

Miller Avenue School Parent Teacher Organization

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Miller Ave PTO

November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Brittany Yannucci, Recording Secretary

- I. 6:33 PM Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
Board Members in attendance: Mary Cait Byrnes, Lisa Kowalchuck, Lianne Hoffmann, Brittany Yannucci
- II. Principal's Report (Claudia Smith): **N/A, DID NOT ATTEND.**
- III. 6:34 PM- 6:45 PM Old Business (Mary Cait Byrnes and Lisa Kowalchuck):
 - Mary Cait spoke about how picture day was a success! Pictures have been delivered. Retake day is scheduled for 11/14 for anyone who missed or would like a retake. The Second Grade Group photo will also be that day. Second grade students need to wear their class shirts for the group photo.
 - Lisa spoke about the Fall Festival at Fink's Farm. She said that 282 bracelets were pre-ordered and 242 were sold at the door. The weather was beautiful and fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who came!
 - The Fall book fair was a success. Scholastic dollars were used for any students who forgot money. They were allowed to pick from a selection of books to take something home. Extra scholastic dollars will be used for next year's bucket filler books. We raised over \$2,000.
 - Halloween Pop Up: Kids loved shopping for fun halloween themes items. We raised over \$300.
 - Lisa spoke about the Candy Buy Back: Students fed the monsters bringing in 372 lbs. of Halloween candy. First grade won extra recess with 134 lbs. Second grade was 2nd with 124 lbs. and Kindergarten had 114 lbs. Facing the Future Orthodontics will send us \$200.
 - Fruity Friday sales are going well, the kids love to shop for fruit!
 - The second school store was successful, and new items were added. Book Bag Buddies and squishies are a favorite for all students.
 - The 2nd annual trunk or treat was a hit! Thank you to all of our trunk volunteers and congratulations to our winning trunk- Frankenstein Pick or Treat.
 - Lisa spoke about Square One Art- Catalogs will go home next week with a preview of your child's artwork. Orders can then be placed for keepsake items; magnets, ornaments, mugs, etc. Items are then shipped directly home. Orders must be placed by 12/5/25. You can visit www.square1art.com to view your child's artwork as well. If your child did not receive artwork they may have been absent, let us know if you would like to purchase keepsakes and we can assist in getting art uploaded.
 - Mary Cait spoke about the Sportswear and Sock sale that has ended. Orders will be sent home with your child unless you alert us to a different pick up option that is needed. Delivery expected before the holidays. Sock Sale was a HUGE hit!

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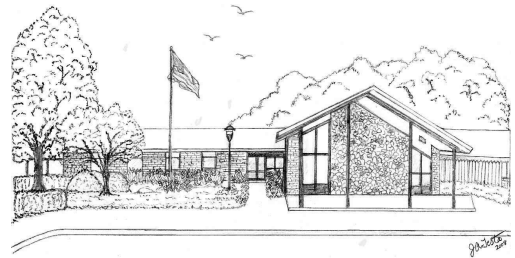
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- **Veteran's Day:** This a spectacular event that the PTO is extremely excited and honored to be a part of. We provided breakfast for all Veterans and their families.

VII. 6:45 PM - 7:01 PM New Business (Mary Cait Byrnes and Lisa Kowalchuk):

- Mary Cait spoke about the upcoming Holiday Shop. Students will be able to shop 12/8-12/12. We need volunteers to set up and to help kids shop. A sign up will be like a book fair, volunteers for each class- four helpers per class. Prices will range from \$1-\$15. There will be an option to set up an "Elf Wallet" similar to Scholastic E-Wallet. A list and envelope will be sent home with kids so parents can make a list of who needs to be shopped for.
- Mary Cait spoke about the Gingerbread scavenger hunt: 12/15 - 12/19. Raffle prizes for participants, drawing will be held 12/20. Houses will all be picked by the Chairperson. The chairperson will deliver and place all the gingerbread men. The chairperson that volunteered is Brittany Yannucci, Recording Secretary.
- Mary Cait and Lisa spoke about the Winter Sing Along and Pajama Day that is scheduled for 12/23. Students will be given a book and receive a cup of hot cocoa to enjoy. The board members and some volunteers will attend and assist with dispersing hot chocolate and books.
- Please be on the look out for future volunteer opportunities. Fruity Friday and School Store sign ups for the remainder of the year will be posted after Thanksgiving.
- Mary Cait and Lisa spoke about the Someone Special Dance that is scheduled for 2/7/26. Volunteers are needed for the committee and a chairperson to run the event.

VIII. Principal Q & A: **N/A, DID NOT ATTEND.**

IX. 7:02 PM Other Business:

- Move to adjourn

The PTO Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM. Attendees were then provided with a PTA Council presentation.

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

1/8/26, 2/9/26 (Council Meeting), 3/12/26, 4/29/26,

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5/11/26 (Council Meeting), 6/2/26 (PTO/A elections)

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