



**Fox Hollow  
PTO Meeting**  
February 13, 2026  
8:15 AM

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Fox Hollow PTO exists to build strong relationships between parents, teachers and students, to provide essential funding to help enrich all students' academic experience, while creating a strong school community through social events and activities.

**PTO Board  
Quorum/Attendance**

**Voting Members**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Olmsted	President (only votes in the event of a tie)
<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Hachmeister	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Page	Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanna Farnsworth	Co-VP Social Events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candace Tompkins	Co-VP Social Events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerry Vasboe-Peach	VP Community and Wellness
<input type="checkbox"/> Davy Strategier	VP Hospitality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molly Thompson	VP Fundraising

**Attendees (Non-Voting Members)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Gray	Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaron Hill	Assistant Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angel St. Pierre	Office Manager

# President

- 26/27 Calendar – Ashley, can I get on your calendar to start finalizing dates?
  - Ashley, Sara, and Angel will meet in April to work towards finalizing the calendar.
- PTO Positions for the 2026/27 school year
  - Our current org chart: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vC-IAjqGxjJIMu2zsOyj6pBhpEQNGCEJPMjbke\\_aAUc/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vC-IAjqGxjJIMu2zsOyj6pBhpEQNGCEJPMjbke_aAUc/edit?usp=drive_link)
  - Mary wants co-chairs for her events
- PTO Volunteer Survey/Link is now on the HOMEPAGE of the PTO Google Drive.
  - Please make a point to check regularly and follow-up for your event – as of 2/11, zero responses.
  - Document can be found on the PTO Google drive main page  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4BnE7tc24RAN1o0ZVBiRVdMeTA?resourcekey=0--ZXm\\_xogGw36ULyze6aAPw&usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4BnE7tc24RAN1o0ZVBiRVdMeTA?resourcekey=0--ZXm_xogGw36ULyze6aAPw&usp=drive_link)
- Surveys:
  - Staff survey for PTO Events (RTTM, & Trunk or Treat) went out.
    - Survey closes 2/28
  - Do we want to run a community survey to get feedback about:
    - Where they want us to spend PTO \$\$ towards the school?
    - Vote on Spirit Nights – ie: which are your favorite restaurants?

# Principal

- Principal's Update:
  - Table and benches ordered using grant money for outside learning area by the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> grade doors. Requesting PTO money for 2 concrete slabs and a walk way to go under the tables/benches. This may be a multi-year project to raise the PTO money to cover the cost. Ashley will request an updated price estimate for our next PTO meeting (current pricing gave \$25k for the entire project, \$8k for a single slab). The board would need to vote if they want to move forward with this project.
  - Ashley is hoping for grant money to plant drought resistant trees. The board discussed finding donations just for this project. There would need to be an understanding that any money donated doesn't guarantee that the tree purchased would survive, although the school will do all they can to help it grow. Sara said her understanding is that the soil is poisoned for planting trees for several years after removing junipers. Ashley will look into this.

- Ashley is hoping to create another outdoor learning area by the preschool buildings using money from preschool funding.
- The school has cancelled their contract with LifeTouch Photography for next year because of its founder's associations with Epstein.
- Star Testing starts next week (Wed to a week from Friday). Reading and math. Typically students are tested in December and May, but the school would like more mid-year data. This new data will be available for parents to see during Conferences.
- Special staff meetings trying to bring SPED & General Ed staff together for more collaboration. The school is trying to close the gap between those groups to help kids in those SPED groups that are not showing as much growth in standardized testing.
- This month Capturing Kids' Hearts is focused on Kindness.
- The school was asked by the district to try to save 10% of budget at the end of the year to give back to district to prepare for potential budget cuts. Fox Hollow is on track having spent 42% of its budget, but it will not have that extra budget to give back.
- Budget: Long discussion about how the school budget is allocated. The school gets about \$80k for its budget (not related to certified teacher for administrative salaries). This budget pays for ceiling tiles, toilet paper, paper towels, photo copies, printer maintenance, etc. If money from the PTO didn't go toward paras, the school would not have excess money for paras.

## Secretary

- Is there anything for the newsletter?
  - Food for Friends - March 9-13
    - Need volunteers – use google link
    - Drive Up Days 3/10-3/12 – Confirm this with Kerry before advertising
  - Staff Luncheon – Tuesday, March 3
    - Food sign up link under Hospitality
    - Need volunteers – use google link
  - Conference week – March 2-5
    - Teacher sign up link from Ashley
    - No school 3/5 and 3/6
  - Spirit Night – Lava Island March 5<sup>th</sup> – The board approved this new Spirit Night. See details under Fundraising.
  - Math A Thon – Molly will send info soon for the newsletter.
  - Save the Date image for Foxtrotters to include in the newsletter starting in March. Joanna will send this to you.

