

Strong PTO
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 5, 2026 6pm
In Person and Virtual

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Betty at 6pm. Those in attendance, include:

- Mr. David Kimball (Strong Principle, online)
- Amanda Betty (PTO President, online)
- Erin Gratton (PTO Vice President, online)
- Kim Johansen (PTO Treasurer, online)
- Carrie Kessler (PTO Secretary, online)

Tonight's meeting agenda and the December meeting minutes were presented and unanimously approved.

Agenda:

1. Socials
 - a. Amanda spoke with the Middlefield Memorial PTC about splitting the cost of DJ. They seemed in favor but still need to meet to officially discuss/approve.
 - b. Kim is sending the DJ's check this week.
 - c. Carrie will price/order pizza from Big Y. Amanda can help with pick up.
 - d. Amanda sending out parent sign up.
 - e. Carrie will pick up yard games from the library mid-month and send the permission slip to Lynn to send out to 5th/6th parents.
 - f. Mr. Kimball is sending out info to staff this Friday to request staff volunteers. He is hoping to get 2-3 staff for each session.
2. Spiritwear
 - a. We did not receive at least 50 orders that were required to complete the order without having to pay ~\$400 to cover the difference.
 - b. The 10 orders will be canceled and everyone will get reimbursed. It will cost the PTO \$200 to cancel.
 - c. We will pursue another Spiritwear fundraiser at another time, possibly at the Fair or next school year. Possibly changing wording to state Strong and not Spartan may sell better.
3. School Assembly
 - a. Date selected: Feb 6 to host Jim Basketball Jones. \$900 per assembly.
 - b. The first two sessions will take place at Brewster and Lyman in the morning. Strong x2 sessions will be in the afternoon.
4. 8th Grade Field Trip
 - a. Purpose: team building and camaraderie among fellow 8th graders
 - b. Mr. Kimball said paperwork was sent to the board for approval for the trip. He will check with staff members that have led this over the past 10+ years to determine how the PTO has supported it in the past as there are no PTO records. We will use that info to determine how the PTO can contribute.
 - c. Mr. Kimball will invite the advisors to our next PTO meeting to discuss.
5. 8th Grade Gift

- a. Amanda will post a survey on gift ideas to the PTO FB page for feedback.
6. Best Day Ever
 - a. Mrs. Durkin selected May 14
 - b. Set up begins at 7am; Volunteers arrive at 8:30am; First grade starts at 9am (60-90 mins)
 - c. Amanda will send volunteer sign up out after we get social volunteers
 - d. Kona Ice cost (\$2.25/cup). The 83 kids that raised \$75 or more are covered (83 kids). They will also cover up to 50 free cups for volunteers, teachers and/or students that need covered.
7. Old Homes Day (May 29-30)
 - a. Erin responded that the Strong PTO will participate and sell drinks again. Preference is one day only (May 30).
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current balance: \$13,843.92. Upcoming expenses include Kona Ice, 8th grade gift, teacher appreciation week
 - b. Expects to be slightly under \$10K by the end of this school year.
9. Fair Discussion
 - a. Sell again: Drinks, candy, t-shirts
 - b. Other items to consider: Texas Roadhouse peanuts, dirty sodas, other snacks, etc.
10. Principle's Report (Mr. Kimball)
 - a. Good to have everyone back in the building after Winter Break.
 - b. Student Advisory Group: planning event for 3rd week of January
11. Other business: Amanda stated that the BOE is advising the fundraising policy to make it less stringent and more user friendly. It is still in the early stages and requires multiple looks before approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.