Strong PTO
Meeting Minutes
Monday, Nov 2, 2026 6pm
In-person only

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

- Mr. David Kimball (Strong Middle School Principal)
- Jill Sobolewski (PTO President)
- Jenna Skinner (PTO Vice President)
- Kim Johansen (PTO Treasurer)
- Carrie Kessler (PTO secretary)

Tonight's meeting agenda was presented and unanimously approved.

Agenda:

1. The Strong PTO is officially registered as a 501c3 organization.
2. Approved Social Dates/Times:
    a. 5th Grade Social: Jan 29 (2:45-4:30pm)
    b. 6th-7th Grade Social: March 12 (6-8pm)
    c. 8th Grade Social: April 30 (7-9pm)

    – Parent volunteers will be needed for all socials in order to host them!

    – 5th Grade Social: Considering stations with a hot cocoa bar/cookies, dodge ball in the gym and Bingo in the Library.
3. Spirit Wear: A number of places were contacted for pricing. One company was selected for flexibility, reasonable pricing and offers direct shipping. To avoid conflicts with the current fundraiser, sales are expected to start in the spring.
4. Current PTO fundraiser
    a. Currently 35 families have donated for a total of $1690. We will encourage families to continue to give and see if we can double the amount of families donating to 70 before the cutoff of Nov 23. Funds will be used to cover the costs of socials, staff appreciation, supplement Camp Jewel attendance and much more.
5. Future PTO meetings: The PTO will offer an in-person AND virtual option for future meetings. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6pm. The PTO encourages max in-person attendance but if a parent or guardian calls in, we ask for the person to share their name and stays muted unless speaking to the group. To ensure the meetings continue in a timely manner, if technical issues arise, the meeting may need to continue in-person only if the issues cannot be resolved quickly.
6. Holiday Teacher Appreciation:
    a. Thanksgiving - The PTO will provide a light item on the Monday before break (Nov 23). Options discussed: Coffee cart, snack cart, donuts, etc.
    b. Christmas Holiday - The PTO will provide lunch and raffle baskets on the Monday before break (Dec 21). Options discussed: Sandwiches from Track Side Deli or

Olive Garden. The PTO will reach out to Memorial PTC for interest in supporting this event.

7. Treasure's Report
    a. Current balance. $14,562.35
    b. Recent expenses: x4 Dunkin Donuts cards for $25 each for National Janitor Day
    c. Anticipated expenses:
        i. Thanksgiving Breakfast: $300
        ii. Holiday Luncheon: $600
        iii. Socials: $1,800 for three socials
        iv. Admin Professionals Day: $75
        v. 8th Grade gift: $1000
        vi. 8th Grade flowers: $200
8. Principal's Report
    a. 5th Grade Halloween parade was Friday - Top 3 recognized. End of quarter is Wednesday. We are entering budget season for the District. Ongoing discussions regarding possible renovations to the front of the building to make it ADA compliant with a ramp. A remodel of the office space would coincide with the construction to help with foot traffic flow.
9. Next PTO meeting is Dec 7 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.