

Winterquist Partners In Education (PIE) Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Current Mission Statement: Winterquist Elementary Partners in Education's mission is supporting, promoting, and enhancing our children's educational environment.

Board Members in Attendance:

- Chairperson Kacy Jacobs
- Co-Chairperson/Secretary Denise LaGraves
- Treasurer Ty Gangelhoff

Number of Members in Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 1734

Approval of February 2026 Meeting Minutes:

- Review/approve minutes. Mr Krueger motioned to approve; Ty seconded- motioned passed.

Budget for this school year:

Budget 2025-2026	Budgeted Amount	Amount Remaining
Roller skating- PE	\$1270.00	\$0
Teacher Requests- Kindergarten	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- First Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests and Good & Services Day- Second Grade	\$750.00	\$216.28
Teacher Requests- Third Grade	\$750.00	\$645.99
Teacher Requests- Fourth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Fifth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Sixth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Staff Appreciation (no conference meals)	\$500.00	\$500.00
Science Night	\$1,000.00	\$810.00
I Love to Read Month	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Knowledge Bowl	\$500.00	\$500.00
PIE General Fund (expenses, etc.)	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Child care gift cards for during PIE meetings: \$5 x 2 x 8 meetings	\$80.00	\$0.00
Playground Equipment to replace zipline?	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Total	\$36,100.00	\$33,922.27
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Treasurer Report:

- **National Bank of Commerce Account:**

Date	Category	Paid to/From	Check Number	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
1/31/2026	Deposit	Interest			.14	32,340.40
2/6/2026	Withdrawal	Gordy's- 19 \$10 gift cards for bus driver appreciation month- Uecker/2nd grade		190.00		32,150.40
2/3/2026	Withdrawal	Duluth Children's Museum payment for 3/19/26 Science Night attendance	3006	125.00		32,025.40
2/23/2026	Withdrawal	Third grade "Cupid's Kitchen"- ice cream dessert and souvenir cups- Mooney & Tacheny reimbursement- 3rd grade	3007	104.01		31,921.39
2/2/2026	PLACEHOLDE R-Withdrawal	Food for bus driver appreciation month- Uecker Reimbursement/2nd grade		35.00		31,886.39

School District Held Funds:

Date	Category	Paid to/From	Cleared	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Cost approved (meeting date)
12/8/2025	Starting Balance	Transferring \$2000 from PIE checking account to District Funds approved by officers 12/8/25 for efficiency of reimbursing school paid, PIE reimbursed purchases.				\$0.00	12/8/2025
12/18/2025	Deposit	Esko ISD #99- Funds to pay PIE approved purchases through District Office. Check #3005	x		2,000.00	\$2,000.00	12/8/2025
12/4/2025	Withdrawal	EXTRA Math online subscription-Uecker/2nd grade	x	50.00		\$1,950.00	11/3/2025
12/4/2025	Withdrawal	EXTRA Math online subscription-Peterson/2nd grade	x	50.00		\$1,900.00	11/3/2025
12/4/2025	PLACEHOLDER	EXTRA Math online subscription-\$100- 2nd grade- approval was for up to \$200 (\$50 per class). Two classes have yet to purchase.		100.00		\$1,800.00	11/3/2025
1/6/2026	Withdrawal	Second Grade Writing Journals-Uecker/2nd grade	x	108.72		\$1,691.28	1/5/2026
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Playground:

- Jig-Jag Double Climber with Firepoles and OmiSpin Spinner were the chosen items.
- Quote for the two items is \$15,868.14 in materials plus \$4,219.41 installation cost totals \$20,087.55. This does not include removing mulch, extra drainage/rock aggregate if that's found to be needed, reinstalling mulch etc. Price will likely rise. Community Education still funding 25%.
- Ty discussed with Heidi Wilk from Flagship Recreation and then Mr. Harker. Ty discussed removal/installation plan with Mr. Harker. Project is at the point of the school taking over the financial documents and Mr. Harker is coordinating.
- School/Tony in charge of removing zipline.
- Plan is to have minimal volunteer manual labor involved versus using school equipment.

