

Chisholm Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

In Attendance: Bri Hendley - President, Lacey Norton – President, Mary Northcraft - Vice-President, Sarah Aholt – Treasurer, Marisa Gibbs – Treasurer, Robyn Long – Secretary, Tom Higdon – Principal, Catherine Schuepbach, Megan Truelove, Tara Perrin, Libby Anderson, Katy Gengler, Amanda Lewellen, Kris Smith, Lisa Anaman, Becky Shryock, Megan Ivy, Kayla Hudson, Lauren Tallon

Call to order: 9:05 AM

Teachers’ report provided by Mrs. Fitzgerald: I am so happy to be here today, this is my 20th year at Chisholm, before that I did serve on PTO. We know how valuable you are to the school and we appreciate everything you do behind the scenes.

Becky Shryock – Counselor Report: The one thing I would like to say about Teacher Appreciation Week is that our students notice. They see what you do for us, and it sets such an amazing climate in the school when the students see how you treat us. The students were so happy for us, and I just want to share that what you do for us is bigger than just the act itself. The Kindness Club had done wonderful things this last month; the Edmond Historical Society had never had kids volunteer there and they were really impressed with the Chisholm kids. It has been a great year in the counseling department.

Principal Report - Tom Higdon: This is my 16th year at Chisholm. Every year we have had an executive board that is here and working with us. The relationship between PTO and our school is great, you do so many things that add to the experience for the kids. The fundraising here has been unbelievable; we have seen support for the classrooms, teachers, and students that has been above and beyond. Friday our Seniors came through for the clap out. It is so fun to see the graduating Chisholm kids come out and notice the differences in the school. We may not be the newest and shiniest, but there is something magical about this building.

Next Monday is the 5th grade recognition at EMHS. Inflatable Day is next Tuesday, and our last day is Wednesday.

5th grade are taking home their chrome books over the summer break and will take them with them to middle school.

President Report – Lacey Norton: It has been a great year. We’ve been able to do so much, including teacher grants and being able to say “yes” to everything. A couple of the things we were able to provide were a glow in the dark 9 square for PE, and we got to say yes to the “Play Aways” (audio books) for the library.

We have had contact with the other principals that have been affected by the Post Oak opening, and approx 12% of Chisholm Elementary kids will be transferring to the new school. Our PTO will be donating \$5,000 to help with the start up of their new PTO. We want the students and PTO to be successful and get them set up for the best experience transferring over.

Bri Hendley – We are so grateful for all the volunteers that have taken part in and supported the PTO. It has been a year of change, and we are so grateful. Chisholm really is a special place.

Approval of minutes: Amanda Lewellen moved to approve the April minutes, and Catherine Schuepbach seconded the motion.

Financials Report provided by Sarah Aholt & Marisa Gibbs: It has been a great year. We were able to say yes most of the year to the teachers and staffs' request. We will be working this summer to make some processes easier, and financials easier to understand. Next year we will be giving “grants” to the teachers vs. them having to submit reimbursement requests and receipts for classroom purchases.

Approval of the Financials: Kayla Hudson moved to approve the April financial statements and Lauren Tallon seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Restaurant Nights: We do not have the final numbers from the last two restaurant nights. A prior Chick Fil A night did earn Chisholm \$160.32.

Charger Palooza – Bri Hendley: It was a huge success. The weather was great, there were several food trucks, and we were able to give all the teachers a free drink.

Lisa Anaman - It was also a great fundraiser for the kids going to the Boston trip next year.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Mary Northcraft: It was a hit; the theme was based on children’s books and was a lot of fun. Participating in this just confirmed and showed how magical this place is and how special the teachers and staff are. It was great to have the parents help with providing things for the teachers.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks will be distributed through the students’ classes/homerooms. There are extra yearbooks available for purchase in the office for \$25 if you were unable to order one. 5th Grade will be having a signing party, Tuesday May 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

5th Grade Events – Amanda Lewellen: The Comets game was so fun for the 5th grader’s field trip, the party is tonight at Main Event, and the 5th grade program is coming is coming

up, which the students will receive their shirts that morning. The 5th grade clap out will be approx 2:30 PM on the last day of school.

School Supply Kits: Order EduKits by June 25th for the best prices, orders will be open until July 8th.

Cimarron PTO Information: If you have a 5th grader that will be going to Cimarron next year. Lisa Anaman will be the President for the 2026/2027 school year. If you have interest in participating, please reach out to Lisa as she is looking for help.

Nominations for New Executive Committee Members

- President – Kayla Hudson
- Vice – President: Betsy Johnson

Lauren Tallon moved to approve the nominations, Katy Gengler seconded the motion.

The 2026/2027 Executive Team will be:

Presidents: Lacey Norton and Kayla Hudson

Vice Presidents: Mary Northcraft and Betsy Johnson

Treasurers: Sarah Aholt and Marisa Gibbs

Secretary: Robyn Long

Slate Positions: We are looking for help with the directory and the marquee. If you are interested, please reach out to Lacey Norton.

COMING UP:

- May 11th/TONIGHT - 5th Grade Party (Main Event)
- May 12th – Going Away Party for Principal Higdon starting at 3:45 PM
- May 14th – 5th Grade Program
- May 18th – 5th Grade Recognition @ EMHS at 5:45 PM
- May 19th – Inflatable Day
- May 20th – Last Day of School – Thanks for a fun year!!

Meeting Adjourned: 9:48 AM