



## Minutes – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### General Meeting 4

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Welcome from Karen McVickers, PTO Secretary, on behalf of Allyson O'Regan, Chairperson

Update from Jeremy Thompson, Elementary School Principal

- Praised the PTO volunteers for bundt cakes and quarterly birthday celebrations! Received lots of positive feedback from staff members on what PTO continues to provide for them in Elementary School.
- Gearing up for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on January 16<sup>th</sup>. As of today, the countdown has started – there are 87 days left of school
- Amplify and Iready testing has started today.
- Collaborating with High School Unity Council. Unity Council has helped elementary students with reading, crafts and other activities.
- Update from Dr. Jake Wilson, Middle/High School Principal
  - Appreciated Staff Appreciation bundt cakes staff meal provided before the holiday break. Thank you for planning it Kristen Houser and Mary Ledford.
  - Middle school pajama gym jam was a success!
  - Raptor Navigators, the middle school after school program, has experienced more growth than ever before. Used grant money to improve after school curricular activities.
  - A team has restructured study hall for middle school. Students are taking part in exploring opportunities for the years after high school. They are given the chance to work on homework but can also focusing on real life situations after high school.
  - Ken Ostendorf has built, with the help of students, a greenhouse for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Student in Nutrition and Health Science focused on seasonal smoothies recently.
  - Big 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership projects are underway.
  - MICS has had their 1<sup>st</sup> Harvard full ride acceptance. Cheyenne Painter will also be playing soccer for Harvard.
  - Middle School Boys and Girls Swim team is currently undefeated.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball team is currently undefeated.

#### PTO Event Updates

- PTO Auction – Michelle Halterman
  - March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm. Muddy River Distillery. Save the date going out Friday.
  - Need volunteers the week before and during the event.



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- Ticket sales will begin February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- PTO K-8 Father-Daughter Dance – Karen McVickers on behalf of Lawanna Gaddy
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm. Tickets are \$8 a person.
- PTO Mother/Son Golf - Karen McVickers, on behalf of Amanda Lawing
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm
  - Max of 200 golfers. Reminder: only the golfer needs a ticket, not the mothers.
- PTO Spring Book Fairs – Karen McVickers
  - Middle School Fair: March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Elementary School Fair: April 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Currently have \$7,967.69 in scholastic dollars. A lot of this will be used for the new Middle School book fair this year – to purchase books for the middle school teachers and fill up their classrooms.

#### PTO Committee Updates

- PTO K-12 Staff Appreciation – Kristen Houser and Mary Ledford
  - Bundt cakes appreciated by all staff.
  - February 6<sup>th</sup> – Wing and Salad Bar. Before Superbowl.
- PTO Elementary School Room Parents – Karen McVickers, Lauren Love
  - Quarterly Birthday Celebration: “These Are a Few of Our Favorite Things” theme. Provided on December 17<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Thank you for all items donated by families.
- PTO Middle/High School Room Parents – Beth Butlak, Megan Goke
  - Quarterly Birthday Celebration: October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for all the items donated by families.
  - Parents volunteered to help hand out cookies for middle school.
  - Working on Honor Roll candy for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
- PTO Spirit Nights – Robyn Steward, update provided by Karen McVickers
  - Charlotte Checkers game on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased through the MICS link, and a portion of the money will go back to MICS PTO.
  - This will be Robyn’s last year as PTO Spirit Event Coordinator. Looking for a volunteer to transition to.





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- PTO Everyday Fundraisers – Lisa Turner, update by Karen McVickers
  - \$794.50 out of \$1500 goal
- PTO Treasurer – Nicole Swanson, update by Karen McVickers
  - All receipts are in and accounted for.
- Soar Foundation– Jenny Curry
  - Color Run – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thinking of selling shirts for purchase this year.

Update from Glenn Byrum, Executive Director

- Raptor Run Stunt, prerecorded 150 ft swing/drop at Carowinds by Glenn and Jake Wilson was a hit at the assemblies! Thankful Jake pulled the cord.
- Inclement weather – the alerts will go out by 6am the day of a possible closing or delay. If there is nothing received by 6am please plan on sending your student to school.
- Calendar has been pushed out for next school year.

Adjourn



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