



Mission Statement: Sandwich Elementary PTA strives to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities for all children.

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Welcome | Introductions

- Introduction of Board Members and Administration
- Overview of Meeting Process & Voting

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- **Approved**

Principal/Vice Principal Report

- **Forestdale**
 - Book fair completed
 - 100th day celebration today
 - Friday 2/13 - ice cream day
 - Next week is February break
 - 2/23 Shawn O’Neil speaking with second graders
 - 2/24 second graders going to Harwich theater
 - 2/25 Reach assembly
 - 3/2 Read across America
 - 3/4 Kindergarten info night
- **Oak Ridge**
 - Iready diagnostics - passed expectations
 - Math fact superbowls - commercials, teachers involved
 - 2/24 Shawn O’Neil speaking with students
 - 3/6 movie night - Sandlot
 - 3/27 Bingo night
 - Book nook is so popular, need more books!
 - Knight of the week gets a gold token

Treasurer’s Report - Cara Foley

- Monthly Report
- Eboard approved to consolidate accounts (paypal as example)
- One checking account for both schools
- Balance - how much in checking vs savings

Bank Account Balances	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	Last reconciled
Checking - SEPTA	\$124,824.05	\$156,817.71	12/31/2025
PayPal	\$12,066.45	\$12,066.45	12/31/2025
Checking Forestdale PTSA	\$7,944.71	\$7,914.71	12/31/2025
Savings - SEPTA	\$47,673.41	\$47,680.42	12/31/2025
SEPTA Venmo	\$11,989.68	\$12,660.18	12/31/2025
PEX - Prepaid Expense Cards	\$3,318.72	\$3,917.92	12/31/2025
Totals	\$207,817.02	\$241,057.39	

Grant Requests - Kendall O’Brien

- 1st Grade (Noelle Southworth) is requesting \$900 for Savanna Vaughan, a talented dance instructor from Align Dance Studio in Sandwich, to visit Forestdale once this winter and once this spring to lead mindful movement dance sessions for first graders
 - APPROVED
- 4th Grade (Elise Natale) is requesting \$475 to host Amazing Animal Ambassadors to come into school for an assembly in which they continue their learning with real animals including a parrot, chinchilla, skunk, reptiles, and more
 - APPROVED
- Parents of 5th/6th graders requesting \$3000 for Hawaiian themed dance/social on May 15th at OR. Money will go towards booking DJ JT, candy & snacks, games, decorations and supplies. Last year students were charged \$5 hoping to not charge this year.
 - HOLD UNTIL MARCH
- Fifth grade field trip to Long Pasture in Barnstable. Looking for \$3,340 with expenses, transportation, etc. Supports science curriculum. Scientists come along to help instruct. Scheduled with the tides.
 - \$1,776 left for the grade left - approved to put this toward this field trip
 - \$224 APPROVED
 - Remaining funds to be submitted as a grant request for March.

Communications - Michelle Ducie | Jackie Flynn

- Continuing to shout out grants we have funded please send photos and a blurb to info@sandwichpta.org and we will build posts to share
- Newer blog - Kindergarten Movie Day at Forestdale Elementary
 - <https://www.sandwichpta.com/post/kindergarten-movie-day-at-forestdale-elementary>
- This month we will be working with the events team to get the word out about the Oak Ridge Book Fair, Family Night and potential movie nights
- Oak Ridge is ready to help facilitate parent volunteers!

Fundraising - Antonia Solitro | Jackie O'Connor

- No updates, stay tuned for Fun Run updates for the fall. Reach out if you'd like to be involved :)

Events - Meaghan Mallon | Katie Bifano | Casey Read

- Movie nights in progress.
- Oak Ridge book fair coming up. Meaghan point of contact.
- Because the schedule was published, parents were positive about the school day-only shopping.
- May assist with events to support the Student Council.

Cultural - Cyndi Rotondi | Alexis Bronner

- GPA Rhymes author visit 3/ 4 for FD.
- Meeting with Susan Verde 2/11 regarding author visit to OR this morning.
- Meeting with GPA, literacy, and admin 2/11 at FD.

Membership - Caitlin Guilderson

- 214 strong!

Volunteers - Ali Farias

- Thank you Forestdale Book Fair Volunteers.
- Oak Ridge Book Fair in March with Family Night - sign up coming soon.
- Reminder on CORIs - Good for 3 years.

Open Discussion | Questions | Comments

- Alex Foley

- Bullying incidents, concerns
- Parents need to be more involved, and need to help solve the issue - starts at home
- Language needs to be provided to help assist
- Potential programs - Sharing Kindness as example
- Potentially branch of PTA?
 - Open discussion with all
 - Meeting with School Council
- Need kids to know that we're listening and that we hear them
- Mr D - sometimes learning and schedules need to pause to have the big conversations. Class is paused to address a concern. Emotional regulation is utmost important.
- Both schools have many programs and support.
- POTENTIAL EVENT - food/ sitters provided, speaker to come in.
- Resource library through PTA website with literature?
- Extra support for sports teams?
- "Catching the Good"
- Potential literature in take home folder?
 - Ruler handouts have been sent home
 - Mood regulator, etc.

Meeting adjourned 7:09 PM.

Your 2025/2026 Sandwich Elementary PTA Board

Co-Presidents: Melody Way | Mary Beth Burwood

Treasurer: Cara Foley | **Treasury Team:** Sam D'Arcy | Noah Stockman

Fundraising: Antonia Solitro | Jackie O'Connor

Events: Meaghan Mallon | Katie Bifano | Casey Read

Secretary: Lauren Comley

Grants: Kendall O'Brien

Communications: Michelle Ducie | Jackie Flynn

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