

Hope School PTO Meeting, held at Hope School

**April 13, 2026**

Notes taken by: Jess Hogan

**In Attendance:** Jeremy Mckibben, Cindy McKibben, Jess Hogan, Bec Howard, Lee Airth, Kelcey Farber (telephonic), Avery Everett

**Call to order @: 3:45**

**Principal Report:**

Jeremy & Cindy will be leaving at the end of this year. If families are considering not attending Hope school for next year, Cindy is making a request to let her know so they can make a plan. We support the best choice for the families, but want to have as much information as possible to plan as best as possible. Currently, we have two teacher positions slated for next year. If enrollment is too low, however, we may not qualify for two teachers and that could change. Cindy was not positive of the exact qualifications for two teachers. She thought it was more than 7 or 8 students in grades 7 and above that would qualify us for two teachers.

**Registration for next year is open now so if parents could register their children that would be helpful.**

Bec asked if the district knows who would replace Cindy. Currently unknown who would replace Cindy due to multiple school closures. We can only be sure that it will be very different.

- Impromptu movie night this Friday April 17th at 6pm.
- Field date is Tuesday May 12th.
- Graduation is Monday 6pm 18th.
- Looking for alternatives to STEM night for Parent/Student engagement. Potentially have a reading on the lawn. Date TBD.

**Teacher Report:**

Learning about body systems - digestive. Reading and math are going well. Working on robotics too. Received the robotics equipment that the PTO assisted in purchasing. The rocket ship was delayed in purchasing. Jeremy is willing to set up a date to launch if they come in after school gets out.

Reviewing grade appropriate internet safety - common sense media for each grade

Parent resource - Officer Gomez is a school resource officer and has been posting helpful information on Facebook. Cindy mentioned that he has received the most 911 calls when parents turn off the video games Roblox and Minecraft (indicating that kids are getting violent when parents turn off the device. Evidently for these games you cannot save the game). Also, a recent post indicated that predators can also message kids on Canva - which is a graphic

design platform. There is a school resource officer in Homer that offers talks to schools. Cindy will check in to see if zoom may be an option for Hope.

**Treasurer Report: as follows**

**Current balance as of April 13 is \$21,485.74**

**New revenue since last meeting:** Merch fundraiser = \$518.20, Readathon = \$1350

**Expenses: none**

**Student Report:** Not available.

**Old Business:**

Skiing - Bec advised that Charlie observed some not cool mountain etiquette when he was riding with Mason. Mason took a jump and then landed out in the middle of the hill without paying attention to uphill traffic. Mason indicated his instructor said it was okay to do that. Point being - we are paying more for the service and have higher expectations for the program. At a minimum, students should be learning proper safety and mountain etiquette. This time, moving students up was easy for Jeremy to request, but other parents said their students were not moved up when they should have been. Cindy will check with Cooper Landing for their feedback. Definitely worth revisiting when we discuss approving this activity for next year.

Readathon - Success! Pizza party awarded. Students raised \$1,350. Party TBD.

The senior scholarship -committee is working on a formal document. Discussion about how the district can release funds. PTO will have to write a memorandum annually to include the details. Funds will be a separate line item on the budget.

**New Business:**

Teacher needs: Skiing mileage not covered by grant funds - **\$244.50 for the mileage costs. Bec made a motion to approve \$244.50 and Jeremy second. None opposed.**

Board members - losing two board members next year. We will need to have new members. Anyone?

Jess needs to change the date of the final meeting. May 13th next meeting date changed from May 11th.

\*Note - post meeting - Field day is before our next meeting and will require funds for the main meal and consumables. **The board approved \$500 for field day funds. Motion from Tahnetta to approve \$500 for field day. Second by Jeremy. Email attached.**

Snacks for reading on the lawn discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 4:40**