- Fundraiser updates:
 - Clothing fundraiser- Celeste updates via Ty. Celeste has worked with Advantage Emblem & Screen Printing.
 - Designs updated and finalized.
 - Numerous items to be offered:
 - Most clothing items are port authority
 - Jackets Eddie Bauer
 - Hats Nike and North Face
 - Backpacks Northface and Nike
 - Women's cross body is North Face
 - Toddler (hoodie and T-Shirt)
 - Youth (hoodie, sweatshirt, long sleeve shirt, T-Shirt, dry-fit shirt, dry-fit long sleeve)
 - Adult (hoodie, sweatshirt, long sleeve shirt, T-Shirt, dry-fit shirt, dry-fit long sleeve, sweatpants, women's fitted T- shirt)
 - Jackets (men's and women's cold weather)
 - Hats (beanie, baseball dry-fit, golf visor)
 - Crossbody (North Face)
 - Discussion item: price points. Discussed having one T-shirt at smaller price point (minimal mark up) then others at a higher price point.
 - Question from Celeste: How did we receive profit portion from Advantage in the past?
 - They cut us a check after everything is done on their end.
 - McSchool Night: Wednesday, May 13, 4-7 p.m. Celeste is organizing.
 - McSchool night fundraising breakdown, from Ashley Willis with McDonald's: "For a digital McTeacher's night, 40% of our digital food sales will be donated to the school. Digital sales include orders placed and paid for on the kiosks, delivery, and orders placed on the mobile app. We will also donate chocolate chip cookies for teachers to sell in the dining room. We recommend charging \$1.00 for a 2-pack of cookies. 100% of the cash made from the cookie sales and any tips would also be donated to the school. In the past, we have created flyers with this information on them to send home with the students and will plan to do so this year as well.

On average, we have raised \$2,300 with this group during our digital events. The most we have raised was \$2,853. A good goal to set would be at least \$2,500, but I'm sure we can get even more than that!"

- Denise is coordinating staff sign-ups with Sam in the office. Sam will ask for sign-ups two weeks in advance. **Assignment:** Denise will send Sam a reminder two weeks in advance.
- Fill the E. Celeste updates via Ty- Celeste is planning for this to happen in the fall.
- Tax filings updates:
 - MN non-profit business renewal completed.
 - Federal postcard form 990-N completed.

Teacher Requests:

- School Patrol - applied for grant thru a Duluth/Superior organization for bus funds. And looking to combine with 7th grade trip to save on bus costs.
 - \$450 for tickets
 - \$1200 for bus
- Funding \$910.72 allotted for I Love to Read Month for snacks, gift cards drawings

Chairperson Updates:

- School Day Enhancements and Appreciation Subcommittee
 - Kacy- School Day Enhancements- we had a meeting on 2/10 at 6:00. The group decided we will have Teacher Appreciation week be Children's Games Theme this year. We are tentatively thinking about having the remaining 4 days be: Monday: fruit day (Apples to Apples, Hi Ho Cherry O!), Tuesday: coffee bar (Don't Wake Daddy, Life), Thursday: meal one day (Hungry Hungry Hippo, Taco Goat Cat Cheese), Friday: desserts/candy day (Pie in Face, Candyland), and Mr. Harker's day (Wednesday).

Co-Chairperson Updates:

- Community Events Committee.
 - Family Gathering Nights.
 - STEAM Night Thursday, March 19th from 5:30-7:00pm
 - 17 stations
 - The plan is for the flyers to go out Tuesday 3/3

Other updates or questions:

- **Mrs. Baird:** NASHKE Native Games come and do a full day presentation to grades K-6 NEXT school year. This would meet some of the new social studies standards that are required to be implemented next year and for which we do not have any curriculum that meets these standards.
 - Comes out for full day - \$1500
 - Games also available -
- Electing people for secretary and co-chair at April meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 1838

Upcoming Meeting Dates; all in Board Room at 5:30 pm:

April 6th, 2026

May 4th, 2026

Meeting minutes to be sent to Melanie Pliml in Community Education for Esko's Corner submission. They will also be sent to Mrs. Peterson for the school website to post it there as well.