- Eventually Ashley will give pics of new benches that will arrive for the outside learning area discussed under the Principal section. These pictures can go out in a future newsletter. Emphasize that grant money was used for this project.
- Continue to advertise for the Treasurer position. Also Mary Flint would like co-chairs for her 2 events (Kindergarten Coffee and Veterans Day Tea).

## Treasurer

- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the 26/27 budget
- No budget discussed because Mike had surgery

## Hospitality

- Staff Luncheon – Taco Bar on 3/3
  - Signup genius - [Fox Hollow PTO: Let's "Taco" bout it! - Staff Luncheon Conference Week](#)
  - Shannon – please highlight volunteer link for set up/take down

## Social Events

- Foxtrotters – April 10
- Going cashless – add this to the flyer. Suggest that people screenshot the receipt. They will get tickets for Revtrek concession sales.
- Sabrina has an assistant this year who is helping/shadowing her.
- Candace says we probably can use a smaller budget for next year because there are fewer students. This year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is the last large class.

## Fundraising

### Spirit Nights

Howdy Ice Cream- The Spirit Night generated \$1,250.47. FHE received \$125.05.

Dions Pizza- \$1,342.60. FHE received \$268.52

March 5th- Lava Island 2-9PM 20% of proceeds \* No school – Molly will look into whether we can add a Chick-fil-A Spirit Night to coincide with this.

April 3rd - Fuzzy's Tacos, 4-8 PM

May 14th- Skate City (Aurora), 6-8 PM

Ideas: Try a Spirit Night at the new Slick City and partner it with a Spirit Night on the same day at On the Border or Bad Daddy's so people can get dinner right next to Slick City. Molly will look into this.

## School Toolbox

Chelsie Oehlkers is co-chair

Jan Yoder with School Toolbox has created login

Ms. Donna will have the list to us in March after enrollment numbers

## Math A Thon

### March 23rd - April 10th

- **99 Pledges**

- Organizations pay only the standard transaction fee of **3.49% plus 49 cents per transaction**, which is charged by credit card companies for secure online donations. This fee will be automatically deducted at the end of your fundraiser and paid directly to the credit card companies—99Pledges itself charges no fees whatsoever, and we have no fundraising minimums.

[Learn more](#) about how you will receive your funds.

### How is 99Pledges free

99Pledges is free to all organizations thanks to **optional donor tips**. We rely on donors' generosity to help us run our platform, but the choice to leave a tip is up to the individual. We'll never charge your donors without their consent.

### Here's how EASY it is:

Send us your roster, we'll create a pledge page for every student

When you're ready to launch, invite your parents to their child's page

Students obtain pledges for words spelled correctly on their spelling test

- **Pledgestar**

### 7% fee

Example: If we raise \$10,000 for Math-A-Thon, the fee would be \$700

PledgeStar invoices us directly (check or Zelle); the fee is not taken from funds raised

### There is a \$1,195 fee cap per event

PledgeStar also allows donors to opt in (or be set to opt out) to help cover credit card and/or platform fees. **The default is 3%**. With the 3% opt-in, we raised an additional **\$626.97**

- **Boosterthon**

Creekside Elementary currently uses this platform

No subscription fee

No transfer fee

15% donor fee

Donors can choose to cover the fee

The platform can cap the uncovered portion at 5% if donors do not fully cover it

**Double the Donation is embedded in the software**, so we would not need to pay for that separately

- **Get Moving Fund Hub**

\$250 startup fee for 2026 (if we use for RTTM as well)

\$499 annual subscription fee

15% fee on each donation

Donors can choose to cover the fee

Typically about 5% of donors do not, which FHE would cover

**Notes:** Discussion about options. Likely sticking with Pledgestar because it's user friendly, parents are familiar with the program, and it gives good data back to the organizers. Considering using 99 Pledges to try for Math A Thon because it's cheaper, but it's also more

basic. Will most likely will use Pledgestar for Math A Thon. Definitely not using Boosterthon because it's too expensive.

Angel said Jennifer Newman with Cherry Creek Foundation can help us use sites that don't charge the school. Sara will contact her for info.

### **Prizes- Teachers**

We didn't budget for that when we put together budgets last year. The idea came up after RTTM this fall. Our goal is \$8k so we can get creative for teachers' prizes.

Flyer is in the works.

Soliciting to local businesses for "special prizes"

### **26/27 Budget - handout**

## **Community & Wellness**

- F4F: Spring Food Drive 3/9-3/13 (promotion and needing volunteers)
- Garden: Spring seed starting day (tentatively scheduled for Tues., 3/24, pending approval from Ashley and reservation of the library) **Approved by Ashley**

Notes: Discussion about the garden looking less tidy. Perhaps families could "adopt a box" to take care of over the summer. This could help create a stronger community within the garden group.