

## Geyser Road Elementary School PTO - Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2026

Attendees: Marissa Izykowski-President, Jessica Hirliman-Vice President, Jess Quigley-Secretary, Annie Brill-Board Consultant, Cody Conley-Principal, Kristie Snow-Treasurer, Trisha Millier-5th Grade Representative, Nicole Szostowski-1st Grade Teacher, Danielle Hunter-1st Grade Teachers, Joly Stevens-Parent, Karen Houlehan-Parent, Marissa Vekasy-Parent

### ● Officers' Reports

- President - We are welcoming Kristie Snow as our Treasurer. Kristie will be working along side of Marissa for the remainder of the year as she learns our processes, and then transition to the sole Treasurer on July 1, 2026.
- Treasurer - See attached report

### ● Principal's Update

- Students are currently iReady testing in Reading and Math in all grades. Parents will have access to the diagnostic reports in February through Parent Square.
- Teachers will soon be completing the next portion of their "Circle Training" - *Elevate your Circles*.
- AIS Literacy Night is on Wednesday, 1/28
- 5th graders will be participating in the program "Too Good For Drugs"

### ● Event Update

- Art To Remember
  - Thank you to Chelsea Bova for organising this fundraiser, and to the Art Department for the beautiful artwork!
  - We raised approximately \$2,000, part of which will go to the Art Department.
  - The Art Department will be letting us know what they currently need to purchase.
- Geyser Gear
  - Profit of approximately \$300
  - The shop will open again in the spring.
- Holiday Sale
  - A big thank you to Karen Houlehan for all of the work she put in to organizing this event!
  - The kids had a great time, and overall it was a success!
  - Feedback from volunteers, vendors, and teachers:
    - Not enough space - Vendors were accustomed to having two or more tables to set up.
    - It was difficult for younger students to manage their money while shopping at multiple tables.
    - We need more volunteers to help with younger students.

- It would be helpful to have bags delivered to classes ahead of time.
  - It worked well when volunteers came to get students from classrooms a few at a time to shop.
  - There was confusion with the money that was allocated to specific students to shop. We will work with teachers and Erin next year on a better plan.
  - There may not be enough time to get all of the classes in in one day of the event.
- Snow Ball
  - A big thank you to Joly Stevens and her Snowball Committee for the hard work that they put in, both leading up to the event, and the night of.
  - A big thank you to students who volunteered from the High School Honor Society for their help!
  - The kids had a blast!
  - It was agreed that having two separate rooms helped to make the event a success. It was not as crowded, and not as loud.
  - There were wi-fi issues with the Photo-Booth printer that made it difficult to print. The company will drop these photos off, and we will made a display.
- **Committee Reports**
  - 5th Grade
    - See attached report for budget information
    - Asking for \$2,000 to replenish the account for next year.
    - Trisha: We are not getting a lot of involvement from the parents. There are six or seven families doing all of the work. Everyone on the committee is asking if we have to do Pasta Dinner in the future. Discussion was had on possibly moving the date, or considering a different fundraiser altogether. This discussion was tabled. The next committee will decide the fundraisers that they will do.
  - Yearbook
    - No report
    - Continue to send your yearbook pictures to [geyserroadpto@gmail.com](mailto:geyserroadpto@gmail.com)
- **Upcoming Events**
  - 5th Grade Pasta Dinner - 2/6
    - Reservations will be extended until 2/29
  - Air Band - 3/27
    - \$5 cover charge, through Cheddar Up only
    - Ms. S will let Marissa know when she needs the link
  - Bowling Night - 4/23

- All agreed to charge only what Saratoga Strike Zone is charging us. This is a community event, not a fundraiser.

- **New Business/Open Discussion**

- Cody asked if we are open to donating our PTO corkboard to Kerri to use as an attendance board, and everyone agreed it was a great idea.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2026 at 6pm**

**General PTO Account**

**Current Account Balance:**

30,352.62

**Outstanding checks:**

Vals (color run T swag): \$2,239.50

Maple Cotton Candy: \$300

**Current Available Funds:**

\$27,813.12

\*Done today: Cheddar Up transfer of \$715 for snowball and cash deposit of \$1373.00  
(*\$29,901.12 will be updated funds*)

**SY 25/26**

Total Income: \$34,302.56

Total Expenses: \$22,735.58

Total Net Income: \$11,567.28

**5th Grade Account**

**Previous Account Balance:**

\$3,615.70

**Current Account Balance:**

\$7,071.91

**Outstanding checks:**

None

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## 2026 5th Grade Budget for End of Year Trip & Moving Up Celebration

- Costs & Expenses for Chingachgook:
  1. Transportation \$2,200 (Kerry booked per Joe)
  2. \$130 per student at 49 students \$6,370
  3. Cost of teachers Xs 2- \$74 (\$37 ea per last year's numbers)
  
- Moving Up Celebration:
  1. Sprinkler Park- no fee
  2. Inflatable water slide- \$1300
  3. Custom Shirts- \$850
  4. Kona Ice Truck- \$300
  5. Fat Heads/ Lawn Signs- \$70
  6. Coolers w/ ice/ water bottles/ gatorade - \$100
  7. Lunch/ Pizza - \$160
  8. 2 tables & 2 tents- \$600
  9. Sunglasses- \$100
  10. Permit for Kona Ice- pending/ tbd
  11. Fat Heads-

Total (Estimated) Needed: \$12,124

### Money In:

- Legacy from class of 2025- \$2000 \*need to replenish\*
- Haunted House- \$771
- 12/3 Movie Day- \$1,155
- 12/11 Movie Day- \$945
- Kids Night Out- \$650 + \$100 in checks- \$750
- Pasta Night (anticipated)- \$2,000 - \$3,000
- New Clynk account- \$56
- Spring Coin Drive (anticipated)- \$1,000
- Arts In Ed (potential/ estimated)- \$1,000
- PTO Pledge- (originally pledged \$1500)- \$2000 asking to offset replenish amount

Total: (Estimated) \$10,677

### Money Out:

- Replenish 5th Grade account \$2000
- Ancillary items to host Pasta Night (parm packets, creamers, pepper flakes, remaining paper products, bags of ice, raffle baskets/boxes etc)- estimated \$100-\$200

Total (with PTO pledge to offset): \$200

\*potential additional fundraiser ideas if needed- Hoffman's Car Wash, Chipotle night