

Hope School PTO Meeting, held at Hope School

February 9, 2026

Notes taken by: Jessie Maguire

In Attendance: Shirley Wisdorf, Tahneta Stroh, Jess Hogan, Carey Idle, Jessie Maguire, Heather Airth, Jeremy McKibben, Christen Peck. Cindy McKibben via ZOOM.

Call to order @: 3:42pm

Principal Report: Winter Assessment Data grades 3-10. Reading began with median 78, now 75th, growing at the 63rd percentile. The percentile is high for our group. Math was 83rd then 84, 63rd for growth. For parents, it's helpful for us to reinforce that these scores matter. The scores impact public perception of how our school and district are doing. Important decisions are made based upon these scores. In class K-3, beginning of year 14% was well below benchmark performance. Suggestion is that they need extra help, which has happened and they are now above that measure. Emphasis on reading at home to help keep improving.

LEGO robotics kits that were available were found to be discontinued, thus not purchased. Title I money will be used for the expanding Robotics in the classroom, and for some elective needs for the older students.

Teacher Report: Battle of Books was today, girls came in fifth. Ryland, Roosa and Matthew created a Knex ball rollercoaster monstrosity that is quite impressive. Finished War of 1812, moved on to insects. Started using robots, the class one is called Dash, they can be connected to the computer, it's sound activated. They've been taking turns coding. Math and reading also happening.

Treasurer Report: as follows

Current balance as of Sept. 9 is \$24,109.54

New revenue since last meeting: None to report

Expenses: None to report

Student Report: Ellie is not present, there's some discussion of installing new athletics bars on the playground, which would require pouring concrete etc. The desire is for more gymnastics play. Concerns are expressed for using a high bar for doing gymnastics for risk of injury; Cindy suggests more indoor gymnastics equipment would be safer and more appropriate.

Old Business:

SWAG order: we want to buy students and staff t-shirts. Christy estimates total cost of \$255.46 Heather motions for the PTO money to be spent to buy these shirts and Tahnetia 2nd.

They prefer to know a day in advance if someone besides yourself will sign out and transport your child from the skiing days. This needs to be done in writing; either on paper or email (not verbal). Ensure volunteer information, waiver and vehicle check are in order if you're going to transport children.

Hope Scholarship discussion; any post-secondary school is appropriate for use with the scholarship money (including religious school or flight school). We need fundraising verbiage for the PTO fundraising for the flyers which will be produced. PTO Funds can only be used for the explicit purpose they were claimed to be raised for, so we want to broaden the scope to include any activities, scholarships, classroom materials so they may be utilized more freely.

Suggestion is made:

“Funds will directly support student activities, classroom materials and senior scholarships”

We want to dial in this new verbiage before the Readathon (March 18th).

New Business: March 3rd is early release at 3pm.

Teacher's Needs: subscription to Make Wonder \$199 / year for robotics learning. Jessie motions PTO money to buy subscription, Carey 2nd. Archery will not fall under Title I coverage, and the component for knocking arrows are breaking and need to be replaced. Carey motions and Tahnetia 2nd using PTO funds not to exceed \$250 to purchase replacements.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:21pm Jess motions and Jessie 2nd