



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: April 14, 2026

Welcome | Introductions

- Introduction of Board Members and Administration
- Overview of Meeting Process & Voting
- Assistant Treasurer (2)
 - Vote in Sam Darcy and Noah Stalkman
 - Approved - welcome! For the 2025/ 2026 school year.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes - on hold

Principal/Vice Principal Report

- **Forestdale**
 - Art bus last week for Kindergarten and first grade. Sponsored by PTA - thank you!
 - This week - science teacher has brought in stomp rockets. Second graders today are building paper rockets, and then launching.
 - May 5th - Susan Verde coming in. Wonderful author who discussed social/ emotional discussions.
 - Second grade field trip - Mass Maritime Museum in May
 - Kindergarten field trip - Buttonwood Zoo
 - First grade field trip - Planetarium
 - May 18th - Talent Show!
- **Oak Ridge**
 - Beautification mural project! Nick Soremba is the artist. PTA funded - thank you! He's painting during the school day, so kids can ask questions and see the work in action. Photos and videos being taken.
 - MCAS testing process - wrapping up. Grade three team - thank you for guiding students through their first year.
 - Annie production from the drama club.
 - Bingo night 4/10.
 - Susan Verde visit 5/5 with third and fourth graders.
 - Nurse had a preview of puberty lessons with parents.
 - 4/28 - digital wellness night. Partnering with parents on using technology.

Treasurer's Report - Cara Foley

- Updated and online.
- Cash flow is strong with wonderful fundraising efforts.

Grant Requests - Kendall O'Brien

Grade Level

- 7 C's, Brienna Notaro is requesting \$450 to help put together a mural design contest - **APPROVED**
- Grade 3, Molly Hood is requesting \$2145 for 2 field trips to Downtown Sandwich (Hoxie House, grist mill and glass museum) and to Heritage Museums and Gardens - **APPROVED**
- Grade 2, Carol Flynn is requesting \$1132 for transportation to the Mass Maritime Museum. Field trip to replace Harwich Jr Theatre. May 2026 - **APPROVED**

- Grade 1, Cheryl Eastman is requesting \$459 to purchase a class set of stuffed animal dogs. These dogs act as the 1st graders "reading buddies" in the classroom. The dogs live in the classroom "doggie care" and kids take them out to read to them during independent reading time. We are also asking for the materials to make doggie collars for their buddies as well. This is something that we did last year (PTA funded it) and it worked really well, so we are asking for it again. - **APPROVED**
- OR Health, Rachael Speakman is requesting \$500 for a restock of the hygiene cart - **APPROVED**
- Mrs Crosby, additional monies requested to finish the FS mindful path at \$316.00 - finishing the affirmation station. Stone and a fence. - **APPROVED**

Other

- Carly Smith is requesting \$3500 for a large-scale mural in OR Library. Mural is celebrating the theme "Everyone Learns." As part of this community-focused project, students will help generate ideas of animals engaged in learning (reading, building, exploring, creating), which will be incorporated into a vibrant, cohesive mural design. Students will be invited to submit their design ideas, along with a sketch, which will then be reviewed and possibly added into the design by the artist. The artwork will bring vibrant color and theming to this part of the building, which serves as a community hub. The mural will span from the doorway and window-wall to the back wall with the small office doors (approx. 400 sq.ft.) Timeline: To be scheduled with school administration. Trying to incorporate more beauty and a more welcoming environment, similar to Forestdale. Extending warm feelings into the library. - **APPROVED**
- Grade 6 parents requesting up to \$6000 for breakfast and gifts. Gift will be a blanket screenprinted with logo and sunglasses for a bright future (quoted \$2800), breakfast for parents and students (quoted \$2700 from school). They are planning on checking out other food and donations. - **APPROVED**

Communications - Michelle Ducie | Jackie Flynn

- As field trips and other grant requests are coming to fruition, please send photos and a blurb to info@sandwichpta.org.

Fundraising - Antonia Solitro | Jackie O'Connor

- Dates provided at next meeting for Fun Run.
- Floating some ideas/ what incentives to promote?

Events - Meaghan Mallon | Katie Bifano | Casey Read

- Forestdale Bingo Night - 5/15
- Reminder: TAW - May 4-8

Cultural - Cyndi Rotondi | Alexis Bronner

- Imaginative Storytelling Grant for \$1,500 - **APPROVED**
- Community garden opening this Spring - more info to come.
- Susan Verde Presentation & Signings at OR and FD
- Ball in the House Musical Performance at OR on 5/8

Membership - Caitlin Guilderson

- 218 members!

Volunteers - Ali Farias

- No updates or requests at this time.
- Coming up - Forestdale Bingo night volunteers

Open Positions for 2026/2027 Board

- Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (2), Co-President, Cultural

Questions | Comments

- Second grade walk to the ice cream shop to continue! New owners. Opening in May.

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

Cultural Events: Cyndi Rotondi | Alexis Bronner

Membership: Caitlin Guilderson

Volunteers: Ali Farias