

Minutes Approved: 3/4/26

November 11, 2025
PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Zoom link: [PTO Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 850 9653 8268
Passcode: 571564

In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Lindsey Kerkez, Sara Hammerschmidt, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Missy Plegue, Mrs. Shah, Vidya, Buffy Beattie, Aarti Raheja, Angelica, Girls on the Run, Sarah Gizzi, Maeran Uhm, Erin Hill, Nav Cheema, Whitney Wilkes-Krier, Lisa Arnsdorf, Cindy, Liz Arnkoff

Called to order: 6:04 pm

1. Minutes Approval

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

- Motion to approve: Tiffany Walther
- Seconded by: Nav Cheema
- Vote: Approved

2. Principal Report – Mrs. Clinkscale

- The school is looking forward to the Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 13. Thank you to Nav for organizing the event again this year.
- Teachers continue to be fully engaged with the new Arts & Letters curriculum.
- Families are encouraged to send students with appropriate cold-weather gear as temperatures continue to drop.
- There are no new updates regarding the new school building or upcoming architect meetings.
- Report cards and Fall NWEA reports will be sent home on November 25. Information regarding the writing components of the Arts & Letters curriculum will also be included.
- The lost and found is currently overflowing. Families are encouraged to check for missing items before Thanksgiving break.
 - Unclaimed items will be bagged, washed, and donated on December 15.
- Late Fall Break is November 26–28.

- Mrs. Clinkscale thanked all volunteers for their continued support in the building.
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3. Teacher Report – Mrs. Shah & Mrs. Berger

- Staff expressed appreciation for the PTO-sponsored coffee truck.
 - Many classes have visited the Learning Garden throughout the fall season.
 - Students participated in a community service project through Google Community Class Events by preparing lunch bags for Food Gatherers and the Huron food pantry.
 - Mr. Matulis and Mr. Wayne applied for a grant to display student artwork.
 - Fifth grade murals from last year are now displayed outside the gym doors.
 - Teachers are looking forward to the Turkey Trot this week.
 - Many classrooms celebrated Fall Harvest Days, and staff thanked the volunteers who helped support those activities.
 - Families were again reminded to check the overflowing lost and found.
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4. Treasurer Report – Lindsey Kerkez & Sara Hammerschmidt

All submitted expenses through Nov. 7 have been processed. Profit/Loss Statement is through October 31.

Income Category		Total Budget	Oct 25 Income
	Events & Fundraisers	\$49,300	\$2,440
	Community Contributions	\$19,750	\$6,168
	Other Income	\$8,950	\$6,379
Total		\$78,000	\$14,986

Expense Category	Total	Oct 25 Expenses
Field Trips	\$20,000	\$0
Enrichment	\$4,350	\$1,515
Mini-grants	\$27,015	\$117
Events & Fundraisers	\$23,500	\$1,586
Teachers & Staff	\$16,500	\$2,121
School Community	\$11,600	\$0
Community Donations	\$500	\$0
Misc.	\$1,000	\$0
PTO Ops	\$2,370	\$418
Total	\$106,835	\$5,757

5. Committee Reports

Girls on the Run

Lisa and Sarah shared information about potentially bringing Girls on the Run to King.

Program highlights:

- Focuses on life skills, emotional well-being, and friendship-building, not just running.
- Includes intentional curriculum and a community impact project.
- Ends with a non-competitive 5K event at Eastern Michigan University.
- The season lasts 8 weeks, with teams meeting twice per week.

Coach information:

- Coaches must complete background checks, online training, and one in-person training session.
- Coaches may receive:
 - 50% participant registration discount
 - Potential stipends
 - Athletic clothing and shoes
 - Continuing education credit hours

Participant details:

- Cost is \$225 per participant with sliding-scale financial support available.
- Registration includes:
 - 16 lessons
 - Cinch bag
 - Race bib
 - Medal
 - Celebration event
 - T-shirt

Site and coach applications are due by December 1.

Harvest Moon Festival – Lisa Arnsdorf

- Thank you to the committee and all families who attended.
- The event was well attended and enjoyed by the community.

Mini-Monthlies

- One volunteer spot remains open for April 8, 2026.

Turkey Trot – Nav Cheema

- Event date: November 13.
- A Sign-Up Genius was shared in a special edition newsletter.
- Volunteers are still needed to help distribute:
 - Donuts
 - Vegan cupcakes
 - Cider
 - Clementines
- Most volunteer spots have already been filled.
- Leftover treats will be shared with teachers.

Fall Book Fair

- Scheduled for December 1–5.

Bagel Friday

- December 5 in the MPR alongside the final day of the Book Fair.

Math Club – Yunus

- Open to students in grades 1–5.
- Runs from early December through March.
- Meets Wednesdays from 5:30–6:10 p.m.
- Club concludes with the Math Kangaroo Test in the spring.

Restaurant Night Fundraisers – Erin Hill

Upcoming fundraisers include:

- The Earle – December 2
- Chipotle – December 9

A flower arranging class with University Florist is also being planned.

Silent Auction – Buffy Beattie & Angelica Vinuesa

- Save the date: March 13, 2026.
- Planning is just beginning.
- Volunteers are still needed for:
 - Database committee
 - Business solicitation committee

Science Olympiad – Maeran Uhm

- Registration for coaches and key volunteers is now open.
- Student registration opens in February 2025.
- Coach and volunteer deadline: November 21, 2025.
- WESO Tournament will take place Saturday, May 9 at Pioneer High School.
- Additional day-of volunteers are also needed.

King Learning Garden – Whitney Wilkes-Krier

- Classroom visits to the garden continue throughout the fall.
- Families are encouraged to volunteer when their child's class visits.
- Garden activities have included:

- Planting garlic beds
- Removing weeds and sunflower stalks
- Building a tulip bed
- Preparing the garden for winter
- Students also enjoyed collecting milkweed seeds for home planting.

King Gear

- King spirit wear store is open year-round.
- Updated information and links will continue to be shared with families.

International Night

- Scheduled for February 21, 2026, from 6–8 p.m. at Huron High School.

Lego Robotics Club – Aarti Raheja

- One of the 2nd/3rd grade Lego teams (“Discoverers”) recently competed in Chelsea.
- This year’s theme focused on archaeology.
- The team designed robots to identify gems and provide security.
- The team received the Coding Award.
- Thanks were extended to the PTO for supporting the program.

6. New Business & Announcements

- Picture retake day is November 25.
 - Volunteers are needed from approximately 9–11 a.m.
- No school November 26–28 for Thanksgiving break.
- Lost and Found Donation Day is December 15.
 - Unclaimed items will be washed, bagged, and donated.
 - Lisa Arnsdorf volunteered to help.
- An updated King Directory will be included in the next newsletter.

AAPAC Representative Needed

The Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC) is seeking a King parent representative.

AAPAC:

- Supports students receiving special education services
- Promotes inclusion across AAPS schools

- Meets the first Monday of each month from 7–9 p.m.

Interested families can contact:

- aakingpto@gmail.com

PTOC Representative Needed

A PTOC representative is still needed.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending one monthly Zoom meeting with PTO representatives across Ann Arbor
- Supporting district-wide equity efforts
- Sharing ideas and resources across schools

Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of each month and last about one hour.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjournment: 6:52 pm
- b. Motion to adjourn: Tiffany Walther
- c. Seconded: Nav Cheema