

PTA Agenda

April 21, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM BY STEPH BILLINGSLEY

Introductions: Stephanie Billingsley

Missoula Update: Heidi Mader

- Host Families Needed
 - Seeking families willing to *consider* hosting a director during residency week
 - Requirements:
 - Safe, private sleeping space
 - WiFi access
 - If no hosts are available, PTA must secure AirBnB housing (~\$500 per director)
 - AirBnB housing was required for the Spring 2026 show
- Program Cost Overview - final numbers updated at May meeting
 - Missoula Cost - ~\$4,300
 - Funds raised through show-related fundraising, advertising & ticket sales
- Fall 2026 Show Details
 - Production: *The Little Mermaid*
 - Dates: November 2–7 (*pending final approval from AVS Athletic Director*)
 - Participating Grades: 1, 3, 5, and 7

UPDATE:

Inquired about local business interest re sponsorships and options to possibly replace candy and balloons. Emily Seidell suggested inexpensive cups to decorate with a Cricut machine! Well-received at the meeting! Heidi to contact Ms. Seidell in advance to arrange. Otherwise will try to get registration forms out a bit farther in advance to allow for sign-ups, as it is anticipated that attendance will be high for the next show.

Summer Camps - Sara Nasbaum

- Registration moved out to Friday, April 24th
- If you need to cancel - no later than May 15th
- Currently registered 817 campers (between AM & PM for all 3 sessions)
- Will confirm with instructors which camps will not run due to not meeting minimums
 - Will email parents - refund for canceled camp - re-register for alternate camp option (will be provided discount code matching the early bird discount)
- Trying to finalize camp rosters by May 15th to give instructors sufficient time to plan and reach out to welcome parents & campers

UPDATE: Revenues are high as of today (over \$100K). Will likely need to come up with a limit in future. If there is need to cancel, please do so by May 15th. Otherwise, instructors will be paid based on the roster number. Very successful endeavor.

Teacher Appreciation - Tanya Bishop

- Week of May 11th - 15th
- Harry Potter/Wizard World Theme
- Amazon Wish List was sent out to all PTA members last Thursday
- Scheduled Events:
 - Breakfast
 - Snack from the "Trolley Cart"
 - Trail Mix Bar
 - Lunch Provided
 - Lemonade Trailer

UPDATE: Amazon wish list is complete as of today! Very grateful for folks covering costs to allow us to use our budget for other things, e.g. decor. We will be setting things up in the teacher breakroom, trying to touch base during the week, and cleaning up at week's end. Volunteers have already reached out for this purposes. **Still looking for Harry Potter scarf, wand, and spectacles.** Any ideas on how to sort teachers into houses??? One teacher suggested to have kids sort – but what if they are all in Slytherin?!?! Perhaps randomly sort through ChatGPT?

Nomination Committee: Bethany Keefe

- **POSITIONS & CURRENT NOMINATIONS:**
 - President - Tanya Bishop
 - Vice President - Bailey Trahan
 - Secretary - Jennifer Alldredge
 - Treasurer - Andrea Sankovich
 - Asst Treasurer - Asja Pinkham
 - Membership Coordinator -
- **ANYONE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING THEMSELVES FOR ANY POSITION - PLEASE REACH OUT TO NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIR - Bethany.Rae.keefe@gmail.com**
- Voting will be at last meeting - May 19, 2026 6:30 PM
- We had 2 people reach out for coordinator positions
 - Allyce Stevens - Swag Coordinator
 - Jennifer Seibel - Social Media Coordinator
 - These positions are board appointed positions and we are super excited to have them be a part of the team!

UPDATE: Steph Billingsley said she will do membership coordinator position if no interest in same. Membership is a good way to start/intro to the PTA Board. Still looking for any interest in any position. All are welcome! Social media and swag positions have interest per above. PTA is always open for new Board members and willing to train. Many thanks!

Financial Report - Andrea Sankovich

UPDATE: Andrea had to leave at 6:30pm. Bailey explained that we are in the process of clearing Missoula payments. We were \$28 over-budget for Father/Daughter and Mother/Son. Not bad. Otherwise, slow couple months.

School Board Update: Tanya Bishop

Updates from Anthony Piascik:

- School bus negotiations went well and are complete
- Principal search is still ongoing with another meet the candidate tomorrow
- Administration is working on staffing for the next school year with numbers of students getting close but never finalized
- Assistant Superintendent interviews have started and we are waiting on an update
- Fund balance for the year is healthy and they hope to give funds back to support taxes

UPDATE: Above bullets relayed by Tanya, as Anthony could not make it. One member asked if there were changes to the buses. Assumption is that it was up for contracting. Per Mrs. Barnhill, beginning of the year is always a bit bumpy, but so much better this year than others. There are little things that pop up, but pretty smooth this year. Some changes in driver, but otherwise smooth with those transitions. Happy overall.

Admin Update: Mrs. Barnhill

UPDATE: Since last meeting, we had book fair, Night of the Arts (success!), band performed at the state house, band and chorus had their performance at Pinkerton (hoping to make it annual – need to add into budget because charged full price for Stockbridge). Had Geography Bee today in Middle School. Jackson McCart (sp?) won for third year in a row. Fifth grader came in third place. Family literacy night was low attendance, but hoping it picks up in future. Kevin Scarupa was here, Robotics competition done! It is field trip season. Fourth grade is going on two field trips after vacation. Fifth is going on one this week and again after vacation. Seventh is going to Lowell Mills on Friday (literacy unit, industrial revolution). Vacation next week, then SAS testing season (Tuesday after vacation). Everyone tests on Tuesday. Admins will be stationed in the hallway to assist with quiet transitions. That first Friday is just science, then testing again on Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. An eighth grader made it to nationals for Invention Convention! It was in the newspaper. Kids really thought outside the box this year.

Upcoming Events

APRIL

27-1 April Break

MAY

11-15 Teacher Appreciation Week

19 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library -

VOTING FOR NEW BOARD & PROPOSED 26-27 BUDGET

JUNE

5 Student Appreciation Day

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Steph Billingsley
- Tanya Bishop
- Andrea Sankovich
- Bailey Trahan
- Heidi Mader
- Emily Seidell
- Brittany Carlson
- Jen Strabone
- Bethany Keefe
- Melissa Ruggiero
- Kate Phengsysovanh
- Jennifer Barnhill
- Jennifer Alldredge
- Asja Pinkham
- Alyssa Stanton
- Jennifer Seibel

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55PM.

*****NEXT MEETING 5/19/2026 – Show up to VOTE! Proposed budget at that time, too!*****