

Mary G. Porter PTO General Business

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 11th, 2025

Board Members Present: Stephany Stewart (President), Amber Christopher (Treasurer), Nicole Adkins (Secretary)

I. **Call to Order** – 6:04pm

II. **Meeting Minutes:** Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting on May 18th, 2025 completed.

III. **Officer Reports**

a. **President's Report** – Stephany Stewart

- i. Looking for someone to step into the President's role and shadow this year in prep for elections next year. Reach out to the Porter PTO email account if interested.

b. **Treasurer's Report for February** – Amber Christopher

- i. Ending Balance as of 06/30/2025 - \$ 4,705.98
- ii. Biggest expenditures leading into the new school year
 - a. PTO School gifts - \$2,850.00 (each teacher received \$50 gift)
- iii. Ending Balance as of 08/03/2025 - \$3,872.08

c. **Principal's Report – Mr. Wood**

- i. Appreciation was expressed for the Teacher Appreciation gifts provided at the beginning of the school year.
- ii. Every student at Porter now has at least one parent with a ParentVue account.
- iii. I-9 Program – A new after-school program offering sports activities will begin the week of September 15.
- iv. House System – The first meeting is scheduled for September 22, during which house leaders will be selected. Students can also earn house points during the Bingo game following the PTO meeting.
- v. Shout-out to Mr. Easter for the new gaga ball pit.
- vi. Upcoming events:
September 25th – Elementary Back to School Night 6:30-8:30pm
October 6th – Thomas Jefferson School Night
October 7th – Literacy Night 6:30-8pm

d. Teacher's Representative – Ms. Beverly Johnson, Parent Liaison

- i. Still in need of presenters for Career Day on October 31st.

IV. New Business

a. Reminder: PTO Meeting attendance protocol/requirements

- i. Meetings this year will be hybrid; via Zoom and in the school library on the second Thursday of the month.
- ii. There will be no meeting in December. Meetings in January and February will be virtual only. Attendees will receive volunteer credit for attending virtual only meetings.
- iii. Volunteer hours will be received for attending in person only.
- iv. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
- v. Virtual attendance is still limited to 100 participants.

b. Engagement Initiative

- i. A theme that you all will see throughout the year is engagement.
- ii. For tonight's event, tables are assigned by grade. Use this as an opportunity to get to know other parents in the same grade.

c. Spirit Wear Chair Position

- i. The PTO is seeking a Spirit Wear Chair, who will be responsible for coming in to pick online orders.
- ii. Duties will also include distributing shirts/items by placing them in teachers' mailboxes to be sent home with students.

d. Survey

- i. A parent has offered to manage the PTO's social media. There was also a request for the PTO to share information via social media.
- ii. A survey was distributed to parents during the meeting to gather feedback on PTO social media engagement.
- iii. Parents voted on whether to use social media: results were 75% Yes, 15% No.
- iv. Parents also voted on preferred platforms: Facebook (52%), Instagram (34%), and Twitter (14%).

e. Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- i. September 11th – Sweet and Social: tonight 6:30-8pm
- ii. October 16th – Sweet Frog Spirit Night 2-9pm

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 - a. \$1,426.06 in Spirit Wear Sales (Middle School Back to School Night, Sweet & Social, and Elementary School Back to School Night)
 - b. \$370.10 from Sweet & Social Bingo and Raffle Ticket Sales
- ii. Ending Balance as of 09/30/2025 - \$6,270.30

c. Principal's Report – Mr. Wood

- i. There are a number of new student groups that are new this year – Arabic, Aviation Club and Sewing Club. Additional details will be available soon.
- ii. Reminder to check student's grades – End of the quarter is 10/31.
- iii. Career Day is 10/31. Pay attention to eNews letter. We are still looking for volunteers. On career day, kids can also dress up. Middle schoolers are encouraged to dress in professional attire.
- iv. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on 11/3. Additional communications will be coming from teachers soon.
- v. Veteran's Day Celebration – Working to get a surprise for this event. More details to come.
- vi. Multicultural Night is 11/19.
- vii. Please ensure that students are getting to school on time. Buses overall have been getting to school on time.

d. Committee Reports

- i. **Membership** – If parents joined through the month of August, name was submitted. If parents joined in September or later, names are in the process of being submitted.

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ii. **Spirit Nights**

- a. **Sweet Frog** - Fundraiser will be on 10/16 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will receive 25% of each purchase. Ms. Michelle will send a flyer.
- b. **Fundraiser**
 1. Currently working on a sock fundraiser. More details to come.
 2. For fundraiser ideas, please send them to Porter PTO email. So far, we have received recommendations for Uncle Julios and Take Kwon Do.

IV. New Business

- a. Move Night: Looking for movie ideas for Movie Night on 11/14.
- b. Porter Gives Back: Looking for recommendations (i.e., Fleece blankets donations, ACTS)
- c. Daddy/ Daughter and Mother/Son Dances
 - i. Potential Dates 2/21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 5/2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Sock Fundraiser**
 - i. Working on new logos. More details to come.
- b. **Elementary School Dance – 10/24**
 - i. Looking for volunteers and donations
 - ii. \$5 admission for kids, no charge for adults
- c. **PTO Social Media**
 - i. You asked, we delivered. A private group has been created on Facebook and Instagram. Uche is the Social Media Manager
- d. **Reminder: PTO Meeting attendance protocol/requirements**
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 - iv. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
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VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at 7:00pm (Hybrid)

VIII. Adjournment – 7:32pm

**Mary G. Porter PTO General Business
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 13th, 2025**

**Board Members: Stephany Stewart (President), Antwanette Daniels (Vice President),
Nicole Adkins (Secretary)**

I. Call to Order – 7:00pm

II. Meeting Minutes: Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting on October 9th, 2025.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report – Stephany Stewart

- i. Update on the President's role for next year – Andre Powell (1st grade parent) has volunteered to take on the role. They meet twice a week to discuss the role, responsibilities.
- ii. Parent Anjanette Kibler has been assisting in planning events. She will be helping with the upcoming middle school dance.
- iii. Parent Beatrice Kearney has agreed to assist with the talent show in the spring.
- iv. Parent membership is low this year. Your financial support is needed. Reminder – Fees for membership (\$10 dollars) and funds from PTO events are kept in house. We have only had one fundraiser this year and brought in approximately \$200 dollars.

b. Treasurer's Report for October

- i. In the month of October, we received:
 - a. \$1,072.35 in Spirit Wear Sales
 - b. \$988.69 for the Elementary Dance
- ii. Ending Balance as of 10/31/2025 - \$3,605.63

c. Principal's Report – Ms. Foor

- i. Had a wonderful Veterans Day program. Over 30 Veterans were celebrated. Ambassadors and Ms. Johnson coordinated the event.
- ii. Application season is well underway. The application period opened on 11/3 and closes on 2/1. Currently, there are over 500 applications. There will be two information nights in December and January.
- iii. This week the school held our first ATTENDance. The school entertained approximately 150 1st-5th graders. There was karaoke, slime, and pizza.

Overall, the kids had an amazing time. Middle school will have a different event through the house system.

- iv. 11/14 – Interest form will go out for spring drama production. Please reach out to Michele if you have any ideas or want to assist.
- v. 11/19 - Multicultural Night
- vi. 12/8 - Day of the Arts
- vii. 12/9 – Multicultural Cookie Exchange. Parents/students will be able to purchase a box and choose cookies from different cultures.
- viii. 12/19 – Full school assembly
- ix. Middle School Drone club – First meeting was held on 11/13.
- x. 19 fall season just wrapped. They will be kicking off the next season soon.
- xi. Upcoming event – MLK Oratorical event. More details to come soon.

d. Teacher’s Representative – Ms. Beverly Johnson

- i. There will be a Cultural Cookie Exchange event on 12/9. A QR code to purchase boxes will be provided.

IV. New Business

- a. Middle School Dance will be on 12/5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The increased entry fee of \$8 will include refreshments.
- b. Staff Luncheon will be on 12/17.

V. Old Business

- a. **Movie Night** - Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. We were able to obtain a license for the movie Lilo and Stitch. The entry fee is \$5 and includes a drink and popcorn. Additional refreshments will be available for purchase.
- b. **Porter Gives Back** - Will be held on 11/20 right after school. Students will be making no sew blankets. Permission slips can be completed on-line. Volunteers are also needed.
- c. **House Shirts for Middle School Students** – Orders will be placed in the next week. Online orders is closed.
- d. **Sock Fundraiser** – Fundraiser is intended to be the large fundraiser for the year. There will be logos on the socks. Cost will be approximately \$10 per pair.
- e. **Daddy/ Daughter Dance** - 4/18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Candyland theme
- f. **Mother/Son Dance** - 5/2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sneaker Ball theme
- g. **Upcoming December events**
 - i. Middle School Dance – 12/5
 - ii. Cultural Cookie Exchange – 12/9

- iii. Staff Luncheon – 12/17
- iv. Day of the Arts – 12/18

h. Reminder: PTO Meeting attendance protocol/requirements

- i. Meetings this year will be hybrid; via Zoom and in person on the second Thursday of the month.
- ii. There will be no meeting December. Meetings in January and February will be virtual.
- iii. Volunteer hours will be received for attending in person only.
- iv. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
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VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00pm (Virtual only)

VIII. Adjournment – 7:30pm

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 8th, 2026**

Board Members: Stephany Stewart (President), Antwanette Daniels (Vice President), Amber Christopher (Treasurer) Nicole Adkins (Secretary)

I. Call to Order – 7:00pm

II. Meeting Minutes: Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting on November 13th, 2025, completed.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report – Stephany Stewart

- i. Provided an update on the President's role for the upcoming year, including ongoing transition touchpoints with Andre' Powell.
- ii. Elections for the President and Treasurer positions are scheduled for March. One candidate has already expressed interest and is currently shadowing the President's role.

b. Treasurer's Report for November & December

- i. In the month of November, we received:
 - a. \$201.48 for Sweet Frog Fundraiser
 - b. \$988.69 for Elementary School Dance
 - c. \$1,000.00 for Movie Night
 - d. \$251.00 for Middle School Dance
 - e. Ending Balance as of 11/30/2025 - \$3,510.49
- ii. In the month of December, we received:
 - a. \$445.00 for MultiCultural Cookie/Dessert Exchange
 - b. Ending Balance as of 12/31/2025 - \$4,239.50

c. Principal's Report – Mr. Wood (on behalf of Ms. Foor)

- i. A sincere thank you to the Porter PTO for hosting the Teacher luncheon on 12/17.
- ii. Many thanks to the Porter PTO and volunteers for the Day of the Arts on 12/18, with special recognition given to Dr. Nicholson and Ms. Mergler for their efforts and leadership.
- iii. Reminder for students to work on Lexia and Success Maker.
- iv. Teachers will be reaching out to parents for conferences in January.
- v. There is a new activity called "Leader in Me". Use this as an opportunity nightly and at the dinner table to practice leadership habits.
- vi. With the new year, there will be a new season of I-9.
- vii. If you haven't already, please start obtaining volunteer hours.
- viii. House marathons will continue throughout the school year. House Valor was the winner for November and December.
- ix. On 1/20, there will be an indoor gym from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 for middle school students.

- x. Students voted for logos for the 2025-2026 school year and they are complete. They will replace the 2024-2025 logos.

d. Teacher's Representative – Mr. Wood (on behalf of Ms. Beverly Johnson)

- i. Planning is underway for a Black History Month assembly.
- ii. Discussions are in progress for potential ways to recognize local leaders.
- iii. Early planning is underway for an April block party.
- iv. *Battle of the House* event is being planned as a point-based competition.

IV. New Business

- a. The Used Uniform Sale will take place on 1/26 from 11 am to 3 pm. Everything will be \$1. Spirit Wear will be available for purchase. We are accepting uniform donations and are also in need of volunteers to support this activity.

V. Old Business

- a. **Cultural Dessert Exchange** – This was the first year for the event, and we had a good turnout. The plan is to continue the event next year.
- b. **Middle School Dance** – Kids had a great time.
- c. **Spirit Nights**
 - i. IHOP Spirit Night – 1/22, 4 pm to 9 pm
 - ii. Upcoming – Nando's
- d. **Spirit Wear**
 - i. Spirit Wear has been added to the store and is now available for purchase
- e. **Crazy Sock Fundraiser** – Fundraiser is intended to be the large fundraiser for the year. There will be logos on the socks. Cost will be approximately \$10 per pair. More details to come.
- f. **Daddy/ Daughter Dance**
 - i. 4/18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Candyland theme
 - a. Ticket pricing will be set at \$20 per student, with a reduced rate of \$10 per student for multiples. A dedicated page will be created for ticket purchases. Additional support will be needed for event setup and breakdown. Planning meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of each month.
- g. **Mother/Son Dance**
 - i. 5/2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sneaker Ball theme
 - a. Same as above - Ticket pricing will be set at \$20 per student, with a reduced rate of \$10 per student for multiples. A dedicated page will be created for ticket purchases. Additional support will be needed for event setup and breakdown. Planning meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of each month.
- h. **Upcoming January & February events**
 - i. Change Challenge – 1/19 through 1/23
 - ii. IHOP Spirit Night – 1/22, 4 pm to 9 pm

- a. 13718 Smoketown Road, Woodbridge and 3914 Fettle Park Drive, Dumfries
- iii. Valentine's Day Games – 2/9 through 2/13
 - a. Students and staff will be able to purchase Valentine themed notes with treats for sale

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- iii. Volunteer hours will be received for attending in person only.
- iv. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
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VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00pm (Virtual only)

VIII. Adjournment – 7:34pm

**Mary G. Porter PTO General Business
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 12th, 2026**

**Board Members: Stephany Stewart (President), Antwanette Daniels (Vice President),
Amber Christopher (Treasurer) Nicole Adkins (Secretary)**

I. Call to Order – 7:02pm

II. Meeting Minutes: Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting on January 8th, 2026, will be completed via email.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report – Stephany Stewart

- i. Provided an update on the President's role for the upcoming year, including ongoing transition touchpoints with Andre' Powell.
- ii. Elections for the President and Treasurer positions are scheduled for March. One candidate has already expressed interest and is currently shadowing the President's role.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. In the month of January, we received:
 - a. \$199.58 Middle School sales
 - b. \$201.09 PTO Store
 - c. Ending Balance as of 1/30/2026 - \$2,996.32

c. Principal's Report – Mr. Wood (on behalf of Ms. Foor)

- i. A sincere thank you to parents for attending SEL night and the Porter PTO for selling concessions.
- ii. An update on house events –
 - a. 1v1 Basketball tournament for elementary students will be held on 2/20. Signups are due on Tuesday, 2/17. Houses will be represented by teacher.
 - b. 1v1 Basketball tournament for middle school students will be held on 2/27. Signups will be due on Tuesday, 2/24.
- iii. Thank you to parents and students for participating in the leadership challenge. Ms. Foor will share the results in an upcoming newsletter.
- iv. On 3/1, application results will be provided for Porter applicants. The deadline for accepting the offer will be 3/5.
- v. ESOL students are in the middle of WETA testing. In March, there will be IRW (Integrated Reading and Writing) testing for 5th graders.
- vi. Tomorrow, 2/13 is Red and Pink Day.
- vii. Upcoming Spirit Week will celebrate Kindness. Kindness Week will be held the week of 2/17 with the following activities:

- a. Team Up w/Kindness
 - b. Diversity Day
 - c. Kindness Era
 - d. Twin with a Friend
- viii. Ms. Foor is headed to Africa for three weeks. Ms. Mears will be filling in while Ms. Foor is away.

IV. New Business

- a. Sock Fundraiser** – Fundraiser is intended to be the large fundraiser for the year. There will be logos on the socks. Cost will be approximately \$10 per pair. Elementary and middle schoolers will be able to wear during spirit days. More details to come.
- b. Spirit Nights**
 - i. Upcoming – Nando’s Spirit Night. Date to be determined (3/19 or 3/27). More details to come.
- c. Spirit Wear**
 - i. Spirit Wear has been added to the store and is now available for purchase.
 - a. Hoodies - \$35.00
 - b. Limited Edition Hoodies - \$35.00
 - c. House T-Shirts - \$15.00. Elementary students can purchase house attired their houses are tied to their current teacher. Houses for middle schoolers are assigned at the end of 5th grade.
- d. Daddy/ Daughter Dance**
 - i. 4/18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Candyland theme
 - a. Ticket pricing will be set at \$40 per daddy/daughter couple, with a reduced rate of \$10 per additional student. A dedicated page will be created for ticket purchases. Additional support will be needed for event setup and breakdown. Planning meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of each month.
- e. Mother/Son Dance**
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- f. Fundraisers for Dances**
 - i. 800 grams have been sold for Valentine’s Day. Proceeds will support both dances.

g. Change Challenge

- i. Advertising will be coming soon
- ii. Challenge will take place from 3/12 through 3/19
- iii. Each house will have a container to collect change.
- iv. The house with the highest points will receive a prize.

h. Dance Closet

- i. Donations will be accepted from 2/12 through 3/12
- ii. All items donated must be in good condition
- iii. Shopping day will be announced at a later date
- iv. Ticket sales are currently open for both dances

i. Upcoming March & April events

- i. Porter PTO Used Uniform Sale (Rescheduled Date) – 3/3, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - a. PTO needs lots of volunteers
 - b. Set up will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - c. Spirit wear will be available for purchase
- ii. Porter Gives Back – 3/10 after school
 - a. Will continue to complete no-sew blankets
- iii. Change Challenge – 3/12 through 3/19
- iv. Porter’s Got Talent Show – 4/24 at 6:30 p.m.
 - a. Permission forms are due 3/10
 - b. Tryouts via video submission will be due 3/17
 - c. In-person tryouts will be on 3/24

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- i. IHOP Spirit Night – Thank you for attending
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VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12th, at 6:00pm (hybrid) ****NEW Time****

Note - Change in time due to STEAM Night which will start at 6:30 p.m. and the Internet Safety presentation at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment – 7:41pm

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**Board Members: Stephany Stewart (President), Antwanette Daniels (Vice President),
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I. Call to Order – 6:04pm

II. Meeting Minutes: An email will be sent out for review and approval of the November, January and February minutes.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report – Stephany Stewart

- i. Tonight's meeting is an abbreviated meeting due to Steam Night starting at 6:30 p.m.
- ii. We are accepting nominations for President and Treasurer positions. Elections will be held April 27th through May 8th. Please send nominations to porterpatriotspto@gmail.com. You must be a Porter PTO member to run for an officer position.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. In the month of February, we received:
 - a. Beginning Balance 2,995.32
 - b. \$118.45 Spirit Wear
 - c. \$40.72 SEL Night
 - d. Ending Balance as of 2/27/2026 - \$2,895.00

c. Principal's Report – Mrs. Foor

- i. Parents, please stay after the meeting and join us for STEAM night. There will be drones, 3D printers, rockets and other activities.
- ii. We will have an Internet Safety Speaker at 7 p.m. this evening. We will be offering one volunteer hour for anyone that attends the meeting.
- iii. 3rd graders had their program last night, and they attended a field trip today.
- iv. 4th grade, 1st grade and 2nd grade plays will be coming up in April.
- v. Reminders
 - a. March 27th is the end of the 3rd quarter.
 - b. Tutoring will end on March 27th. However, teachers will pick up tutoring for their classes as they prepare students for SOL testing.
- vi. Classified Professionals week will take place the week of April 20th through April 24th. We will recognize our school security officers and parent liaison during this time.
- vii. Next week IRW testing will take place for Grades 5-8.
- viii. SOL testing will begin at the end of April.
- ix. The next Leader in Me Challenge went out this week.

- x. Purple Up Pancake Breakfast will take place on the Tuesday after spring break on April 7th. We will need a lot of pancake mix and syrup donations.
- xi. We are starting to plan for Teacher's Appreciation Week which will take place the first week of May. If you have any community ties or ideas, please let us know.

IV. New Business

a. Elementary School Spring Dance - March 10th

b. Spirit Nights

- i. Nando's - 3/27, from 4 pm to 9 pm. You will need to present the flyer to place an order. The school will receive 40% of the proceeds.
- ii. Chick-Fil-A – Date TBD. More details to come.

c. Sock Fundraiser – We are pleased to report that 36 pairs were purchased. In total, over \$1,000 was purchased in house wear.

d. Dance Update (Daddy/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Dance)

- i. Daddy/Daughter Dance is a month out.
- ii. The committee has been sending text blasts and flyers.
- iii. Attendees, please come in appropriate attire for both dances.
- iv. Reminders
 - a. **Daddy/Daughter Dance**, 4/18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Candyland theme. Ticket pricing will be set at \$40 per daddy/daughter couple, with a reduced rate of \$10 per additional student.
 - b. **Mother/Son Dance**, 5/2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sneaker Ball theme. Ticket pricing will be set at \$40 per mother/son couple, with a reduced rate of \$10 per additional student.

e. Fundraisers for Dances

- i. 800 grams were sold for Valentine's Day. Proceeds will support both dances.

f. Change Craze Challenge

- i. The Change Craze Challenge will start tomorrow, 3/13. Please have your students drop off coins in the morning. The committee will report out at the end of each day. The house with the highest total of coins raised will win.

V. Old Business

- i. Used Uniform Sale was held on March 3rd. This was a very successful event.
- ii. Porter Gives Back that was scheduled for March 10th has been cancelled.
- iii. Talent Show – April 24th at 6:30 p.m.
 - a. Permission slips are due on March 17th.
 - b. Tryouts – There are two options for students
 - 1. Video submissions due March 17th.
 - 2. In person try-outs will take place after school on March 24th.

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- ii. Volunteer hours will be received for attending in person only.
- iii. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
- iv. Virtual attendance is limited to 100 participants.

VI. Announcements

- a. STEAM Night is tonight at 6:30 p.m. Money raised from concessions will support the Robotics Club.
- b. There is no PTO meeting in April.
- c. Reminder: Parents must complete 10 volunteer hours within the school per student by June 12th.

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00pm (hybrid)

VIII. Adjournment – 6:28pm

**Mary G. Porter PTO General Business
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14th, 2026**

**Board Members: Stephany Stewart (President), Antwanette Daniels (Vice President),
Amber Christopher (Treasurer) Nicole Adkins (Secretary)**

I. Call to Order – 7:02 pm

II. Meeting Minutes: The March meeting minutes will be distributed following this meeting.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report – Stephany Stewart

- i. This is Stephany's last PTO meeting. Thanked everyone for their continued support and working with her over the past few years.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. During April, the PTO received:
 - a. \$266.00 Chipotle Spirit Night
 - b. \$101.25 Spring Luau
 - c. \$126.75 Talent Show Concessions
 - d. Ending Balance as of 4/30/2026 - \$8,771.87

c. Principal's Report – Mrs. Foor

- i. Parents, thank you for your donations and support during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- ii. Students are well into SOL testing, with approximately three days remaining.
- iii. On Monday, 7th graders will be going to Nature Bridge for an overnight field trip. Last year 40 children went, this year there will be approximately 70 children.
- iv. There are still a number of awesome ways to finish the school year with volunteer hours. Reminders were sent out this week for the following events -
 - a. Picnic day at every grade level
 - b. Field day
 - c. House challenge day for middle school on June 8th
- v. 5th graders will receive their house assignments for 6th grade on June 8th.
- vi. The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be on June 11th at 9:30
- vii. Fifth grade promotion will also be on June 11th at 1:30
- viii. If you have issues with meeting your volunteer hours, please reach out to the school so that you are able to fulfill your obligation.
- ix. The Block Party was so much fun and has become an annual event. It was great to see families come together and enjoy the community atmosphere, including the food trucks and activities. Thank you to the PTO and Ambassadors.

- x. The school's theatrical production, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, will be performed on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. The name of the play is "The Emperors New Clothes." Ticket sales will begin tomorrow.
- xi. Thank you to Stephany for your leadership as PTO President. You will be missed.

IV. New Business

a. Spirit Night

- i. Chipotle – June 3rd on Daniel Stuart Square from 4 pm to 8 pm

b. Dance Update (Daddy/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Dance)

- i. Both events were highly successful and well attended.
 - a. Daddy/Daughter Dance (approximately 180 princesses attended)
 - b. Mother/Son Dance (approximately 70 young princes attended)

c. New President

- i. In lieu of a formal ballot, a survey will be distributed via email to confirm Andre's appointment as PTO President for the upcoming term.

d. Upcoming Events

- i. 8th Grade Formal Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- ii. 6th and 7th Middle School Dance – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

V. Old Business

- a. Luau was held on April 10th

- b. Porter's Got Talent Show was held on April 24th

- i. Recognition was given to Talent Show Coordinators Ms. Beatrice Kearney and Ms. Florenda Williams for their outstanding efforts in organizing the event. Both will return as coordinators next year.

- c. Teacher Appreciation Week

- i. Thank you parents for your donations.
- ii. Each day was themed:
 - a. Monday – Breakfast
 - b. Tuesday – Snack Bar
 - c. Wednesday – Hydration Station
 - d. Thursday – Goody Bar
 - e. Friday - Luncheon

d. Reminder: PTO Meeting attendance protocol/requirements

- i. Volunteer hours will be received for attending in person only.
- ii. Registration is still required to attend via Zoom.
- iii. Virtual attendance is limited to 100 participants.

VI. Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in June.

VII. Adjournment – 7:26pm