

Chisholm Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

In Attendance: Lacey Norton – President, Kayla Hudson – President, Mary Northcraft – Vice President, Betsy Johnson – Vice President, Sarah Aholt – Treasurer, Marisa Gibbs – Treasurer, Robyn Long – Secretary, Bri Hendley – Secretary, Lauren Cluck – Principal, Becky Shryock – Counselor, Logan Mayes, Amanda Lewellen, Faith Murrell, Megan Ivey, Katy Gengler, Amber McFerran, Heidi Couch, Tara Perrin, Katy Barris, Tania Smith, Shannon Krone, Leah Stanley, Matti Hunter, Laura Ward, Halie Summers, Spring Hodges, Alli Sokolnicki, Katie Blose, Erin Prince, Blake Kritz, Hayley Diffie, Bethany Brown, Megan Truelove, Belle Malicoat, Erin Miller, Mira Beavers, Libby Anderson, Lauren Miller, Lauren Walters, Lauren Tallon, Lindsay Doty, Allie Weig, Kris Smith, Ashley Aguilar

Call to order: 9:02 AM

Teachers' Report – provided by Mandy Whaley:

I got some feedback from teachers this weekend, and the results are in... You guys are wonderful. Everything the PTO does just blows us away. I could not get a suggestion of things to do differently. We were so excited about the teacher individual grants this year versus having to turn in receipts. Teacher Appreciation Week just gets better every year. The fundraiser is easy for the teachers, and the PTOs participation is helpful. Some of the teachers would like to see more shade on the playground, Another idea is to have a cover to protect the teacher helping check in cars during the pickup line from the elements.

Counselor Report provided by Becky Shryock:

Things are going well in the counseling world. We've started SAEBRS: Kindergarten through 1st grade teachers fill out the questionnaire, and 2nd through 5th grade students contribute to answering the questions. It's a great steppingstone to understand what they're thinking. We have a large Kindness & Compassion Club (KC Club) with 35 members. The KC Club is a program started through "Rachel's Challenge." <https://rachelschallenge.org/>. The KC Club is for 5th graders. They must apply and write a paragraph/essay to qualify to participate. The PTO is wonderful and always helpful.

Approval of Minutes:

Amanda Lewellen made the motion to approve the minutes; Shannon Krone seconded the approval.

Principal Report – Lauren Cluck:

It is so wonderful to see familiar and fresh faces. Lauren introduced Bri Phillips, Chisholm's assistant principal.

Bri – I grew up in Edmond and went to all primary education schools here. I have always heard wonderful things about Chisholm Elementary, and I am so excited to be here. I've taught for 10 years, 3rd–5th grades, and I was at Redbud prior to coming here. Chisholm is

a great place to be.

Lauren Cluck – It has been a great start to the year. Thank you for your support with the fundraiser; it is always a great kickoff to the year. We've held our "New to Chisholm" meeting already with those who are new to the school this year. It's nice to connect with and welcome them.

Because of Post Oak opening, we do have lower enrollment numbers. This year we have 599 students, which is down from previous years. It has been interesting to have 200 fewer kids, and we're finding our groove and new routines. We only have 2 new teachers this year, otherwise all the other staff are the same. It really is a special thing, and it helps with the beginning of the year and helps get into the rhythm of things.

Financial Report - Sarah Aholt/Marisa Gibbs:

We are both returning for our 2nd year as treasurers as we have been making big strides to update our software and procedures. Marisa is a CPA and it has been great to have her on board to help the organization.

We did donate to Post Oak PTO to help them get started as we had several Chisholm students transfer over.

The fundraiser went well; we did better than last year when you consider the ratio of funds raised to the number of enrolled students.

Most slate chairs have a budget, please reach out if you have questions or need more information about your budget.

Approval of the Financials:

Katy Gengler moved to approve the financials; Tara Perrin seconded the motion.

Vice Presidents' Report – Mary Northcraft:

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks at the beginning of the year. They went into the teachers' lounge, and we know they are appreciative.

October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day.

We are looking for volunteers to bake some bread so each teacher can take a loaf home, be watching for a SignUpGenius to come out soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Back to School – Lacey Norton:

You guys really showed up! We had so many volunteers decorating, taking pictures and video, and getting everything ready to go. We really appreciate all the parents.

Fundraiser – Logan Mayes & Lauren Tallon:

Thank you all so much for your help. We raised \$78,000 before expenses.

We have a meeting with Boosterthon to wrap everything up this afternoon. Next year Boosterthon is changing things, which may have us looking for other options. If you know of other organizations that are similar, please reach out.

Lacey Norton – We have already committed \$15,500 to improve the lighting and sound system on the stage in the cafeteria. We are also talking about other projects needed around the school, including the walking trail. We would like to improve the trail if possible. We are open to hearing suggestions from parents, teachers, and students; please share them with us.

Lauren Cluck – The arts representative at EPS has stated that the lighting is on its last leg and really needs to be updated. The district is going to cover ½ of these expenses, Chisholm Elementary is covering ¼, and PTO is covering ¼. We are hoping to have it updated by November, and we are actively working through the process required by EPS.

I am still waiting to hear if the unused money from the previous bond for the playground is still available to us. We were awarded \$30,000 and not all of it was used. We are on hold for some upgrades while we wait to hear from EPS.

NEW BUSINESS**Office Pals – Katy Gengler:**

We are still taking volunteers. Please join us.

Chat N' Chew – Amanda Lewellen:

The signup for Chat N' Chew closes in one week. This is a great opportunity to come to the school and have lunch with your kids. It's a fun book club and encourages the kids to read. Please sign up using the link provided in S'mores, from the teachers, or on the Chisholm PTO website.

Classroom Coordinators – Katy Gengler:

The biggest change this year is that every parent gets to attend one party; this is a change from previous years. More information to follow on this.

Picture Day Volunteers – Sep. 15 & 16, 8:30–11:15 AM – Kayla Hudson:

We do still need some volunteers; you can sign up on the PTO website.

Restaurant Nights – Kayla Hudson:

Chick-Fil-A (I-35) Sep. 15, 5–7 PM and Boho Berry on Sep. 25, 9 AM–9 PM. Be sure to mention "Chisholm" when ordering.

T-Shirt Order Update – Kayla Hudson:

We should see t-shirts in the next week, and they will go home with kids in their backpacks.

Wrap-Up Survey – Kayla Hudson:

We are going to provide a survey at the end of the year for feedback to help things run smoother for the following years. Please keep this in mind as the year progresses, and share any feedback you'd like to provide.

COMING UP:

- Tuesday, Sep. 15: Fall Picture Day for PreK through 2nd Grades
- Wednesday, Sep. 16: Fall Picture Day for 3rd through 5th Grades
- Thursday, Sep. 17: Family Night on the playground 5 - 7 PM
- Thursday, Oct 8: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monday, Oct. 12: Next PTO Meeting @ 9 AM in the Cafeteria

Meeting Adjourned: 9:43 AM