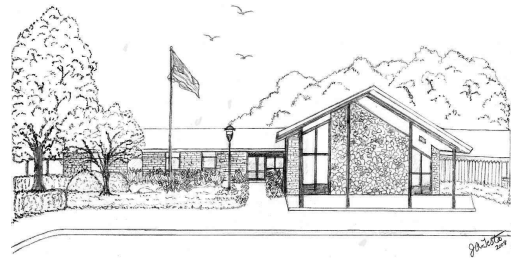


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January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Brittany Yannucci, Recording Secretary

- I. 6:30 PM Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
Board Members in attendance: Mary Cait Byrnes, Lianne Hoffmann, Lisa Kowalchuk, Ashley Mulligan
- II. Principal's Report (Claudia Smith):
- III. President's Report - [Approval of 11/13/25meeting](#)
- IV. 6:33 PM - 6:45 PM Old Business (Lisa Kowalchuk):
 - a. [PJ Day/ Holiday Sing Along: Students were given the book *The Twelve Days of Winter* and enjoyed hot cocoa in their pajamas. They sang holiday songs together. This event is always loved by the kids. We did find that renaming it to "Winter Sing Along" was very confusing to some parents because they thought it was a concert they were going to be invited to.](#)
 - b. [Gingerbread Hunt: Thank you to Brittany Yannucci for chairing and making this a fun holiday family outing. The winners received their prizes of coloring books and a \\$5 gift card to Angelica's prior to the holiday break.](#)
 - c. [Square 1 Art: We raised around \\$1,000. Thank you to Mrs. Browne for helping us have the students create their artwork. This year we pre-labeled all the artwork sheets and that made it much easier.](#)
 - d. [Holiday Shop: We used Natalie's Elf Shelf again this year and it was great. It was super helpful to increase the total number of students in the building when signing up for the shop. That way we receive more items. We also did 2 restock orders on the most popular items. The kids really do enjoy shopping for their families. We raised \\$2,200. Just a note that this company should be booked in the summer for the following school year.](#)
 - e. [Sign Ups were posed for Fruity Friday and School Store; if you did not get a spot we have a waitlist. If you have a spot and can not make it please let us know as soon as possible so we can fill the empty place with someone from the waitlist.](#)
 - f. [Red Tickets: Red tickets are being given to star riders on the bus. These tickets are good for any school store or fruity Friday item. Congratulations to all of the star riders of the week so far!.](#)
- V. 6:45 PM - 6:57 PM New Business (Mary Cait Byrnes):
 - a. [Second Grade book club: To be held on 1/28/26. They are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.](#)
 - b. [Someone Special Dance is 2/7/26- We have a few people who are running the event. Different time slots per grade level. Tickets to go on sale Friday, January 17th. There will be opportunities to volunteer during the event or help set up. This year's theme is Wildcat Winter Jam, which is school spirit themed. We will rotate 3 different themes over a 3 year period so that every grade gets to experience each theme one time and it cuts back on costs of creating new](#)

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themes all the time. The themes are Glow Dance, Sweetheart Dance, & School Spirit. Next year we will go back to Glow Dance and start the rotation over.

- c. Valentine's Day pop up shop is February 11th during lunch periods. Students will shop for special Valentine's Day items. Volunteer opportunities to be posted soon. If anyone is interested in running this shop please let us know.
- d. MoMA: Art show is going to be March 2nd. Students will have artwork on display. We are working with the art teacher to create "self portraits". We will continue with the same theme and set up as last year where we display matted artwork by class on the walls and students can come and see their art work "museum" style. There will be drinks and snacks. Chances to win will be the only charge for this event. Artwork will go home with students after the event, they will not take them home that night. We would love to have some sort of music, maybe Middle or High School students can come and do a small orchestra show.
- e. Fundraising: Thank you to our Fundraising Chair, Sam Caladrino, for getting us some amazing prizes for the chances to win at MoMA. Some of the prizes include Adventure Land Tickets, Alfredo's Gift Card, Bella Amina Gift Card and much more!
- f. Yearbook dedications for second graders will be available to purchase soon. \$25 for 1/8 of page and \$50 for 1/4 of page. Deadline for purchase and design submission most likely the end of February. All second graders are given a yearbook as a gift from the PTO. Kindergarten and first grade students will be able to purchase a yearbook for \$50. Sales will close at the end of March.
- g. Possible spring sportswear sale. New designs coming.
- h. Science Fair is April 15th. Details have been sent to parents via ParentSquare regarding all the information.
- i. We will be slowly transitioning to ParentSquare. We will still have Remind for the remainder of the year and will post monthly updates on ParentSquare, please be sure to sign up to receive the ParentSquare notifications..

VI. Principal Q&A: *N/A*

VII. 6:57 PM - 7:16 PM Other Business (Mary Cait Byrnes):

- a. Questions/Concerns: *Mary Cait spoke about the PTO Board for the following school year and potential related events.*
- b. Move to adjourn

The PTO Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Attendees were then provided with a PTA Council presentation.

Future meeting dates (tentative at 6:30pm @ Miller Avenue unless noted)

2/9/26 (Council Meeting), 3/12/26, 4/29/26, 5/11/26 (Council Meeting), 6/2/26 (PTO/A elections)

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