

**Cucinella PTO**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**



Monday, April 6, 2026

Attendance: Alyssa Nelson, Liz Schwartz, Nicole Weigel, Jess Apgar, Adrienne Tremain,, Anabeth Carl, Eileen Corritori, Jessica Ingenito, Kelli Pinnola, Caitlin Whalen, Jessica Dyschuk, Lara Dipace, Laurie Bravo, Erica Finelli, J. Harrison Calderon, Robyn Clancy, Juliette Song

Virtual Attendance: Anabeth Carl, Ashli Della Salla, Christopher Perruso, Daniel O'Connor, Danielle Gould, Jess Pricci, Jessie Gorman, Jody Rullo, Kara Coppa, Kara Lannin, Kelly Leister, Kristin Prisco, Megan Melofchik, Michele Bires, Michelle McCarthy, Morgan Bayard, Natasha DiLauro, Robyn Clancy, Samantha Kornbluh, Sharon Ficacci, Sonia Gadhok, Stacy Poto, Tara Docherty, Toni Sturzebecker, Toni Weaver, Dani Bajek, Eileen Coritori

1. Welcome–Called to Order 7:04pm
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of March Minutes–Nicole Approves, Kelli Seconds
3. President's Report
  - a. Starlab was approved at the Board of Education meeting on March 25.
  - b. Author Vashti Harrison visit; 98 books were purchased, and 2 copies were donated to the library by the PTO.
  - c. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the One Book, One District evening this week Wed. April 8 at 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM
  - d. Talent show tickets will be available for purchase on Friday. A mandatory dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, April 16.
  - e. Artsrageous will take place on Tuesday, April 21 from 6:30–8:00 PM.
  - f. The Wizards Game is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 6:30 pm. Volunteers & staff for home team are still needed; those who volunteer will receive early access to tickets before public sales begin on April 8.
  - g. Spring Teacher Grants are open through April 10. Applicants may choose between a Scholastic Wish List or a traditional grant request.
  - h. ROCKS Scholarship applications will be submitted soon and reviewed prior to May 4. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.
  - i. Board elections will be held on May 4. There is an open position for Co-Treasurer, and we are seeking a second Co-treasurer with accounting, finance, or treasurer experience.

- j. The Standing Rules and Bylaws will also be reviewed.
  - k. A “Meet the Board” session will take place immediately following this meeting for interested candidates in good standing.
- 4. Treasurer Report
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- 5. Principal’s Report
  - a. Artsrageous 4/21, 4/22 is 4th grade concert and 4/23 bring your child to work day
- 6. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership
  - b. Assemblies/Programs
    - i. On March 26, we had the pleasure of hosting author and illustrator Vashti Harrison for a school-wide visit. Throughout the day, she engaged students with interactive storytelling and shared insight into her creative process, emphasizing creativity, perseverance, and the importance of seeing themselves and others reflected in stories. Students were highly attentive and enthusiastic, and the sessions created meaningful connections to both literacy and the arts. During her time with fifth grade students, she discussed the process of becoming an author and highlighted key elements of building strong characters within a story, offering practical guidance and inspiration for students interested in writing. She also worked with our Pre-K students, reading Hair Love and creating a special drawing for them, which made the experience especially memorable for our youngest learners. The visit also included a very successful book sale, with a total of 98 books sold—60 copies of Big and 38 copies of Little Dreamers. Overall, the visit was an inspiring and enriching experience for our students, and we are grateful to the PTO for supporting this opportunity.
  - c. Rizzo’s Wildlife Presentation will be on 4/29 and 4/30
    - i. 4/29:
      - 1. 3rd Grade: 8:00 – 8:50 AM
      - 2. 2nd Grade: 9:00 – 9:50 AM
      - 3. 5th Grade: 10:00 – 10:50 AM
      - 4. 4th Grade: 11:00 – 11:50 AM
    - ii. 4/30:
      - 1. Kindergarten: 11:00 – 11:50 AM
      - 2. Pre-K: 12:00 – 12:50 PM
      - 3. 1st Grade: 1:00 – 1:50 PM
  - d. Communications
    - i. Facebook
    - ii. SEPAG
      - 1. SEPAG Meet and Greet, 4/10, 9am, Coffee Potter
      - 2. SEPAG meeting 4/14, 7pm LVMS Library, Speech Therapist and Occupational Therapist Guest Speakers.
      - 3. Kerry Magro Presentation, 4/22 7pm Flocktown Multipurpose Room
    - iii. Yearbook
      - 1. Yearbook Sale is officially over. Thank you to all of you that have purchased one and for all of your support!
    - iv. Website

- v. Library
- e. Fundraising/Events
  - i. Gertrude Hawk -
    1. Thank you to all who participated. We sold \$14,209 and earned \$7104.50!
    2. Also, thank you so much for your patience and understanding with the rescheduled delivery due to the shipping issue.
    3. There were a handful of order errors that Gertrude Hawk always promptly addresses. If anyone has any issues outstanding, please let Jessica Apgar know.
  - ii. Harlem Wizards
    1. The event is Monday April 27th at 6:30pm (30 mins earlier than last year). Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday April 8th after school, after the students Harlem Wizards assembly.
    2. We are still in need of volunteers for souvenirs, concessions, and cleanup. Souvenir volunteers are most critical as we cannot hold the event without the full 8 souvenir volunteers (Wizards requirement). If anyone volunteered for other positions and would be willing to change to souvenirs, please let Jessica Apgar know.
  - iii. Hershey Park Tickets
    1. Tickets will go on sale on 4/13 to 4/27 and be distributed by first week in May.
    2. Tickets will be same price as last year \$47 for tickets valid till 1/3/27.
    3. They do have a new option this year for an early season ticket good through 7/31/26 which will be \$42.
  - iv.
- f. Room Parent Coordinator-5th Grade RPs are working on planning the 5th Grade Celebration at BAC. (6/5).
- g. Teacher Appreciation
  - i. Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated May 18-22
  - ii. Room parents will be making homeroom appreciation posters due on May 1st. A sign up will also be shared to help create posters for the rest of the teachers/staff.
- h. Family Fun Nights
  - i. FFN has the end of the year picnic on 6/12
- 7. Unfinished Business
  - a. There were discussions about how room parents are picked and the process that goes into it.
- 8. New Business
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment-7:55pm