Beattie PTO Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2026
6:30-7:30 PM

Board Members: Shawna Richter-Ryerson (President), Chase Horn (Vice President), Jenny Ells (Treasurer), Kylie DeBord (Secretary)

6:30-6:40

- Welcome: Shawna
- Treasurer's Report: Jenny
  - Budget: From September 1st, does not include Beattie Bash or Walk a Thon updates
- Principals Report: Julie
  - Picture Day- Tomorrow
  - Evacutation
  - Ribbon Cutting, Dot Day
  - Deaf Awareness Week
  - School Improvement Goals:
    - Goals to improve percentage of students within blue and green groups for Dibels testing
    - Math to increase students earning 3s and 4s in math

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Committee Updates:

Report back:

- Play and Popsicicles
  - Saturday, August 8 | 9:00–10:00 AM
    - Smaller turnout than first event
    - Next year will go back to the playground
- Open House
  - Monday, August 10 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
    - All new students have gotten their shirts
    - Make sure to send an email to teachers to look for the students names when putting them on the desks in the classroom
    - Street Treats were happy with the amount of sales they got
    - Will need more T-Shirt cards for next year
    - Raychal will create a document for the handoff of the role
- Teacher Appreciation Back to School
  - Teacher feedback: It was wonderful and greatly appreciated
- BooHoo Breakfast
  - Well attended
  - Gained some new attendance and new parents excited to be involved
- Beattie Bobcat Bash
  - Friday, September 11 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
    - 261 students and community members
    - Approx. $485 dollars raised
    - Tinsel booth, special effects makeup

Upcoming:

- Picture Day
  - September 15
    - There is a makeup day
- Boundless Play
  - Ribbon Cutting, September 18 | 8:15 AM
    - Students to say thank you
    - Teachers to share some history on the playground
    - Community members to thank and highlight
    - Lincoln Community Foundation will have representatives on behalf of the anonymous donor

- Walk-a-thon Update
    - Friday, September 25 | All Day
        - $15,000 as of 9/14/2026
        - Need volunteers for open time slots
        - Walking times for grades are during special time
        - Family and caregivers are encouraged to walk with them
        - UNL Athletes will be coming to walk
        - Lincoln High Student Council as well
        - Coin Wars and Pledge Star will run through walk a thon
        - Envelops due Friday 9/14/2026
        - Might be good to add a few more people to the Walk a Thon committee
            - Casie to lead, looking for a person to lead communications
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Support
    - Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 | 4 PM
        - Catering
- After-School Clubs
    - Update
        - 7 Clubs at the moment
        - Looking for a few more clubs for K-2 age range.
        - Fencing club will be an option for 4-5th (10 students)
    - Sign-ups to go home Oct. 2
        - Clubs will start the week of October 26th, 2026

7:00-7:30:

New Business:

- Assembly
    - Planetarium
        - January 14th, 2027 for an all school assembly
            - Grades will go in individually
- Extra Field Trips
    - K-2: Wildlife Encounters
        - December 4th, 2026 | 1:00 - 2:15 PM
    - 3: Kona
    - 4: TBD
    - 5: Salt Dogs game for Mr. I
- Fall Classroom Parties
    - Friday, October 30
        - Sign ups will go out next month
- Teacher survey results
    - The Executive Team works with school leadership and teachers to identify ideas that will be valued by students, teachers and staff.
    - Teachers are overwhelmingly positive about current programing of the Beattie PTO
    - Remain student focused
    - Teachers appreciate:
        - Classroom supply funding
        - Extra Field trip support
        - Teacher appreciation
- Student's caregiver survey
    - October
        - Share in October Beattie Buzz and other PTO Communication Chanels
        - See what caregivers value for their students
- Open Forum
    - Garden Night: Sept. 21
    - Pumpkin Run: Sept. 27

        - Last day to register 9/15/2026
- Author Visit
    - Funds raised from the Scholastic Book fair go into a literacy fund.
    - Historically we use these funds to bring in an author, and also send to Saratoga, our sister school
    - Vote approved to bring in a visiting author
- Barnes and Noble Fundraiser
    - November 14th, 2026
- Box Tops Update:
    - $380 raised since July 2026
    - Goal of $1000
- Literacy Funds Ideas:
    - New teachers building a new library
    - Or replace class sets
    - Table for another meeting
- Committee Group Work

Looking ahead:

- Next PTO Meeting: Monday, October 5 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Beattie Library

Attendees:

- **Chase Horn**
- **Blaine Petska**
- **Davida Petska**
- **Jennifer Ells**
- **Shawan Richter-Ryerson**
- **Halley Kruse**
- **Casie Kitler**
- **Kylie DeBord**
- **Raychal Zupan**
- **Lacey Konwinski**
- **Julie Lee**
- **Koren Cartwright**
- **Amanda Renner**