United PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5th, 2026: 6:30 Meeting
United Library

A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

- 6:31 PM

B. Approve October meeting minutes

- Posted on Facebook
- motion Sammi, 2nd Kalista

C. Approve Treasurer's Report

- motion Seth, 2nd Maggie

D. Old Business

- Boosterathon final update (next year: 27th - 8th)
    - $19,821 raised after all fees
    - Feedback from community survey
        - Some clarification needed on the website goals (minutes vs. total goal)
        - Overall feedback was excellent
    - Budget and fees review
        - next year's fees will be 35% of fees raised through the website (but not cash or checks turned in at school)
        - there will also be a $3.95 charge to use credit card
    - Considerations for next year
        - jazz up the fun-run - an arch for the finish line, more fanfare
        - can we get statistics, like did we draw funds from outside our immediate network?
            - actually, we did get some, about 25% from parents, 33% grandparents
            - 29 states and Australia
        - Dates - event on 10/8, begins 2 weeks in advance
        - Advertise bringing a check or cash instead of paying online
- Prairie Clean up Day
    - Had a few hearty participants despite the rainy season
    - removed mulberry from prairie and part of arboretum
    - get feedback from school committee on how often to have this event
- Watcha Smokin Fundraiser
    - $830 raised
- Homecoming
    - Fun times with dress-up days and the Boone HS pep band
- Trunk or Treat
    - well-attended, with nice weather
    - had food for 250, and only ran out right at the end
    - dance party seems to be expected by the kids
    - for next year?
        - voting for best trunk
- Conference meals
    - Jimmy Johns boxed lunches provided by PTO - seems to work for teachers and us
- Socktober
    - winners announced in school tomorrow (Mrs. Frey's class) - will receive popcorn party
    - socks will be delivered 11/17

E. New Business

- McDonald's Fundraiser - not in November
    - McDonalds has new person in charge - we need to make contact
- Movie Night- November 29th at 5PM
    - Super Mario Galaxy
- 6th grade shirts
    - Mr. Nordhus and the 6th graders are exercising their creativity
- Skating- April 5th-23rd
    - dates confirmed
- 5th - 6th grade play
    - April 9th
    - New script - bring ideas to December meeting
        - needed: 5-10 participants, 20-30 minutes
- Family fun night planning - coming up in January
    - shooting for a 'carnival'-type atmosphere with more activities than last year
    - 1 activity/game idea from each grade-level at school?
        - try to get these by December PTO meeting
        - PTO can buy supplies and create a sign-up form
    - earn tickets for participating, turn in tickets to a raffle to win a prize
    - need some longer-form games to eat up some time (BINGO?!, scavenger hunt)
    - Date: Jan. 29th -
- Spring movie night - Feb. 28th (movie ideas??)
- Sunshine Cart
    - cart could use a re-stock already, can we budget more money for this?
    - currently, budgeted at $500 for the year, spent more than $200 already
    - budget increase to $1000? - approved

F. Backpack Buddies Report - Chelsea

- anonymous family donor for November

G. Principal's Report - Maggie

- FAST test results - 79% for reading and math this year, a good starting point
- lots of testing in preschool is finishing up too
- conferences were earlier this year - still seemed to proceed smoothly
- Field trips and assemblies are lots of fun
- Grandparents day and friendsgiving are both coming up and should be special
- October family challenge (eating meals together) was successful - November is reading together

H. Teacher's Report - Kalista

- Very excited for prairie pals friendsgiving and grandparents day, kids are making decorations and having fun. Winter concert and art show is coming up on December 8th.

I. Teacher Reimbursements

- none this month

J. Adjourn: 7:33 PM

- motion Kalista, 2nd Kelsey