

Winterquist Partners In Education (PIE)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025

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

Members in Attendance: Rakel, Heather, Nita, Brian Harker, Kate, Mrs. Uecker, Mrs. Ringatt, Amanda

Meeting called to order at: 1730

Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer Report:

- Expenditure/Income Report:

Date	Category	Paid to/From	Check Number	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
8/1/2025		Starting balance				37,362.68
8/11/2025	Withdrawal	Esko ISD #99- Valleyfair and Aquarium reimbursements	3003	1,693.16		35,669.52
8/31/2025	Deposit	Interest			0.16	35,669.68
9/30/2025	Deposit	Interest			0.14	35,669.82

10/22/2025	Wal Mart	5 \$5 Wal Mart gift cards for PIE meeting babysitters. Maximum five gift cards per transaction. Paid for with PIE NBC debit card. Purchased by Ty Gangelhoff.		25.00		35,644.82
10/22/2025	Wal Mart	5 \$5 Wal Mart gift cards for PIE meeting babysitters. Maximum five gift cards per transaction. Paid for with PIE NBC debit card. Purchased by Ty Gangelhoff.		25.00		35,619.82
10/22/2025	Wal Mart	2 \$5 Wal Mart gift cards for PIE meeting babysitters. Paid for with PIE NBC debit card. Purchased by Ty Gangelhoff.		10.00		35,609.82
11/1/2025	Deposit	Interest			.15	35,609.97

- Received Discover Card class action lawsuit settlement notification- pursue?
 - Brief discussion - will not pursue.
- Proposal to combine expenditure receipts for a month with copies of meeting minutes/board approval emails for those items so there's a distinct, auditable tracking record for expenditures - can use funds approved at meeting if approved (do not need to wait for following meeting to approve minutes). Will add addendum to previous meeting minutes to be approved at next meeting. Can put picture of receipts/invoice in meeting minutes.
 - **Brian Harker motioned to approve; Kacy Jacobs seconded the motion; no opposed; motion passed**
- **Fundraiser Group updates:**
 - Clothing Fundraiser:
 - Celeste will chair- has contacted Advantage Emblem in Duluth regarding an apparel fundraiser.

- Markup on items would be a few dollars each to keep prices affordable.
 - Advantage is putting together some options
- Fill the E fundraiser:
 - Will be tabled for now (revisit in Spring).
- McSchool Night:
 - Celeste and Stacey will coordinate a date with McDonald's.
 - Kacy sent Celeste the McDonald's contact information and prior year's staff sign-up sheets.
 - Waiting to hear back from McDonalds on some dates (hoping for next couple of weeks otherwise January)
- Playground equipment as fundraising beneficiary:
 - Ty received some playground equipment information and April 2025 playground equipment quotes from Mr. Harker. The general thought is that it would be up to \$10,000 per item, installed.
 - Favorable opinion about fundraising/funding possible replacements for X-Wave and zipline. Zipline currently scheduled to be removed in summer 2026. Will continue to pursue quotes for playground equipment.
 - Discussion about longer-term fundraising for accessible playground equipment.
 - **How much of our current assets should be budgeted toward these purchases?**
- Ty will discuss possible playground equipment replacement items with Esko Community Education staff.
- Esko Community Education is requesting copies of PIE meeting minutes to include in Esko's Corner online newspaper.
 - Denise will send copies to Esko's Corner and Esko website.
- Heather is researching if a 501c3 group can have a Venmo account and how it would work.
 - Have to have PayPal to have Venmo - PayPal needs an owner with a ssn tied to it.
 - Board member be tied to it? Board to discuss further.
- Celeste led discussion of donations being able to be earmarked for specific-use funds, which could increase overall donations.
 - Will keep in mind going forward.
- Next Fundraiser Group meeting: Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm at Celeste's house. Let Celeste or Ty know if you're interested in joining.
- 2025 taxes- could someone assist Ty with those that has tax preparation experience?
 - Heather will assist with.

Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Budgeted Amount	Amount Remaining
Roller skating- PE	\$1,500.00	\$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	\$750.00
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)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Science Night	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
I Love to Read Month	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
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	\$80.00
Playground Equipment to replace zipline?	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Scholastic Books for students- distribute 2x this year (coordinate w/Mrs.Peterson)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total	\$26,330.00	\$24,830.00

- Any proposed changes to how we distribute/fund/approve teacher requests?

Teacher Requests:

- Addendum: PIE board retroactively approved the purchase of gift cards for childcare on 12/15/25.
- Invoice for rollerskating came in - \$1270 total for PIE balance
 - Kacy made motion - Heather seconded motion - motion passed
- Teacher request from Mrs Uecker
 - Xtra math paid subscription for 2nd grade - \$50/per class - request up to \$200
 - Heather made motion - Kacy seconded - motion passed

Chairperson Updates:

- Kacy will be scheduling a meeting for the Committee- School Day Enhancements and Appreciation. Stay tuned!

Co-Chairperson Updates:

- 1st meeting for the Community Events Committee will be Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 pm at the Warming House in Cloquet.
- Science Night is on the calendar for Thursday, March 19th from 5:30-7:00pm

Other updates or questions: none

Meeting Adjourned: 1828

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

January 5th, 2026

February 2nd, 2026

March 2nd, 2026

April 6th, 2026

May 4th, 2026