

Echo Hill PTO Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025



Annual Meeting | Call to Order Time: 6:30 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Co-Vice President Jessica Becker led the meeting, as Noelle Wittkop, President, was absent.

2. General Business

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** (Molly Mulholland was not present but sent in this update on her behalf...) Bank account stands at \$31,839.73. Recent expenditures and income includes hospitality (food) for teacher conferences; Pioneer Books previously funded for Mrs. Symmonds; America Reads; matches from Dash for Cash still coming in; and other assorted, small increments.

3. Principal's Report: Mr. McDonald was not in attendance, so this was skipped.

4. Playground Committee: As discussed at the October meeting, Echo Hill is slated to receive a new playground from PPEL funds, approximate timeline of Summer 2027. Noelle is still looking for interested people to join the Playground Committee; if you're interested, please reach out to Noelle. Brenda Reddinger has expressed interest and has past experience in park design.

PTO Activities / Events

5. Trunk or Treat: Sarah Lisenbee reported that the event was a great success with 21 total trunks represented. Great weather, great attendance; returned \$58 in candy overage.

6. Fun Station Event: (Noelle not present, but sent in this update) Coming up on November 20, 4-8pm, at the new FunStation location by the Eastern Iowa Airport. After we hit the 25 attendee benchmark, 25% of sales comes back to PTO. Looking forward to a fun event in their new location, which is quite impressive.

7. Book & Board Game Swap: coming up on December 11, after the Echo Hill Singers Winter Concert. Sarah Lisenbee will coordinate this event, including cookies & juice and making arrangements with the Hand in Hand kids who will need to be relocated on this date to accommodate the event. More info to come on this; watch our social media channels for additional updates.

8. Committee Leads Updates

a) HyVee & BoxTops: (Amy White was not present, but sent in this update) Kickbacks from HyVee receipts have totaled over \$248; around \$90 from BoxTops. Planning a Holiday Hot Cocoa Receipt Challenge, running December 1 through Winter Break. Watch for more info about the challenge coming soon to our social media channels.

d) Volunteer Coordinators: (were not present but sent this update) Reminder to log your hours, even if it's just for small increments – every minute recorded helps! Still looking for a couple of Star Math helpers in Mrs. Horman's classroom.

General Discussion:

- Brenda Reddinger had questions about the field trip process and the perception that field trips have not been very plentiful or impressive in recent times. She was encouraged to reach out to Mr. McDonald for more answers than our group could provide.
- Sarah Lisenbee had questions about the company match process, and how she can make it easy for her company to match her donations to the school. She was directed to the "Donate" page of the Echo Hill PTO website for the proper forms and links; if she doesn't find what she needs there, please reach out to Noelle.
- No meeting in December. Next meeting is January 19, 6:30pm – VIRTUAL, not in person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Monday, Nov. 17 - PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Jess Becker	Amy Stouffer	Samantha Pipkin
Angie Montemayor	Staci Sperfslage	Sarah Lisenbee
Brenda Reddinger		