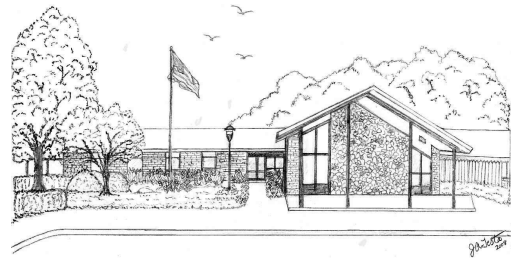


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March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Brittany Yannucci, Recording Secretary

- I. 6:36 PM Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
Board Members in attendance: Mary Cait Byrnes, Lisa Kowalchuk, Lianne Hoffmann, Brittany Yannucci
- II. 6:36 PM - 6:44 PM Principal's Report (Claudia Smith): *Mrs. Smith thanked the board for the MOMA event and that it "was so fun". She spoke about the upcoming Science Fair in April, 60 kids have signed up so far. The kindergarten registration is underway, with a much lower enrollment than usual. The kindergarten orientation meeting is set for May 18th and will start with a tour, information about the PTO can also be included. Mrs. Smith discussed Monday, August 31st as a possible date for the kindergarten "play date". Mrs. Smith lastly discussed the beginning of PARP week and schedule of events.*
- III. President's Report - *Approval of 2/9/26 meeting*
- IV. 6:44 PM - 6:51 PM Old Business (Mary Cait Byrnes and Lisa Kowalchuk):
 - a. *The Valentine's Day Pop up shop was a huge success! The volunteers were thanked for helping make the event run so smoothly.*
 - b. *Lisa spoke about the MOMA event that happened on March 2nd. Students and families appeared to have a wonderful time at the event; especially sipping apple juice from champagne flutes! Mrs. Browne, art teacher, was thanked for assisting the students in creating their self-portraits used during the art show. The raffle brought in \$1200. Also, King Kullen was thanked for donating the cookies for the event.*
 - c. *Mary Cait spoke about the yearbook and how yearbook design ads for second grade families closed today.*
 - d. *The PTO Board sponsored a memorial plaque in memory of Don Riccardi- Mrs. Claudia Smith presented the plaque to the Board and audience for viewing.*
- V. 6:51 PM - 7:09 PM New Business (Mary Cait Byrnes and Lisa Kowalchuk):
 - a. *Lisa and Lianne Hoffmann spoke about an informational session for anyone interested in a PTO board position for the upcoming school year. Dates will be later sent out.*
 - b. *Mary Cait spoke about yearbook sales that will be posted soon. All second grade students will be gifted a yearbook 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.*
 - c. *Mary Cait and Lianne Hoffmann spoke about the spring sportswear sale that will be posted soon. New designs were discussed and voted on for the upcoming sale. The due date for the sale will be before spring break.*

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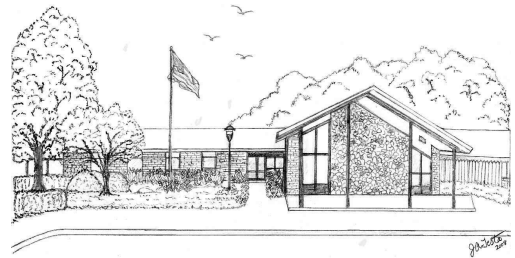
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- d. The Science Fair will be held on April 15th. The details for this event have been sent to parents via ParentSquare regarding all the information. The PTO plans on supplying pizza for the event.
- e. The last school store will be on April 15th. Opportunities to volunteer (via a lottery) were also discussed for the upcoming Mother's Day and Father's Day pop up shops.
- f. The Board discussed Teacher Appreciation Week coming up on 5/4- 5/8. A collection fund will be posted for the staff luncheon. Volunteers will be needed and any ideas are welcomed. A possible coffee truck and/or bacon, egg and cheese truck were discussed as potential ideas.
- g. Lisa spoke about the spring book fair and the change in dates- it will now be from May 11-15th. Volunteer opportunities will be available.
- h. PARP week will also be May 11-15th. Information will be sent via ParentSquare when the week gets closer. The PTO will be providing ice pops to celebrate at the end of PARP week. The theme will be Red, White and Blue to celebrate the 250th year of America.
- i. PARP week Bingo event will take place on Monday, May 11th. Information will be posted on ParentSquare, Remind and Facebook. Bingo cards will be available by pre-order only for \$5 each. There will also be a raffle available to participate in for \$10 for 20 tickets. Lisa thanked all who donated baskets for the event.
- j. Mary Cait spoke about slowly transitioning to ParentSquare; fully by next school year.

- VI. 7:15 PM - 7:32 PM Principal Q&A: Mrs. Claudia Smith spoke about Second Grade Graduation; Bagel Breakfast, Second Grade Send-Off (which will be outside again this year). She also discussed with the Board how she is enjoyed the graduation ceremony and activity day being separate as it will again this year.
- VII. 7:15 PM - 7:32 PM Other Business (combined with Principal Q&A):
- a. Questions/Concerns: [please see above](#)
 - b. Move to adjourn

The PTO Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

4/29/26, 5/11/26 (Council Meeting), 6/2/26 (PTO Elections)

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