

PTA Meeting
May 13, 2026 at 7:00pm



Welcome & Sign In - Kaci Snyder

- Welcome!

Principal Update - Christine Ahrens

- Great high interest day!
- Thanks to Rebecca for International Night!
- Thank you for the thoughtful teacher appreciation week!
- Top Timberwolves of April is “being optimistic” and May is “being challenge seekers”
- Thank you for the PTA support through my first year as principal. The dedication has made a huge difference both to me and to the school community as a whole.
- It's nice to know that everything that is planned by the PTA is accessible to all students at Churchill.

District 41 Board Member - Amy Becker

- Last board meeting there was an update to the Special Education presentation.
- There was an update to the budget - specifically buses.
- New Art curriculum and MTSS resources.
- Feedback from an Elementary student on the Chromebooks- It's hard to get everything done at school so leaving the Chromebook at school when the teacher keeps assigning work makes it hard to keep up. There are also activities they like to do that they can't do at home when the computer is at school.
- We will keep e-learning for next year.
- Feedback from Rebecca - Encourage more outreach to parents about how families can get on Google Classroom at home. Parents felt disappointed that they couldn't finish up work and didn't realize you could get on Google Classroom from another computer.

Churchill Teacher Representatives - Dee Dee Aldrich & Kristen Travers

- Thank you card passed along from staff for teacher appreciation week.
- Dee Dee attended the Glenbard West Scholarship night to award the Churchill PTA Scholarship to former student Ava Sochacki.
- Thank you for the support for the author we had. Is this something that we can do going forward? - it was a wonderful experience for the kids and has carried on past his visit.
- On June 1st the author we hosted will be back to visit, meet with families, and sign books purchased.

Executive Board Reports

President – Kaci Snyder

- We are thinking of doing a Churchill Family Pool Party in June this summer - just waiting to confirm the date. Fundraising went well and this is a way to pay it back to the families.
- Working with Christine on a welcome party for the new assistant principal.
- Huge thank you to Mrs. Travers for the reminder to thank the crossing guard.
- We got a bunch of thank you cards for high interest day.

President-Elect - Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

- No updates!

1st VP: Programming - Jennifer Sostak

- Field day coming up May 27th. K-3 9-11am, 4-5 1-3:30pm. Sign up for volunteers (need about 50) coming out.
- High Interest day was a huge success. We will adjust for next year based on what was most popular.

2nd VP: Ways & Means – Caryn Neumann

- Barn Owl raised \$116 and the owner doubled it for us.

3rd VP: Communications – Carrie Mariot & Jackie MacMillan

- Everyone is doing a great job of getting stuff in early.
- Always just email if you forgot something or need something and it will go in the normal update or something midweek.

4th VP: Language & Cultural Diversity – Emnie Staley

- No update!

Treasurer – Lindsey Hu - Financial Update

- Cash on Hand \$76,140
- As of 5/5 - Income \$92,696 compared to budget of \$76,502 - Expense \$64,741 compared to \$85,000
- Parent social was a huge success, came in about \$10,000 more in income than what was budgeted.
- Please attach full receipt with items and total when submitting reimbursement forms
- Churchill PTA no longer accepts Venmo.

Secretary – Nina Ponce - *Approve November meeting minutes & Membership*

- Currently sitting at 198 members, 23 faculty, 175 parents/guardians.
- Jennifer motioned to approve March meeting minutes. Abby seconded. Unanimously approved March meeting minutes.

Committee Chair Reports

Volunteer Coordinator - Paula Fernández

- Volunteer Appreciation Party June 1 - anyone who has volunteered in any way is invited to attend - being hosted at Kaci's house.
- Thank you to chairs and the exec board as the learning process has gone on.
- Dual Kindergarten - Hosting an end of year party June 5 at Babcock park. Traditional Paletero attending and then other popsicles and treats, lawn games, student musicians, etc.

Field Day - Purvi Shah & Susie White

- May 27th.

