

Bamford Elementary
PTO Meeting Agenda

September 2026

Wednesday, September 9 · 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Welcome

- Introductions - board members and attendees
- Cheryl, Xan, Mallory, Audrianna, Rachel Davis, Jill Barela, Adele, Bree Eisenoch, Emily Shore, Caitlin Moore, Bethany Bogen

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

- [April Meeting Minutes](#)
- Cheryl: "Do I have a motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2026?"
- Courtney: "I move to approve the minutes as presented."
- Xan: "I second the motion."
- Cheryl ask for any objections and then accept the meeting minutes
- Approved 9/9 by vote

Principal Update

- Addressed 25-26 school year PTO. Will accept any help we can get, so you can see the variation from two years ago. Current board is trying to find the middle ground.
- Brand new math curriculum for the school year and is professional development for the teachers.
- Backward planning from standards and aim to give formative assessment feedback
- Social and emotional - sources of strength was taught by counselor, but switched to teachers two years ago. Trying to find the happy medium for that. Counselor is doing a six week start to boost school year start.
- Question: Headcount for the school year? K-5 is currently 307. Aiming for 316 to hit enrollment projection. Funded at 7600 per student. 5 are moving before October count. We will owe money in December if we are under. We have the money in reserves. Will have to backfill reserves with funding for 27-28. We will know more in the next few weeks how boundaries will affect our growth. Jill believes it's likely we'll get an influx of kids, but don't know any answers yet.
- Question: Is it possible the board would not approve the committee decision on school closures? Yes, but the legacy board members know a change needs to be made. October 6 is the latest we'll know and the board doesn't vote until later in October.
- Question: What level allows for an additional track in a grade? Resources are allocated in the spring based on what you know about. Naturally things happen you won't know about. No money sitting waiting for a new teacher, the only thing you can do is switch your teachers around. The district would have to give approval for late hiring. Extra paras help to improve the student to teacher ratio. Neighborhood

school, so we can't turn people away. We are student based budgeting.

- Question: Is there interdistrict communication for boundary lines? Choices to Bamford because of volume and proximity. Communication between PSD and TSD? Both districts are competing for kids. Jill has never seen the lines between districts move. Most of our choice is out of district, so we benefit the district when we take kids from other schools.

- Question: What does decision on closure do to impact choice decision? As of now, if you are choiced in, you are accepted for all 5 years. Out of district choiced in, Jill thinks we would allow them to stay because it is a loss of money. Shifting from one school to another within the district is not a loss of money.

- Misconception that small schools equal small class sizes, but this is not true and then harder to afford programming - specials, gt, etc

Teacher Liaison Announcements

- Teachers have expressed appreciation for contributions.

- Thank you for the goody bags and information sheets.

- Can we get Friday folder paperwork on Wednesday or Thursday? Cheryl: yes we are working on that and will improve going forward

- Is there a way for all teachers to get information in a streamlined way?

- Is there a way for CBA and other teachers to get the thank you gifts? Cheryl: we can put out flyers for all, Courtney: we're going to work on bringing back monthly appreciation days. Audrianna: Mrs. Hughes has a snack cart for teachers and staff that she pays for. Is there any way to give her funding for this? Mrs. Hughes is advocating

- Question: How do we fundraise historically? Current fundraiser, in house fundraising. There was a grant in the past for the Pack Pantry. One kinder parent has a background in grants - lots of national organizations that give grant money locally. We don't currently have a big budget project we're working towards. Storage is an issue, sun shades and the wobble stools are an issue. We don't have the right number of chairs and the tables are not a great space but will be used if we get to capacity. Will need money to purchase additional furniture. Adele - could we get a list together of influx on needs? FRL was about 30 or a little under. Don't qualify for title 1 and might be harder for national grants.

Treasurer Updates

- Starting balance

- Total in money market is \$94k which we have carried and are planning for something, which we might need for the near future.

- Everything is on track from last year.

- Need an update for subscriptions - without IXL (not allowed). Jill chooses to purchase Lexia for k-2. They also purchase class composer (\$800).

- We made donation for spending support for the classes.

- Donating to Eco week
- Party budget went to per class instead of per grade level which was well received.

Committee Chair Reports

- Margeaux said room parents has been going well - lots of volunteers. All room parents have guidelines and have reached out to the teachers.
- Explanation on lead room parent - to communicate with the teacher, but as many people as want can help

Calendar Overview

- Directory
 - Provide update, need to give URL to DJ for Friday email
 - Will finalize as PDF and send out later in September
- Name the Wolf
 - Get picture of wolf
 - Coordinate voting of name
 - 5th graders will get to decide as their legacy for first complete class
- Wolf Pack Fundraiser
 - Progress update
 - Incentives
 - Bracelets
 - Snack cart
 - PTO shopping day (9/21)
 - Confirm options
 - Foam party
 - Contingency plan for missing goal
 - If we are close, we can look at extending it through the weekend
 - Promo video production
 - Update email from DJ if possible
 - PTO email to opted in members of directory
 - Blurb for Friday email
 - Blurb for teacher's emails - Jill is helping here
 - Teacher involvement
 - Volunteers (9/22)
 - Schedule for Fun Run Day - Rachel will coordinate with teachers - do they have a preference on starting time and which grades, if we're going to mess with a day, then do it all together.
 - Ask Jill re: Sprinklers - shared this with Jill
 - DJ - Audrianna has a contact to donate time.
 - Claudia is the go to for a water key. We will need to bring a hose.
- Pack Night at Freddy's tonight!
- Family Picnic (October 1)
 - Kona Ice and Boba Tea trucks will be present
 - Chick Fil A will only do sandwiches and not nuggets, so may not align with kids
 - Any other food ideas? Corn Doggies, Subway, Mary's Mountain

- Adele will ask CFA to do a pack night on October 1
- Cotton Candy from Harvest festival will do it in the future
- Balloon animals? (Caitlin sent a contact)
- PTO has insurance, but Xan will check
- Talk to Julie about high schoolers for face painting
- Games?
 - Does anyone have any games to contribute?
 - Audrianna has games
 - Hair tinsel was a hit
 - Chalk
- Music?
- Plan on counting attendees for food minimums for 2027
- Ask for people to bring their own tables and chairs or set up?
- Bamford Merch swap
- Friday Folder Flyer
- Bike/Roll to School (Oct 7)
 - Parent volunteers
 - Meet up spots
 - Dentist?
 - Aberdour Park?
 - Need leaders for each meet up spot
 - Confirm SRO has this scheduled - we can bring him donuts, but he is confirmed
 - Signage
 - Working on raffle ticket for four tickets to the eagles
 - Bike Wolf stickers
 - Friday Folder Flyer
- Conferences (Oct 12&13)
 - Qdoba lunch (do it on the first day)
- Brand Your Merch (Oct 28)
 - Staff and PTO meetings
 - 2 shirts or anything per person
- Monthly Friday staff appreciation?
 - 78 staff members
 - Caitlin suggested PTO luncheon, parents brought in the volunteer food, food can't be homemade it has to be storebought. We could get around it for adults.
 - Need to order more coffee mugs
- Calendar overview for the rest of the school year

Volunteer Opportunities

New Business Topics

- Plan spring event to include potential new students
- Tattoo your teacher day - idea from Rachel
- Combine back to school night and family picnic

Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

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Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rxv-qenj-afb>