Peru Elementary School District 124
Parent Teacher Association
Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/19/26 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** Northview School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at: 6:02pm by Donna Aleksy

Quorum present (4 officers)? Yes [X] No [ ]

Attendance

Officers present: Donna Aleksy, Michelle Ajster, Jessica Turczyn, Heather Costello, Kristi Leix, Tara Wright, and Kassy Holloway

Members present: See sign-in sheet

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 9/21/26 meeting were: Approved as presented [X] Approved with corrections [ ]

Treasurer's Report

➢ **Monthly Balances** Beginning balance $ 40,537.49 , ending balance $ 69,963.97 .
Report filed for audit.

➢ **Other Treasurer Notes** :

Received the funds from FundHub from the "Help Fund the Educational Fun Cash Drive" event in September. Expenses for the event totaled $4,081, which included incentive prizes and the fees that donors did not cover. This was $2,000 over the original budget. A budget amendment was proposed and approved to transfer $2,500 from Fun-A-Thon to FundHub to cover the overage. Last year's Fun-A-Thon expenses totaled $3,900, so the $6,000 budget is high, and holding the event at year-end allows flexibility to assess available funds and reallocate additional funds if needed. -Vote approved to reallocate funds.

Mini Grants

Brief Description: Kindergarten Field Trip to Circa '21 (April 2027)

Purpose: We will be traveling to Rock Island to see the play School House Rocks
Live theater performance supporting curriculum by developing listening, comprehension and communicating skills while exposing them to storytelling and the performing arts.

Requested by: Kristine Criss **Amount**: $1,020.00

Moved by: Heather Costello **Seconded by**: Jess Turczyn

Vote Result: Approved [X] Denied [ ] Tabled [ ]

Brief Description: Parkside Pick-Me-Up

Purpose: The Parkside Pick-Me-Up is a student-operated mobile store designed to bring snacks and drinks directly to Parkside teachers and staff while providing our students with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences. We are asking for a mini grant to purchase the cart we would be using as our mobile store, as well as red aprons we will use while working. Students will take an active role in operating the store by stocking and organizing products, preparing the cart, taking orders, handling money, making change, delivering items, tracking inventory, and interacting with teachers and staff. With guidance and support, students will have the opportunity to practice important academic, social, communication, and life skills in an authentic school-based setting.
The Parkside Pick-Me-Up will have a positive impact on our students by helping them develop independence, responsibility, confidence, communication skills, teamwork, and job-readiness skills. Students will practice functional math through counting money, calculating totals, and managing inventory. They will strengthen reading and communication skills by reading order forms, identifying products, greeting customers, and completing transactions. They will also learn valuable workplace behaviors such as following a schedule, completing assigned tasks, problem-solving, staying organized, and providing good customer service.

Requested by: Allison Nichols & Katie Faber, Transition Teachers
Amount:152.98
Moved by: Donna Aleksy
Seconded by: Tara Wright

Vote Result: Approved [X] Denied [ ] Tabled [ ]

Old Business

- **Outdoor Painting Project (caterpillar)** will be scheduled on 11/5/2026. Done by art dept at LP.
- Halloween Dance on 10/23/2026. Signup Genius sent on 10/16/26. We are still needing more volunteers.
- Draw Down on 11/6/2026 at Fifth Frame Lounge.
- Midwest Mama's & Papa's-Will be starting up in January at Fire on Fifth.
- September Appreciation Days:
  Custodian's Day - they were given a Starbuck's gift card.
  World Teacher's Day - A lotto ticket with an appreciation note.

New Business and Announcements

- 2026-2027 Fun-A-Thon: Happening May 2027
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Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for 11/16/26 at 6:00 pm in Northview Library.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Submitted by: A Wright (Signature) Secretary (Role) **Date:** 10/21/26