

PTA Meeting

May 7, 2025 at 7:00pm

Corrections and approval by PTA membership will be done at the September 2025 meeting



Welcome & Sign-In - Caryn Neumann

- Welcome to everyone attending in person and remotely! It is our last PTA meeting of this school year.

Principal Update - Mr. Amanda Kanter

- May has been a very busy month and will continue to be busy with Field Day, field trips, Camp Out With a Good Book, etc. The Talent Show was a huge success and the faculty enjoyed being a part of it. Thank you to all for attending the Family Fun Fitness event; Ackerman has been very involved and helpful this year in facilitating activities for Churchill.
- Shared reflections and a big thank you to the symmetry and organization of the PTA. She has been amazed with how much we have been able to accomplish with field trips, High Interest Day, etc. And, a big thank you to Caryn for being so communicative and her awareness with everything going on!

Guest Speaker - 5th Grade Students

- A video was shown featuring outgoing Fifth Graders. The highlights were the students sharing memories from their time at Churchill and some of their favorite PTA events such as High Interest Day, International Night, and field trips.

District 41 Board Member - Dr. Chris Martelli

- Dr. Chris Martelli has been on the District 41 Board of Education for 2 days now.
- The latest Board meeting discussed the ratification of the updated technology policy across the District - including the usage of personal technology such as cell phones and smart watches. Noting these devices can be disruptive to learning and impact the ability to focus and stay on task.
- The new policy is outlined on the District website and will go into effect at the start of the new school year.

Churchill Teacher Representatives - Dee Dee Aldrich & Kristin Travers

- Mrs. Travers thanked the PTA for all that they've done to support the school this year and presented a thank you card from the staff as a thanks for everything, especially Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Students are very excited about the final events of the year - field trips, Camp Out With a Good Book and Field Day.

- The staff is thankful for the Family Fun Fitness event as a way for the district to thank Churchill for the challenges faced during the construction of the new KG center.
- The staff is hoping to see the Talent Show continue as it's a special event for the entire school. She mentioned she knew Sue Hodgkinson and she would be filled with joy to know the Talent Show is what it is today.

Executive Board Reports

President – Caryn Neumann

- Caryn thanked everyone for such a great year.
- Teacher Appreciation Week and School Nurse Appreciation Day were wonderful.
- Family Fun Night was well attended with a great variety of activities. Thank you to the District.
- Caryn shared notes of gratitude from students at the school.
- On 5/20 there is a meet and greet with incoming principal, Mrs. Kristine Ahrens to welcome her to Churchill.

President-Elect - Kaci Snyder

- The Talent Show was a big success with 33 acts! The students worked hard and had a great time. There is one Co-Chair and hoping to find a partner as the role takes 2 people to make it a success. Private YouTube links have been shared to family members with a student participating.

1st Co-VP's: Programming - Aline Cox & Stephanie La Camera

- All clubs are doing well as they wrap up the year. The Cleaning Association has been great. This is an example of a student who had an idea and executed.

2nd VP: Ways & Means – Anne Young

- Fundraising is wrapping up - thank you for all of the support of Cooks Night Off.

3rd Co-VP's: Communications – Carrie Mariot & Jackie MacMillan

- Thank you to everyone for submitting Monday newsletter communications by the prior Thursday.

4th VP: Language & Cultural Diversity – Emnie Staley

- Emnie attended a recent Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. She has compiled a great list of ways to engage parents, support families and is hoping for more meetings next year as well as increased involvement.

Treasurer – Michelle Trush

- Current cash on hand in bank accounts: \$67,796
- Need to keep \$20,000 in reserves
- Remaining cash: \$47,796

- Profit & Loss:
 - Revenue: \$79k compared to budget of \$77k (revenue still expected from FGGB)
 - Expense: \$62k compared to budget of \$81k (upcoming expense for field trips, Teacher Appreciation Week, Yearbook, Camp Put with a Good Book, FGGB)
- Forecast for June 30, 2025:
 - Revenue \$81k compared to budget of \$77k
 - Expense \$81k compared to budget of \$81k
- Reminder to submit any remaining expenses by mid-June as the PTA's fiscal year ends on June 30, 2025.

Secretary – Beth Tiltges - Approve March Meeting Minutes

- We have closed out PTA membership at 189 members! This achievement has earned us Platinum status with the Illinois PTA.
- Kaci Snyder motioned to approve the March meeting minutes, Rebecca Taylor seconded the
- motion. The March meeting minutes have been approved.
- Note that meeting minutes are published to the Churchill PTA website.

Committee Chair Reports

Volunteer Coordinator - Rebecca Taylor

- Note that Officers and Committee Chairs who are ending their roles should schedule a meeting with the new Office/Chair to transition the role. These meetings typically take place in June. If there are helpful documents about the role, please share those with Rebecca Taylor and Kaci Snyder.
- A reminder about the volunteer toolkit posted on the PTA website - many procedures and resources are outlined in the toolkit.

