

Treasurer's Report – Review of expected expenses for the 2024 – 2025 school year - Theresa went over our current balance and upcoming expenses for this school year. PTO is looking into helping the MS with the purchase of their W sign for outside the school. It is going to replicate what the high school did. Dr. Finley is going to look into the total cost and get back to us.

Committee Updates

Current

Food for teachers during Winter Conferences - Feb 20th - Updates - The MS is going to do a taco bar. PTO is going to supply the meat (beef and chicken) and then a sign-up is going out to parents to provide the toppings, etc. Theresa is going to get an updated list next Wednesday to determine if PTO needs to pick up any additional things. The IS is looking to do either Qdoba or Chipotle. They are also putting a sign up in their Tuesday notes for parents to bring additional items. They are hoping to have a coffee bar set up as well for teachers and staff to enjoy.

Apparel Sale - Updates - Melissa said at least 40 orders have come in so far, so we are off to a great start! She also reported that many of the orders are over \$100. When the email goes out to MS parents regarding the taco bar, a reminder on the apparel sale will be included.

Upcoming Student Appreciation Activities - Sheet cake for all students - Both schools are looking to do this on St. Patrick's Day! - All students will be able to get a piece regardless of whether or not they take hot lunch.

Scholarship Program for Students at MS - Updates - Unfortunately Schneider is not going to donate this year. We are going to reach out to additional businesses/companies to inquire about a possible donation, including Christian Outreach.

Future

Teacher Appreciation activities May 4th – May 10th

Staff Lunch – TBD \$500

Other student appreciation activities \$650 (i.e. ice cream social, popsicles for end of year party, etc.)

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade end of year field trips - May 2025 - \$4,000

8th Grade Promotion and Dance – June 4th \$800 budget – Kristen Thompson

Fundraising ideas

- Penny War – Coming soon! - Only at Intermediate School (Spring cleaning theme)
- Apparel Sale - Off to a great start! (We get 20% of all sales!)
- Window Clings – We pay \$2.50 and sell for \$5.00
- Fall Cash Drive Fundraiser dates ~ The group decided to keep this as a fall fundraiser only each year for consistency for families instead of trying to do some springs and some falls. We are looking at running it from the end of September through conference week in October for 2025. The plan moving forward will be to continue doing it each fall around the same time so families/community members know when to expect it.

Principal Messages - Dr. Finley took questions regarding the MS and district. He shared about a fun activity the staff at the MS participated in last week. We discussed adding playground equipment at the IS and what the process for that needs to look like. For the middle school, we discussed the possibility of adding another gaga pit in the future, but we are going to wait a full year to ensure it stays a popular choice for students. We also discussed other possibilities for outside activities for students, including pickleball and tetherball.

Guest Speaker - Officer Andy Zietlow - Officer Andy discussed ALICE drills and how they look a little different at the three different schools he services - Westwood, IS and MS. A big theme in the elementary schools is working with students on the importance of "Stop, Look, Listen." He discussed rally points and different ways the schools are continually working to ensure the safety of all students and staff. He then took questions. We

all agreed we need to have him meet with parents again in the future. He is a wealth of knowledge. He also shared a great resource for parents/families to use – Netsmartz.

Open floor

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2025-2026 Chaired events:

Incoming 5th grade swimming party – Aug 2025 – \$520 + color-coded wristbands

Cross Country meet at Southwest Park – Small money maker (approximately \$400)

Food for Teachers during Fall / Winter Conferences – Budget of \$600 for each

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