

# Toffolon Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

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August 28, 2017 | *Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm*

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## President's Report, Anke Behrends-Cooke

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- Introduction: 6 years on the PTO, two kids, event marketing background
  - New officers: Krista (Treasurer), Erika (Secretary), Sarah (Vice President)
  - Parent introductions
  - Goal of the PTO: To improve school experiences
    - Examples: Full week of teacher appreciation, bounce houses (end of year party), yearbook, programs throughout the year
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## Principal's Remarks, Lynn Logoyke

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- Welcome back, 21<sup>st</sup> year this year
  - Families make this school a special place
  - What makes us proud at Toffolon: literacy, leading children to be productive and kind
  - Being on the PTO doesn't have to take all of your time. Help where you can, doing what you'd like to do. We are always looking for volunteers, especially in the younger grades (reading, helping in the classroom, etc.)
  - NEW teacher to 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Amy West
  - NEW 3 building subs – Joe Foran, Nick Mosier, Rachael Porter
  - NEW Nurse – Marta Santiago (Mrs. Ross stays through end of Sept.)
  - NEW student support – Jack Oliver
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## Secretary Report, Erika Graff

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- Notes will be on Toffolon website
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## Treasurer Report, Krista Hagen, not present

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- \$8,013 to carry over from last year
- This year's budget will be presented at future meeting

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## Teacher Representative – not present

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- TBD rep to come later, (potentially Mr. Silliman, Mrs. Fabrizio, Mrs. Camp)

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## Board of Education Representative, Nicole Palmieri, not present

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- Nothing to report

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## Old Business

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- Toffolon PTO Facebook Page – Like the page for updates.
- Email: toffolonpto@plainvilleschools.org

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## New Business

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### First Day of School Decorating

- Judy Thompson and Anke will be decorating

### Teacher/Staff welcome back breakfast on 9/5

- Funded with carry-over money

### Open House / Ice Cream social on 9/20

- \$1 ice cream, need volunteers in kitchen to help scoop/serve. Sign up sheet passed around for volunteers.

### Our friend, Axel Sundberg

- Incoming 3rd grader, recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Moved out of ICU today.
- Meal sign up is available – find it on the PTO Facebook
- Kid friendly Facebook page also
- Fundraising dinner October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Setting up ways to communicate with the class, etc.
- Ideas welcome on how to help
- Suggestions:
  - Fun activities to do basket

## Yearbook

- Heather will be done after this year, need committee and someone(s) to learn. Consider getting 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> to do an after-school program session on yearbook assistance.

## Volunteering / 2 Hour Pledge

- Forms sent out mid-September.

## Fundraisers

- Fall Fundraisers
  - KidStuff Book (usually brings in around \$4k)
  - Jeannine/Cherrydale
- Ongoing Fundraisers
  - Boxtops (\$5-6k) – need boxtop counters. Sarah will be in touch.
  - Grocery store cards – Shoprite, PriceChopper, Stop and Shop. Points and dollars we can use at the school when you use card. Forms and volunteer(s) to type them in are needed.)
  - Amazon Smile
  - Scripts – Giftcard fundraiser. Should we do it?
    - DECISION: Keep as ongoing, but make a big push in December also
    - IDEA: Sign up so people can buy giftcards for Axe's family that way. Family can use these for groceries, gas, etc. and the school earns a percentage. A great way for people to help our friend and our school.

## Events

- Karabin Farms Apple Picking – 9/16 (9/17 raindate)
  - Apples, hotdogs, cider, donuts
  - Not a fundraiser
  - Anke to make flyers

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Next Meeting

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September 14, 2017

*Motion to adjourn:* 8:02pm