International Night - Rebecca Taylor & Lucy Pask

- The event was amazing. There are so many moving parts and the feedback has been very positive. The usage of the MPR room relieved some pressure on the gym space. There were 24 countries represented with 3 live performances.

Camp Out with a Good Book - Maggie Camporese & Katie Gonzalez

- Camp Out With a Good Book is on Friday 5/17 from 5:30-7:30pm at school. The event promotes summer reading and features fishing, a hot dog cart, popcorn, lemonade and reading tents.

Field Day - Purvi Shah & Susie White

- Field Day will be held on Wednesday, 5/28 (no rain date). There will be representatives from Ackerman, Rise Fitness, Big 3 Basketball, Martial Arts among other vendors who will be assisting with various stations. Volunteers are needed to assist with stations and water bottle donations are also needed.

PTA Council - Carrie Mariot

- The PTA Council is awarding two scholarships. One to a student who will be attending a 4 year university and another to a student who will be attending College of Dupage.

- The PTA Council is also discussing ways to make field trip procedures more equitable across the District.
- There will not be a PTA for the new KG Center as it's not chartered. There is a 'steering committee' being formed who will fall under the PTA council to ensure students at the new center will get similar experiences as they would at their home school. There will be 4-6 parents on the committee.

Fifth Grade Gives Back (FGGB) - Jessica Powell

- The Fifth Grade Mixer was a big hit with many students across all schools in attendance. The confetti cannon and the DJ were great. Thank you for all of the snack and drink donations.
- The Fifth Graders are taking an additional field trip on Friday, 5/23 to see *Lilo & Stitch*.
- The Fifth Grade Picnic will be held on Friday, 5/30. Retirees will lead the clap out. The Committee is also putting together a slide show of photos and memories from the students' time at Churchill.
- The Committee is brainstorming on a gift to give back to the school.

End of the Year Staff Gift Card Program - Naomi Weber

- Staff Appreciation gift card donations can be submitted by 5/30 through GiftCrowd. The PTA will supplement gift cards so staff members receive the minimum amount.

Order School Supply Kits

- Place school supply kit orders by 5/31. If there are 50 orders placed in May, Churchill teachers will receive \$2,500 in school supplies. See the PTA website for more details.

PTA Website & Web Store - Lucy Pask, Jeanelle Olson, Kate Marsh

- The PTA website is current with all end of year events. There are plans to do some housekeeping tasks on the website and web store over the summer.
- The Committee is also exploring ways to leverage Wix for event management.

New/Old Business and Discussion Items

Elections for 2025-2026 PTA Executive Board

- Nomination Committee Chair, Kaci Snyder, submitted the following nominations for officers of the Churchill PTA Executive Board for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - For President - Kaci Snyder
 - For President-Elect - Open at the time of the election
 - For 1st Vice President of Programming - Jennifer Sostak
 - For 2nd Vice President of Ways and Means - Caryn Neumann
 - For 3rd Co-Vice President of Communications - Carrie Mariot & Jackie MacMillan
 - For 4th Vice President of Language & Cultural Diversity - Emnie Staley
 - For Secretary - Nina Ponce
 - For Treasurer - Lindsey Hu
- There was a call for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.
- Rebecca Taylor motioned to vote on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. Carrie Mariot seconded the motion.
- It has been moved and seconded to vote on the Officer slate presented by the Nominating Committee and the motion has passed.

2025 Upcoming Events

- Upcoming events listed below - all events posted on the PTA website.
 - Girls on the Run 5K on 5/10 Grant Park
 - Camp Out with a Good Book 5/16 from 5:30-7:30
 - Meet & Greet New Churchill Principal Mrs. Christine Ahrens 5/20
 - Churchill Senior Day 5/27 at 2:15
 - Volunteer Appreciation Party 5/27 at 7 pm
 - Field Day at Churchill 5/28
 - Fifth Grade Picnic 5/30
 - Kane County Cougars Reading Incentive Game 5/30 at 6:30

Questions/Concerns & Wrap

- The next suggested meeting date is Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm.

Thanks for an amazing PTA year! Here's to continued success ahead!

Adjourned at 8:27pm

Remote Attendees:

- Joyce Meza
- Emnie Staley

In Person:

- Lucy Pask
- Kristin Travers
- Carrie Mariot
- Anne Young
- Amanda Kanter
- Aline Cox
- Kaci Snyder
- Caryn Neumann
- Beth Tiltges
- Michelle Trush
- Dr. Chris Martelli
- Rebecca Taylor
- Nina Ponce
- Lindsey Hu
- Jasmin Rivera

PTA Meeting

June 19, 2025 at 5:00pm



Welcome

- This is a special meeting held to transition the officer roles for the new year. The main order of business is to vote on Rebecca Taylor as President-Elect for the 2025-2026 school year. All other officers were voted on at the May meeting.

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- Paula Fernandez
- Nina Ponce
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