

Winterquist Partners In Education (PIE) Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2026

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: 5:31PM

Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Review/approve minutes. __Ty__ motioned to approve; __Brian Harker__ seconded- motioned passed.

Budget Approval for this school year:

Proposed 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	\$550.00
Teacher Requests- Third Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
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	\$1,000.00
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	\$32,100.00	\$30,550.00
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****Nita Peterson is able to get a grant for \$250 thru Thrivent for Staff Appreciation Week***

****Jess Uecker will plan to do bus driver appreciation out of 2nd grade budgeted amount.***

****Nita Peterson made a motion to approve the budget. Stephen Krueger seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

Treasurer Report:

- Expenditure/Income Report:

Date	Category	Paid to/From	Check Number	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
10/31/2025	Deposit	Interest			.15	35,609.97
11/11/2025	Withdrawal	Grades 1-3 Roller Skating PE Unit- Ms. Vesel-Johnson	3004	1270.00		34,339.97
11/30/2025	Deposit	Interest			0.15	34,340.12

***Playground:**

- Ty has been in contact with Flagship Recreation and continues to work on this with them. Discussion of potential new items for playground from Flagship Recreation. Looking at one spinner, one climber and chill spinners (will have email to teachers to have kids vote on one in each category):
 - Omnispin spinner \$11710 - install \$1400
 - TopsyTurny Spinner \$7074 - install \$1850
 - Double Humpty Climber \$4157 - install \$950
 - JigJag Double Climber with Firepoles \$5171 - install \$800
 - Chill Spinners \$2933/each - install \$450/each
- On behalf of PIE, Ty requested from Esko Community Education (who uses playground for various programs) assistance with playground equipment funding. They approved 25% of the total cost of new playground equipment, replacing the X Wave and Zipline.

***After a meeting with Teresa Hart in the District Business Office, Ty is moving \$2,000 to their office to make paying teacher requests, etc. easier.**

***Venmo- Tiffany Kuchar is may be willing to work on this.**

*Clothing fundraiser- Celeste is waiting for a logo from Advantage- she'll send to Ty for board approval once received.

- Can we have a high school student competition to create a logo to put on apparel for a fall 2026 clothing fundraiser? yes.

*McSchool Night(s).

- Recommending McSchool night in April/May.

*Texas Roadhouse.

- Tiffany checking into how their fundraisers work.

*Fill the E.

- Celeste will start coordinating in January for Fill the E.

Teacher Requests:

- Teacher request from Ms. Uecker:
 - New request: Reimbursement for Writing Word Journals for 2nd grade students: \$108.74 for 96 writing journals.
 - Nita Peterson made motion to approve; Kacey Jacobs seconded. Motion passed.

Chairperson Updates:

- Kacy will be scheduling a meeting for the Committee- School Day Enhancements and Appreciation. Stay tuned! Budget had to be approved to move forward.
 - I Love to Read Month meeting at Esko school with teachers next week (1/12/26 week)

Co-Chairperson Updates:

- Community Events Committee met on November 5th at 6:00 pm at the Warming House in Cloquet. They will meet again after break.
 - Family Gathering Nights were proposed by the group.
 - Science Night is on the calendar for Thursday, March 19th from 5:30-7:00pm
 - Would a family camp out be possible in the school forest?

Other updates or questions: none

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35pm

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

February 2nd, 2026

March 2nd, 2026

April 6th, 2026

May 4th, 2026