PTA Council - Carrie Mariot

- No Update

Cooks Night Off - Andrew Faulman

- Approved for one with Oberweise on June 5.

Fifth Grade Gives Back - Abby Woenker

- Mixer went well! - Break dancers came to entertain and that was a huge hit!
- 5th Grade picnic and Clap Out coming up.
- 5th grade purchased pom poms and cowbells for the parents for the Clap Out as the 5th grade gift. Will be saved and stored for years to come.

School Supply Kits - Audrey Savikas - order by June 14th

- Live and can be ordered through June 14th. We were sitting at about 38 kits ordered so far.
- Kits are delivered to school and it's the lists approved by school and teachers.

Chess Club End of Year Update - Dan Olson & Lucy Pask

- [Link to End of Year Presentation](#)
- In the fall had 14 kids registered with about 10 attending, Spring 14 registered with about 13 attending.
- Fun tournaments this year, won some trophies.
- Still have a budget of about \$1200 for this year.
- Huge thank you to Lucy for her help. Another parent will start helping next year as Lucy moves on.
- Dan will stay on with the chess club for next year.
- A survey was put out to parents to ask what they'd like and they want Dan to keep sponsoring!

End of Year Staff Gift Card Program - Sarah Dickinson & Naomi Weber

- Up and running!
- Orders are due by June 5th
- PTA covers staff who get no donations.

Nominating Committee- Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

- Nominating Committee is the people who recruit spots for next year.
- One key spot to be filled soon but otherwise all officers are filled. President Elect needs to be filled for next year.
 - This role is a great way to learn what needs to be done without the sense of urgency to fill the President role each year.
- Missing the Field Day Liaison Chair - if you know if anyone who wants to maybe ease into the PTA let us know!
- Other spot open is Social Media Coordinator, but there is a new Communications Committee which may wrap in this role if no one comes up as being interested.
- Amanda Decker - Taking over Jackie's job as co-VP of Communications

New/Old Business and Discussion Items

- Elections for 2026-2027 PTA Executive Board
 - President - Rebecca Taylor
 - President Elect -
 - VP Pro - Jen Sostak
 - VP WM - Kaci Snyder
 - Co- VP Com - Kari, Amanda
 - VP LCD - Emni Stayley
 - Secretary - Nina Ponce
 - Treasurer - Lindsey Hu
 - Caryn Motioned to vote, Abby seconded, Motion passed and slate is approved.
- [Churchill IEP/504 Family Network - Courtney Daily to present](#)
 - Courtney has two students, one with a 504 and one with an IEP, both in Dual Language
 - Courtney is a DL instructional coach/teacher with specialties in Dual/ESL, reading intervention, and special education.
 - This group would provide a place for support, a place for inclusion, and a place for non-legal advice and resources.
 - Wants to create a warm and welcoming place for parents to come and connect with one another.
 - Proposed dates - First wednesday of the month every other month
 - Parent communication ideas - PTA and Principal Email blurbs, district email, word of mouth.
 - Rebecca added - Other buildings have something like this in the district. Sometimes district admin will come and present information. In other buildings it is housed under the PTA.
- Save the Date for These Events - All posted on PTA website
 - Churchill Senior Reception 5/26, Field Day 5/27, Kane County Cougar Game 5/31, Fifth Grade Picnic 6/4

Questions/Concerns & Wrap Up

- Next Suggested Meeting - Wednesday, September 9th at 7 p.m.
- ***Thanks for a wonderful year!!***

Attendees:

Remote Attendees:

- Dan Olson

In Person:

- Kaci Snyder
- Rebecca Taylor
- Christine Ahrens
- Jackie MacMillan
- Lucy Pask
- Paula Fernandez
- Jennifer Sostak
- Andy Faulman
- Amy Becker
- Caryn Neumann
- Dee Dee Aldrich
- Kristen Travers
- Lindsey Hu
- Amanda Decker
- Abby Woenker
- Courtney Daily

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