

PTO Attendance:

Colette Ivey  
Joanna Costello Saile  
Lauryn Rochlen  
Chris Sarah  
Dara Moses  
Jan Smith  
Elizabeth Pettie  
Caroline Kaganov  
Melanie Rountry

**Message from the president Liisa Lusk:**

Liisa introduces the board. We had awesome fundraising last year from Bengal bash, fun run and other fundraising. We made improvements to the school with our funds including: blind replacement, two large fans have been installed in the hallways to keep classrooms cool. We have new furniture in hallways, new mural in hallway, movement decals, and a new fridge for the clinic.

Book fair profits were spent by the librarian and they added about \$1300 dollars worth of books to the library.

Thank you everyone for attending our first day coffee. Now that we have google forms we can aggregate information of interests if you are running an event

Liz Trudeau is updating the website.

New fundraiser: We are thinking of having Hungry Harvest, imperfect produce, as an event. *If you are interested in running this fundraiser let me know.*

We have some open positions on the board: Multi-cultural rep to run the heritage festival. It is usually in Spring, but it is flexible. One of the jobs of the multicultural rep would be to connect international and multicultural parents to resources. The international neighbors group helps with the multi cultural rep.

Emily is our treasurer and it would be great for someone to shadow her and take over for next year. If you know someone that would be good let me know. Book fair coordinator: We are looking for this position, putting books in kids hands is super cute. Kim did an awesome job doing display cases even Dr. Swift was impressed. If anyone would like to decorate the display case let me know. We need lunch help. This can be a paid or volunteer position.

**Principal 's Report:**

Thank you to the board and Jan for being the teacher rep and Sarah is our new OT at Bach and we are appreciative of you being here. I am so happy with how our school looks inside and out, we've also had composition books, scholastic readers, office supplies, a coffee pot for the main office which were all supported by the PTO. Those attention to detail things that make our school a great place to visit are so much appreciated. We also purchased a walking talking for every staff member. Staff members

appreciated. we also purchased a walkie-talkies for every staff member. Staff members have the ability to communicate with each other and this gives us a system of communication.

Through our responsive classroom delegates we came up with a list of school rules and we have been using posters of the rules to go over expectations with the kids. They are posted around the school and the printing of the posters was purchased from PTO funds.

On OCT 10<sup>th</sup> there is a bond meeting at Bach school we will look for ways to create a learning environments that are more 21 century. Please come to learn more about that. There is a board outside the main office and it goes over the main points of the meeting.

I am looking for a couple of volunteers to coordinate the family in need fund. It would be all confidential. The volunteers would get a list of needs and would purchase and get reimbursed. We carried over about \$2000 dollars from last year and there is more in the budget for this year.

In the office if you are chairing the committee there is a building use request form.

Bach community calendar is the on website.

Grade level planning days: teachers are working collaboratively to make year long plans for grade level such as creating grade wide rubrics.

We are getting a new security system: the raptor. It will do an immediate background check based on your license. It will produce a visitor's badge. After first visit you won't have to use your license in.

**Jan Smith's teachers report:** Teachers are grateful that we are allowed to go on field trips every year because of the money PTO raises. Big thank you for our staff. Friday we are doing our climate parade at 11 o'clock the staff and kids are excited. Kids go around the side of the building.

**Emily's budget report** – there is a lot that goes on behind scenes. Budget is made by prior year actual. The purpose of coming here today is to share it with you and to formally approve the budget. We achieved a surplus last year and we've purchased a number of things that were on our goal list. Spending highlights include field trips and building improvements.

We try to always have a balanced budget. Income was 70,000. Major expenses include – Events, Fieldtrips, gym improvements, curriculum based, Families-in-need. We have \$1300 set aside for a kids un-assembly. We added money for improvements and Curriculum. We added a \$2500 dollar line item so teachers could attend professional conferences. Line item added for new directory. We doubled the front office and discretionary so there was flexibility to purchase for needs for the school .

We always maintain a reserve of \$15,000 we currently have a reserve of \$23,000.

**Vote on adding Lauryn Rochlen and removing Stacey Pomranky and Thom Bales.**

Melanie Rounry moves to add Lauryn Rochlen and remove Stacey Pomranky and Thom Bales. Liisa Lusk seconds. Motion passes.

Emily presents more on the budget. If items come up in the middle of the year, spending requests should be sent to Liisa and presented at the next PTO meeting.

Colette Ivey: We need to upgrade the reading room. Upper L is in major need. Lakewood

PTO just did a big purchase like this.

Emily suggests tying this request to giving Tuesday.

Colette suggests identifying needs and laying out lawn term budget plans. T

**Liisa Lusk moves to approve the budget. Melanie Rountrey seconds. Motion passes.**

Caroline is the Bach representative for IEP's and 504s it helps people move through system. There is a group of parents that can help filter information. We have meetings every month. AAPAC district wide meeting: First Monday of the month @ Tappan Middle School. <https://a2pac.wordpress.com> . [carolinekaganov@me.com](mailto:carolinekaganov@me.com)

Melanie presents on room parents. Room Parents

We need you spread the word. L does not have any, Chappel does not have any, Robinson has one, MR. B, and Ringo. Room parent, organizing gifts, helping out with parties, sign up geniuses

Bike Walk to School day is October 2<sup>nd</sup>