



PSO Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026

Called to Order: 6:31 PM

- **Present:** Kari Willms (President), Crystal Gilbert (VP), Stephanie Rossi (Secretary), Jessica Gamarro (Treasurer), Katey Tritt, Michelle Stemler, Nicole Belcher, Amy Gholston, Jackie Gerou, Kris Kordecki, Jamie Wojtanowicz, Leanne Wiechert, Margie Blair, Besnike Saitoski, Amy Enright, Jared Kwiatkowski
- **Secretary Report:** December notes were printed and reviewed by those present. No changes were noted. Meeting minutes were approved by Tritt and Kordecki.
- **Treasurer Report:** Report was reviewed by those in attendance. The Prowl shirts that we were waiting for were approved. It was also noted that of the \$500 that was approved for winter gear only \$100 was used.
- **Jr High Winter Formal 2.6.2026:** The planning is going well. There are a couple of projects that are in motion that may need more help on, maybe at Wednesday's lunch recess. Save the dates will go out this week. A sign up genius will go out for volunteers only. PSO will provide the food, as they did last year. The same SUG can be used as last year, maybe just making the kitchen set up time a little earlier than last year and up the volunteer opening to 4 as well as adding a stair monitoring station. Our budget last year for food was \$700. We will want to increase that slightly. Looking to approve \$800 for food and \$1K for décor. A motion to approve the total of \$1,800 was approved by Tritt and Kordecki.
- **Movie Nights:** We have confirmed that Fred is in to run movie nights in January and February. Dates will be 1.30.2026 and 2.20.2026. Movies will be Lilo and Stitch and Minecraft respectively.
- **Kingfish Game June 5, 2026:** This year the dates worked out so that the Paris Band night will coincide with Paris School night. Last year the PSO subsidized \$5 per student. We will do that again this year, but we will also want to ensure that all band students will be able to attend without the cost of the student/parent hindering their attendance.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** This year Easter is April 5, 2026. There is no school April 3rd. Looking to have the Easter Egg Hunt on April 2nd or 3rd. We will want to check with Jennifer to see what works best for her.
- **School Staff Gifts Recap:** Everyone loved the subs from Costco that were provided this year as well as the hot cocoa bar. Everything went very well. It seemed like the subs from Costco worked out better than Subway. Ongoing, we should continue with the Costco subs and add salad and fruit. Very cost effective as well.
- **Christmas Paw Store Recap:** The Paw Store worked very well in the cafeteria. On Monday the students spent: \$1091. On Tuesday the students spent: \$1425. We had a 5% discount for booking early (\$125) So the total

expenditure was \$2390.00 This was under the budget we allowed for this event. We will want to book early again to ensure we get that discount. Crystal will look into December 14& 15th 2026.

- **Condolence Gift for Beth LaBelle:** Both of Beth's parents passed away. Since it was so quick and over break Kari made the executive decision to go ahead with the purchase of \$100 gift card to Texas Roadhouse, since this was the agreed upon amount in previous meetings and the turn around time for this one was quick because of winter break.
- **Exploration Unit:** We are working on getting the grants approved through the Shedd Aquarium. We were approved for the first step of the grant process and at this time we are awaiting approval for the second step. The cost is \$25 for students and \$35 for adults, we do not know at this time what the grant will cover if approved. If the grant does not go through the cost will be close to \$8,000 for students and chaperones. Plus, an additional \$2,400 for buses. In addition to the field trip, the request was made for \$2,500 for supplies including the art expenses for Beth, additional literature and some extra supplies. At today's meeting we are looking to approve the cost of the buses and the cost of additional supplies (\$5,000 total today) We will address the cost of the Shedd Aquarium when we have a better idea if the grant goes through and what it will cover. A motion for \$5,000 was approved by Tritt and Gerou.
- **Funds Raised For Primary Class Furniture:** Not looking for an approval today, but Jared brought hand outs to show some of the asks. They did review needs vs wants. Based on the asks the total for K-2 will be around \$24,000 for all 5 classrooms. There is no ask for approval at this time, just an FYI for the PSO.
- **Spaghetti Supper Planning Meeting:** A planning meeting for the Spaghetti Supper will be held on Tuesday, 1.13.2026 at 6:30 PM. Kris will call the auctioneer tomorrow to verify his availability. Volunteers are always welcome as a lot of families will age out when this 5th grade class graduates.
- **Monthly Dinners:**
 - **January:** Possibly Antioch Pizza?
 - **February:** Milwaukee Burger
 - **April:** Culvers
- **School Updates:**
 - **Positively Paris:** This program is doing really well! Everyone is having a lot of fun with it. It is definitely going in a great direction.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 PM
Next Meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM