



Grace PTL Meeting Summary
Monday August 31, 2026
Three Cellars

The meeting was called to order and started with prayer at 6:46pm at Three Cellars.

Leaders: Sarah Bedroske Jeannie Fischer Danielle Klieve Sara Armstrong

Attendees In Person:	Nicole Schmidt	Melissa Rendel	Ashley Campbell
	Alex Tuskiewicz	Brittany Tuskiewicz	Emily Winter

Currently eligible to vote:	Sara Armstrong	Lynne Milbrath	Emily Winter
	Melissa Rendel	Amy Rajchel	Kristin Willer
	Ashley Campbell	Theresa Schneider	Danielle Kliev
	Nicole Schmidt	Rachel Schuneman	Sarah Bedroske
	Beth Helleson	Connie Rhode	Alex Tuskiewicz
	Sarah Baumann	Brittany Tuskiewicz	

Financial Update - Sarah B. shared that due to the transition over to Triune, we still do not have a full picture of what money is actually in our account but it is estimated to be around \$25,000. We did clarify that classroom funds will continue and new staff will be offered the classroom funds as well. We added a family devotional in addition to our Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom event. There is a bit of question around what the budget for high interest day should be given that there is a plan to have a day each trimester instead of just one at the end of the year. Nicole will get back to PTL on exactly what their role will look like and how we can best support that day. Sarah is interested in pursuing more restaurant give back fundraisers. If you are interested in helping with the please contact PTL or Sarah Bedroske.

Financial Requests -

5K Multipurpose Classroom area - Before the beginning of school there was a funding request from Mrs. Knuppenburg to purchase additional supplies, toys and shelving for a multi-use space in the kindergarten classroom. She requested \$850 for the project. Because of the urgency and timing - this was voted on by eligible members the week of August 10th, 2026 and passed.

4K Reading Challenge - Kirsten Willer is requesting approximately \$250 to purchase books to use as prizes for her 4K students for monthly reading challenges. Since this request is below the threshold of \$300, the PTL leadership team was able to approve without a vote.

Wrap Ups - highlights and opportunities:

2026-2027 Calendar and Opportunities - The PTL Calendar and Interest Form were reviewed. Please fill out the interest form if you have not already done so.

HOPE Award - The HOPE Award will be paused until there is a decision of how it will be framed this year. There was concern that the cadence was too frequent. There was also concern that it was too exclusive and doesn't recognize all the deserving achievements of students. There was talk of recognizing 5 students once per trimester. It was proposed that students have some influence over who wins via some type of voting system. Emily shared she really enjoys reading the write ups about the winners. Ashley shared her kids always know when the HOPE award is and are so excited for their friends and winners, even when it is not them. Ultimately, the discussion was tabled and PTL will wait to hear from staff and administration on what direction they would like to see the HOPE Award go in this year.

HOME Team - Sarah B. shared that instead of using classroom ambassadors this year, we will be attempting to create a HOME team of individuals to connect with and facilitate connection to others for new families. They are still working on creating this team - if you are interested and welcoming or connection are your gift, please contact Sarah B.

Staff Birthdays - Staff Birthdays will continue again this year. Sign up via the PTL Interest Form.

Chapel Meet and Greet - We hosted the first day of school coffee and chapel again this year. It was very well attended and it was nice to see so many grandparents and parents in the school.

Coming Up:

Kick and Connect - Jeannie shared the Kick and Connect event will be September 8th. They will host a hot dog dinner followed by kickball and mocktails. They will run multiple kickball games if needed.

Parent Teacher Conferences - PTL will supply dinner the Thursday evening of both conferences in October and February. The teachers prefer more of a grab and go style meal as it allows them flexibility in their schedule.

Trunk of Treat - Trunk or Treat is on again this year. Sara A. shared that it will be Sunday October 18th at church in the afternoon. Unfortunately (or fortunately) church has multiple weddings on Fridays in October, so scheduling a Friday did not work. It will look different but will be just as fun!

Donuts with Dad - Sara A. shared that Donuts with Dad will be September 30th. There will be a family devotion during the second trimester and Muffins with Mom in the third trimester. Nicole shared that there may be an opportunity to connect school families to church. Danielle will make sure that church staff is aware of the event and can attend if they are able.

School Update:

There is lots of "new" in the building this year. Lots of new faces, new roles, new SNSP program, new intensives and new lunch. All are welcome additions. Nicole shared that intensives are a relook at electives for students grades 3-8. Some intensives will be the full year - like band. Others will change each trimester. Grades 3-8 will have intensives a few times a week, middle school has intensives daily. Intensives range from advanced science and math to gardening to STEAM. Melissa added it was a good opportunity to get into things that may not be part of a curriculum.

Meeting dates

The next PTL meeting will be November 17th at 315pm at Grace.

Adjournment- meeting was adjourned and ended in prayer at 8:12pm

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