Beattie PTO Meeting Minutes
October 5, 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
  - Introductions of Board Members for new attendance
- Treasurer's Report: Jenny
  - Walk-a-thon was highly successful!
    - Expenses have not been turned in yet
  - Beattie Bash came out $19.31 in the green
- Principals Report: Julie
  - Thank you for Conference meals and support
  - Reminders for upcoming October dates
  - Second graders took Cogat Assessment tests
  - 3rd, 4th and 5th graders took MAP tests during early September
  - All students will take the DIBELS assessments
  - These help to identify missing skills for WIN time and Small Group Reading, as well as interventions and other ways to help students enhance their skills in these areas where scores might be lower
  - Provided additional information on the School Improvement Plan (SIP), goals, and how to continue to implement

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Committee Updates:

Report back:

- Picture Day
  - This year implemented feedback from last year to keep things moving smoothly
  - Make up day TBD
- Boundless Play Ribbon Cutting
  - Good community turnout
- Walk-a-thon Results
  - Exceed goal by $ 1,960
  - Over the last 5 years, the walk a thon has raised over $100K
    - This funds all PTO events throughout the year
      - Fall Fun Night
      - Glow Dance
      - Summer Event
      - Art in the Garden
      - Assemblies
      - Literacy
      - Extra Field Trip per Grade
      - Support the Garden (largest garden of any elementary school in LPS)
      - Teacher Appreciation
      - Classroom materials for teachers
      - Ensure students, teachers and our school community feel supported
      - 95%–98% of funds remain with the school after accounting for expenses.
  - Thank you to the Walk-a-thon team

- Do we think $30,000 is still the right amount for the Walk-a-thon ?
  - Lock in $30,000 for 2027-2028
- Did this years balance of fundraising and fun work well?

        - Alignment that this is balanced. Enthusiasm from staff and teachers to keep kids excited.
    - Which prizes elicit the most excitement
        - Should we continue offering prize bags and swag bags?
            - Fair and equitable?
        - Could we transition to providing only medals and snacks?
        - Leadership committee: What type of prizes do kids want?
        - How can we incentivize students who put in effort but may not reach a financial donation tier?
        - Should we focus more on whole school benchmarks and experiences rather than goods
    - Do coin wars add enough value to the experience?
        - Students enjoyed the challenge and working to win the prize
    - Other:
        - Logistically, the rainy day plan worked out very well.
        - Can we send out the Sign Up Genius earlier?
        - More **Fun** tents?
            - Parent volunteers make this happen.
    - Leadership
        - PTO member with Social Media to post this
    - What information or materials would be more helpful?
        - The website has various pieces of information
        - Maintain current communication plans

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
    - Teachers liked it

Upcoming:

- After-School Clubs
    - Update
    - Sign-ups to go home October 2nd
    - Flyers went home last week
    - Google link is available on the sheet and facebook
    - The sort will go home on 10/15
- Fall Classroom Parties
    - Friday | October 30th
    - Emails are out.
    - Ashley to send reminder to teachers.
- Student Caregiver Survey
    - This is in the Beattie Buzz sent on 10/1
    - Social post will come out
    - Keep open approx. 3 weeks and will discuss the next meeting.
- Beattie Spiritwear sales
    - Open 10/19 - 10/31

<u>7:00-7:30:</u>

New Business:

- Literacy Funds Discussion
    - Visiting Author
        - Request sent to the district if they had an author in mind who might have a space theme
        - Jayme Sandberg (2nd)
        - Allison Pierce-Stevens

        - Clay Andersen (1st)
    - Book Vending Machine
        - Initial stock is provided; subsequent restocks must be funded by the school
    - Support new teachers in building classroom libraries
    - Support existing classroom libraries
    - Assist the gifted program teacher in updating reading materials
        - Replace existing titles or explore new titles and building that library
        - Can we use the recommended list that is provided
    - Continued discussion and will revisit in November
- Open Forum
    - Family Garden Night
        - Thursday | October 22 5:00 - 7:00 PM
        - Fall Garden Night
            - Dried plant arrangements
            - Garden Bingo
            - Chalk Art
            - Pumpkin Painting
            - Clay Ornaments
            - Mr. Dryer is the contact
            - Garden Team next meeting Thursday 10/8
    - Attendees
- Committee Group Work

Looking ahead:

- Next PTO Meeting: Monday, November 2 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Beattie Library

Attendees:

- **Jaime Atwell**
- **Amanda Renner**
- **Jennifer Ells**
- **Shawna Richter Ryerson**
- **Suzanne Coleman**
- **Koren Cartwright**
- **Ashley Siedhoff**
- **Gabrielle Sullivan**
- **Chase Horn**
- **Julie Lee**