

May 18, 2026 - In Person, VWES Cafeteria

VWES PTO Meeting Minutes

Officers		Committee Chairs	
President	Mike Harmon	Student Events	Brittany Harmon
Vice President/ Fundraising	Beth Harwell	Comm Business Partner	Mary Elizabeth Gregory
Treasurer/ Spirit Rock	Danielle Giudice	Membership/Volunteers	Ana Bristow
Secretary	Ashley Dwyer	Room Parent	Ashley Warner
Hospitality	Nicole Novack	Boosterthon	Ashley Warner
		Hospitality Co-Chair	Meredith Greenway
		Dine Out Nights	Jenny Christensen
Teacher Representative	Sydney Cauthen	Nominating	Josie Bashford
		Spirit Wear	Lorena Hurst / Liz Coburn
		Social Media	Elizabeth Hunt
		Lunch Shifts	Tracy Crawford

Meeting Opened: 6:07

President- Mike Harmon

Project ideas for 2026/27 School Year

- Campus wide clean up
- Nature trail clean up

Vice President/Fundraising Committee- Beth Harwell

- Fundraising
 - School Supply Kits- \$3,021.28
 - Charleston Wrap - \$14,126
 - Frosty Fair - \$5,141.82
 - Boosterthon - \$90,544
 - Kinder/4th yard signs - \$1,264.00
 - PTO will not be doing School Supply Kits this year
- Sharks & Shark supplies paid for by PTO
- Mints provided for 3rd & 4th grade testing
- Ice Cream truck scheduled for 3rd and 4th graders on May 22nd
- PTO contributed to Bus Driver Lunch with other IL PTOs
- PTO continued to pay for additional copy funds for staff

Treasurer/Spirit Rock Committee- Danielle Giudice

- PNL
- **2026/2027 School Year Budget Approved**

Secretary - Ashley

- 3rd/4th grade hallway state testing decorations

Hospitality Committee- Nicole/Meredith

- Hydration table with LMNT packets

- SAW
 - Town of Van Wyck - \$500 donation towards chick-fil-a.
- Bus driver snacks

Community Business Partner Committee- Mary Elizabeth Gregory

- Corporate Sponsorships - \$14,350
- \$950 donated towards Staff Meals/Coffee Cart

Student Events Committee- Brittany Harmon

- Spring Assembly: Natural History Traveling Museum with natural history stations to rotate (fossils, dinosaurs, oceans and waterways). May plan for spring next year American History walkthrough, 10% discount
- Field Day: provided inflatables, sacks, great volunteer turnout
- 4th grade shirts
- K & 4 graduation parties: June 1, K inflatable & classroom parties, 4th photo booth & decorations, parent volunteers

Membership/Volunteer Committee- Ana Bristow

- 273 Members (58 Staff)
 - Field day, boosterthon, picture days - all went well! Good volunteer turn out!
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Eagles Showcase- May 27th: still need 2 volunteers (4 out of 6)
 - 4th Grade Celebration - nothing is needed from us, handled by staff

Dine Out Night Committee- Jenny Christensen

- 10 Dine Out Nights
- January: Jersey Mike's \$190
- February: Panera \$440.93
- March: Showmar's \$500
- April: Panda Express \$226.61
- Next Dine Out: May 19th, Freddy's, 4-8pm
- Total Raised so far: \$5,277.69 (+\$500 from a 2025 School year Dine Out Night)

Spirit Wear Committee Committee- Lorena Hurst/Liz Coburn

- Spirit Wear Store on Wami Swag open all year
- Total Profit: \$268.22
 - Breakdown: We took in \$8,780.50
 - Spent - \$8,512.28
- Future plans: Restock for Open House.
- **Eagle Key Chain**
- **Requests for adult PTO shirts for volunteers to purchase.**
- **Repeat Magnet - PTO starter kit**

Boosterthon- Ashley Warner

- Boosterthon Pep Rally
- Students Signed Up: 93%
- Students Donated: 74%
- Estimated School Donation Profit: \$90,544 🎉 (last years profit \$83,743)
- Turf installation date- 2nd week in June
- 10% of the profit raised from each class is given back to the teacher, to spend on their classroom
- Testing Pep Rally
- **Survey to go out Fall 2026 for boosterthon fund ideas**

Room Parent Committee- Ashley Warner

- End of Year Celebrations- June 1

Lunch Shifts - Tracy Crawford

- Successfully covered 19 days of lunch takeovers for teachers/staff
- Able to cover the entire week of SAW with very few hiccups

Social Media - Elizabeth Hunt

- Instagram and Facebook posts
 - posted content promoting events, initiatives, and achievements
 - Worked to increase community engagement and ensure consistent messaging
- Update social media with new board members
- Possibility meet the board/chair members post during summer

Nominating Committee- Josie Bashford

Vice President: no nominations

- Beth Harwell - elected by board to fill the role for 1 more year.

Treasurer: no nominations

- Danielle Giudice- elected by board to fill the role for 1 more year.

Secretary: one nomination

- Lorena Hurst - not enough in person members for a vote, elected to temporarily fill the role by the board - will readdress in the fall.

Nicole Novack - stepped down from Hospitality after completing 1 year of a 2 year term - Board voted in Meredith Greenway for 1 year to fulfill the 2 year term.

Open Chair positions: Room Parent, Dine-Out and Community Business Partner

- Roles to be filled over the summer once new board is in place.

Additional Discussion

- Meredith Greenway decorated STEAM lab - space theme. To continue 26/27 school year at least once a semester.
- Possibility of a meet up discussed at the start of 26/27 school year so members can all meet.
- Open house - similar format to this year, over 2 days.
- Next in person meeting: September 2026
- Raffle: Lori Chichelnik
- Wacky Eagle: Mrs. Reed

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02