two tables next year or moving location
 - iii. Ongoing discussion about electronic payments
 - 5th Grade Sweatshirts – Syeda Ali
 - i. Signatures have been collected
 - ii. Orders are due soon
 - Fall Festival – Lindsay Szela
 - i. Everything is set from last year – only missing a few volunteer positions but nothing vital
 - ii. Book fair sales will only be during the festival; Mr. Cottone said that some staff may help with the book fair if there are not enough volunteers
 - Fun Run – Stefanie Feustel
 - i. Executive board is working on getting prizes together (need to be turned in by 9/10 EOD)
 - ii. Run will be in the morning of 9/26
 - iii. Email will be sent later with specific running times

- Picture Day – Stefanie Feustel
 - i. Volunteers are all set for picture day next week
- Trunk or Treat – Amber Barbieri and Tamira Thompson
 - i. Looking into potential sponsors for candy/treats
 - ii. Need to make sure to include a note for candy donations that no candy with nuts should be included

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- October's meeting will no longer be board members only as the central office will be present to provide an update (Lindsay to update PTO website and include on Facebook page)
- Discussion if meeting time is better at 6:30 pm or 6 pm (tabled for future meeting)

Motion to adjourn by Tawana Price. Seconded by Kristyn VanDahm.