

Winterquist Partners In Education (PIE) Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026 5:30 P.M.

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: 14

Meeting called to order at: 1731

Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes:

- Review/approve minutes. Tiffany motioned to approve; Nita seconded- motioned passed.

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	\$406.28
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	\$875.00
I Love to Read Month	\$3,500.00	\$2589.28
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 Updates	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total	\$36,100.00	\$32,266.55

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	PLACEHOLDER-Withdrawal	Food for bus driver appreciation month- Uecker Reimbursement/2nd grade		35.00		31,886.39
3/2/2026	Deposit	Interest			.12	31,886.51
3/2/2026	Withdrawal	Teacher Jessica Zervas- I Love to Read Month rewards & prizes reimbursement	308	368.88		31,517.63
3/2/2026	Withdrawal	Librarian Bridget Peterson- I Love to Read Month rewards & prizes reimbursement	3009	7.47		31,510.16

Date	Category	Paid to/From	Check Number	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
3/2/2026	Withdrawal	Teacher Mary Durand- I Love to Read Month rewards & prizes reimbursement	3010	534.37		30,975.79

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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***EXTRA Math - rest of 2nd grade not wanting so will remove this.**

McSchool Night

- May 13th from 4:00-7:00 PM- Staff will have one hour shifts
- Digital sales- we get 40%
- Cookie sales- we get all of that money- **MUST BE CASH**- McDonald's donated the cookies to us!

Clothing Fundraiser

- Celeste coordinating.
- Should start after spring break. Should be closed by 1st week of May.

Fundraising QR Code

- Attained a new Esko Winterquist Elementary Partners in Education Donation AffiniPay QR code and web page links:
<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/winterquistelementarypartnersineducation/esko-partners-in-education-donation>



Teacher Requests

- Nashke Native Games for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Baird is requesting \$1,000 on behalf of the school.
 - Kacy made motion to approve \$1000 and Tiffany seconded and motion passed. Will take out of I Love to Read Month as a whole school budget item as well - will break up in future budget.

Follow Ups

- Playground- Tentatively planning to have the new equipment go in the week after school is out (June 8-12, 2026)
- Kacy makes a motion to approve up to \$400 for cost of tickets for school patrol to go to Valleyfair/Six Flags in May - Tiffany seconded motion - additional discussion to approve up to \$450 to cover any taxes/fees - motion passed. Will take out of 6th grade budget.
- Fill the E!- this event will take place in the fall and it will fund the same school year, 2026-2027. Celeste is leading this fundraiser
- STEAM Night took place on 3/19/26- Thank you, Denise and the Community Events Committee! Another great event!

Nominations for 2026-2027/2027-2028 school years!

Secretary: Create monthly agendas and send to Sam for printing; check the group's email and forward/respond as needed; minutes during meetings; send the minutes to Esko's corner and to Mrs. Peterson to put on the school website; help with the group's fundraiser and/or other activities; Facebook or other social media presence on behalf of P.I.E.

Co-Chair: Fundraiser help; create subcommittees and get volunteers for various events when needed; review and respond to general emails; assume duties of the Chair in their absence; act

in place of the secretary in their absence. The Co-chair is meant to step into the Chair role after their two-year term where they learn the process of P.I.E.

Chair: Preside all meetings, preside other events as needed or requested, attend district council meetings as needed, coordinate the work of officers/committees, communicate with principal as needed, oversee events and fundraisers.

- Secretary
 - Celeste is nominated by Ty. Tiffany seconded. Call made to Celeste to confirm acceptance of nomination.
- Co-Chair
 - Kim is nominated by Amanda. Mr. Harker seconded. Kim accepts nomination.
- Chair
 - Amanda is nominated by Kim. Tiffany seconded. Amanda accepts nomination.

Upcoming for this school year:

- New board member elections at the May meeting!
- Week of May 5th- Teacher Appreciation
 - Monday Caribou Coffee Bar Don't Wake Daddy
 - Tuesday Fruit Trays Hi Ho Cherry-O
 - Wednesday Donuts with Mr. Harker/Sam Gone in Seconds
 - Thursday Tequi Town Taco Day Taco Goat Cat Cheese Pizza
 - Friday Candy Day Candy Land
- Thank you Raquel for getting Caribou Coffee donated!

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

- Does the group want to hold meetings on another night next school year? It sounds like there are many people who would like to switch to Thursday nights if this could be a possibility.
 - Thursdays are open and available and would like to make a switch to Thursday evening meetings at 1730 in 2026-2027 school year.

Meeting Adjourned at 1817.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2026 at 5:30 in the boardroom- Last one for this school year!