



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: May 12, 2026

Welcome | Introductions

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

Approval of April Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Principal/Vice Principal Report

- **Forestdale**
 - THANK YOU - teacher appreciation week
 - Susan Verdi on 5/5 to grades 1 and 2. Loved interaction
 - Walk/ ride to school 5/ 6. Amazing turnout - over 100 kids
 - Garden dedication on 5/11 - hands on learning and get your hands dirty
 - Kindergarten went to Buttonwood zoo 5/12
 - Friday 5/15 - BINGO night
 - Next Tuesday and Thursday - 2nd graders going to Mass Maritime
 - 5/22 ice cream day
 - Memorial Day coming up
 - SHOUT OUT - thank you for bikes and scooters
 - Staff has been nominated for exemplary programming in PE. June 5th ceremony
- **Oak Ridge**
 - THANK YOU
 - Teacher appreciation week
 - Change makers for 4th graders - art of persuasion in their writing
 - Susan Verde for 3rd and 4th graders - amazing
 - Ball in the house performance! Chorus members were able to participate
 - Mural is complete!
 - Social coming up for 5th and 6th graders
 - Admin coffee hour 5/13 AM
 - Shift to 6th grade configuration. Four teachers that kids will rotate between, to help with transition to SMHS
 - Author visits coming up on 5/13 grades 3 and 4 with Matt Hegerty
 - Science fair coming up
 - Field day coming up - need volunteers (6/22).

Treasurer's Report - Cara Foley

- Full report to be uploaded by the weekend

Grant Requests - Kendall O'Brien

- FD K,1,2 requesting \$3000 for toolboxes, expo markers and erasers for all students
APPROVED - moneys for 4,5,6 pending in June
- OR Gym, Michael Schmich is requesting \$1000 for 5-7 tricycles to be used for a program that engages students in a cooperative activity inspired by Mario Kart (a real life version of the popular video game). In this activity, students ride Razor-brand tricycles around

the gym track, working together to collect items for their team. It has consistently been a favorite among our students. [APPROVED](#)

- Kindergarten, Lisa Kent is requesting \$1600 for end of the year fun days - glow day, science experiment day, movie day, outdoor day with ice cream truck - [APPROVED](#)
- 4 Grade team requesting up to \$3500 an extra bounce house/inflatable obstacle course at field day this school year so that students are not waiting in lines as long, as their rotation time can be quite short [2500 APPROVED for all items excluding and sail](#)
 - purchasing bins or shelving on wheels for student lunch boxes and water bottles to keep things organized and hopefully cut down on the amount of items heading to the lost and found
 - extra equipment such as basketballs, soccer balls, pinnies for soccer games, a cart for art supplies, etc.
 - two wheelchair accessible picnic tables and have a large sail for shade so students can color, read, or chat with one another. [Potentially use a grant for sun shades at both schools. HS may be able to make picnic tables. Will follow up in June.](#)
 - Grade 2, Carol Flynn is requesting \$250 for Bubbles and Bubbles supplies for our ABC countdown end of the year activity...B=BubbleDay [APPROVED](#)
- OR Tech, Carly Smith is requesting \$500 for Ipad stands/ goosenecks for Stop Motion Animation, color printer ink for digital drawing [APPROVED](#)
- OR Science, Deirdre Gattoni is requesting \$500 for several classroom Lego sets for engineering projects; particularly those that involve coding and hardware. I could also use some miscellaneous materials for projects such as chipboard, card stock, pipe cleaners, glue sticks, and masking tape. [APPROVED](#)
- OR Music, Reagan Nedder is requesting \$300 for classroom set of handbells (25 total), and a classroom set of felt ukulele picks [\\$364 APPROVED](#)
- OR 7 C's, Brie Notaro is requesting \$530 flexible seating in my classroom. These seating options would include things like more tilt stools, bean bags, yoga ball seats, etc. This accessible seating allows for a more welcoming and inclusive classroom environment. They bring students so much joy while also helping them focus and work hard. [APPROVED](#)
- Mary Kate Stevens, OR is requesting \$1987 for a book written by Alexis Bronner and Mary Kate Stevens, illustrated by Carly Smith to give to incoming third graders. Also wanted to give it to all the students at OR [APPROVED - also, \\$200 for decorations](#)
- FD Library, Joise Scott is requesting \$500 or more for high interest books and replacement books. List from Titcombs and Amazon. [\\$700 Approved](#)
- FD Garden Committee is requesting \$993 for toolkits and gloves & \$3200 for 32 garden beds. This will all help support the start-up of the new school garden featuring 32 raised garden beds. The garden project is designed to provide students with hands-on learning experiences in science, nutrition, sustainability, responsibility, and teamwork [APPROVED](#)

Communications - Michelle Ducie | Jackie Flynn

- Reminder - our website is the best place to find out about PTA Happenings <https://www.sandwichpta.com/>
 - Events for families and students
 - Cultural Enrichment for students
 - Fundraisers
 - Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Zoom link
 - Follow ups on how teachers and students are enjoying our grants
- Recent Blogs:
 - <https://www.sandwichpta.com/post/oak-ridge-mural>
 - <https://www.sandwichpta.com/post/forestdalefamilybingonight2026>

Fundraising - Antonia Solitro | Jackie O'Connor

- Fun run potential dates Friday October 23 and Friday October 29 pending admin approval
- Recruiting 1-2 additional volunteers to help leading up to the run dates-sorting/delivering t shirts, delivering flags, helping set up the day before, etc
- Open floor for incentive feedback (specifically the funds given to teachers when we hit our goal) [Teachers at meeting stated they loved incentives \(admins decide what the incentives are\)](#)

Events - Meaghan Mallon | Katie Bifano | Casey Read

- Forestdale Bingo night May 15th
- [Potentially - end of school year parties \(both schools at Oak Ridge\) dates TBD](#)

Cultural - Cyndi Rotondi | Alexis Bronner

- Excellent visit with Susan Verde 5/5 including yoga, storytime
- Fabulous performance and workshops with Ball in the House at OR 5/8
- Planning Imaginative Storytelling Workshop with the Lassis with tentative June dates being considered

Membership - Caitlin Guilderson

- 218 members strong

Volunteers - Ali Farias

- Request for Forestdale BINGO Night Volunteers: this Friday, May 15th
- [Posts available to share on social media](#)

New E-Board Positions for 26/ 27

- [Co-President - Casey Read](#)
- [Treasurer - Noah Stockman, Mel Way, Sam Darcy](#)
- [Cultural - Andrea Hendershott](#)
- [Events - Cassie Joy \(TBD - June\)](#)

Questions | Comments

- [Adjourned 7:17](#)

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

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