

PTO General Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026 | Roberts Elementary | Time: 6:30pm

Present at meeting:

Jenny Ellis (President), Erin Geyer (Treasurer), Rosalia White (Bookkeeper), and Stephanie Sorah (Secretary)

Cassandra Joss (Principal), Stacey Kammerer (Literacy Coach), Daniela Catalano (Teacher), Peyton Jones (Teacher), Jaimie Line (Admin Assistant), Aubree Brewington (Parent), Tiffany Standridge (Parent), Adrienne Wearmouth (Parent), Hira Khan (Parent) Online: no other participants noted.

1. Welcome and Introductions

PTO officers introduced themselves: Jenny Ellis, President; Danielle, Vice President; Stephanie Sorah, Secretary; Erin Geyer, Treasurer; and Rosalie, Bookkeeper. Teacher liaisons were identified as Ms. Catalano and Mrs. Jones.

2. Principal's Report — Cassandra Joss

Enrollment is approximately 460 students. Dual-language classrooms were discussed across elementary grades. Roberts will transition to a K-5 building next school year, with both current fifth- and sixth-grade cohorts departing at year-end.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the following week; Wednesday is a half-day. PTO-provided staff lunch on conference Wednesday was discussed, including advance notice of menu and dietary options.

Fun Run donations reached approximately \$8,100 (81% of goal). Event: October 16; rain date: October 23. Fundraising remains open through October 23. Top classes named: Wilson, Schaefer, and Jones.

Fifth and sixth graders will each have year-end graduation recognition. Sixth-grade camp has occurred; fifth-grade camp is planned for spring. Shelby Township Police TEAMS programming will be offered in an abbreviated format to fifth grade; career focus will move to middle school for current fifth graders.

A character-building assembly is booked for January 11, with two age-group sessions and a combined cost of \$700. PTO assembly funding was requested;

3. Title I Presentation — Mrs. Kameron

Title I is a federal grant supporting student achievement and family engagement. Roberts is a schoolwide Title I building, permitting broader participation in funded programming.

Examples included family science programming, assemblies, books and instructional materials.

The literacy coach described first- and fourth-grade intervention support, teacher collaboration, assessment review, and family involvement.

A science night with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is planned for February.

The parent responsibilities in the Title I school-home compact were reviewed. Attendees expressed agreement with the existing wording; no changes were proposed. A parent engagement plan will be presented at a future meeting.

4. PTO Fundraising and Events — Jenny Ellis

Mabel's Labels is a year-round fundraiser and will be promoted again in winter.

Birthday fundraiser participation: approximately 150 students at \$5 each.

Snack cart demand was strong; dietary and allergy accommodations were invited. October 16 snack cart was canceled; next date is November 13.

Great Pumpkin Raffle: ticket sales October 12–23; tickets distributed and voting begins October 26; voting closes October 29; winners announced October 30. Pricing: 3 tickets/\$1 or 18/\$5. The winning teacher's class receives cider and doughnuts in early November.

Family Paint Night: November 6; \$5 per participant; capacity 150; forms distributed October 16 and due October 30.

First skate night: November 23; \$9 including skate rental; five skate nights planned across the year.

Combined fifth/sixth-grade graduation celebration: June 12, 2027, at the community center
Volunteer coordination/5th and 6th Grade parent committees will follow.

5. 2026–2027 Budget Review and Vote

Jenny Ellis reviewed proposed line-item changes across school enrichment, hospitality, PTO operations, social events and managed fundraisers. Changes included revised classroom supplies, field trip and transportation allocations, staff appreciation, student celebrations, a fall paint event, and replacement of the chocolate fundraiser with a popcorn fundraiser.

The opening budget was stated as \$53,451.95. The proposed budget total is 47,4750.00.

Motion: Jenny Ellis moved to approve the 2026–2027 PTO budget as presented. Second: Erin Geyer. Vote: A show of hands was requested for those in favor and none opposed; the meeting proceeded as though the motion passed. Exact vote count was 14 yes and 0 no.

6. District Enrollment Advisory Committee

Principal Joss described district review of attendance boundaries and school configurations for clusters 1 and 2, including Roberts in Cluster 1.

One parent representative (Erin Geyer) had volunteered; a second parent (Danielle Ulch) and alternate expressed interest (Adrienne Wearmouth).

7. Adjournment and Follow-Up

The meeting concluded with thanks to attendees. Adjournment: 7:01pm