

Four Mile PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Four Mile Library

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
 - In person attendance: Amanda Michael, Alyssa Meade, Kirsten Lauters, Jessica Jones, Nicole Irwin, Sheila Juhler, Wayne Bauman, Becca Johnson, Tammy Steenhoek, Shasta Cunningham, Katie McCleish, Eric and Harini Greving, Megan Larson. Virtual attendees: Esther Perales; Kareena Price; Julie Hengstenberg; Brandon Krause
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2. Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by Amanda Michael.
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3. Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed ending balance from last school year and carryover into this year.
 - Donations from last year were noted, including teacher requests and fun run income.
 - \$36,000 currently earmarked for playground resurfacing project; further discussion planned for November regarding additional earmarks for upgrades.
 - Reviewed line items from last year's budget and this year's proposed budget.
 - Motion made to approve current Budget by Ashley Grosz, Seconded by Andrea Seiberling. Budget approved overall.
 - Motion made by Ashely Grosz, Seconded by Jessica Jones, and passed to appoint **Becca Johnson as Treasurer**, filling Emily House's position for this school year.
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4. Principal's Report (Mrs. Steenhoek)

- Expressed gratitude for ongoing PTA support.
 - Highlighted importance of funding field trips, as many students would not otherwise have these experiences.
 - Shared updates:
 - Enrollment is **519 students**, up ~30 from last year.
 - No new teaching staff this year.
 - Reviewed school improvement goals:
 - Attendance goals
 - Engagement goals
 - Currently in testing season; scores will guide support and enrichment.
 - Grants received:
 - **Sensory pathways** and **buddy benches** (six installed on playground).
 - Launching **Leader Clubs** (grades 2–5) in October; 18 clubs ranging from kindness/service to common interest (Lego, sports stats, etc.).
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6. Pleasant Hill Library

- Amanda Michael shared resources available with a library card:
 - **Adventure Pass** (free tickets to Science Center, Zoo, Botanical Gardens, etc.).
 - ABC Mouse subscription, e-books, audiobooks, puzzles, board games, Cricut machine, notary services, study/conference rooms.
 - Learning kits for kids, including Kindergarten readiness kits.
 - Printing, scanning, lamination, and online tutoring services.
 - Encouraged families to get library cards for both adults and children.
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7. Guest Report: Dr. Halupnik, Superintendent

- Thanked PTA and Four Mile staff for hospitality.
- Shared district vision, mission, and enrollment growth updates:
 - District is now the **12th largest in Iowa** with **7,327 K–12 students** plus **350 preschoolers**.
 - Elementary class sizes average **22 students**.
- **Referendum (November 4, 2025):**
 - Projects include a new elementary school, playground improvements, and junior high renovations.

- Would not increase district tax rate.
 - Elementary growth projections show need for additional classrooms and preschool capacity.
 - If passed, **playgrounds could be renovated by summer 2026**; district would assume responsibility for playgrounds long-term, easing PTA's financial burden.
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8. Committees

There was a brief discussion on the Duck Derby.

Thank you for making our **Ram the Reservoir: Four Mile Duck Derby** such a fun community event! We'd love to hear what went well and what we can improve for next year. This survey takes **2–3 minutes**.

Choose your language to start:

- [English](#)
- [Español](#)

Whether you attended or couldn't make it, your feedback helps us plan an even better Duck Derby next year. 🧡

Thank you for supporting Four Mile PTA!

P.S. [Here is a link to a one-page poster with QR codes if you'd like to share the survey with friends and family.](#)

The fun run is set for Friday, October 24. Rain date: Monday, October 27. There was discussion on the DJ Booth. Alyssa Meade proposed a \$190 budget for her husband to get the equipment. Member also potentially would be able to get some equipment for us at a lesser cost. Also a possibility that Jordan can let us borrow the equipment needed.

- Fall vendor show will be held November 15th, 10am-3pm.
Bingo will be held in January again, but potentially looking into late April.
McTeacher night will be next Wednesday September 17th 4-7pm. Looking for volunteers.
Skate south spirit night moved from Oct. 16th to December 2nd due to conferences.
Looking for volunteers for the book fair.

Potentially talking about a staff pumpkin decorating contest.

9. New Business

- Next meeting scheduled for October 7th at 6pm.
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10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn Becca Johnson, seconded by Jessica Johnson.
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