

Parker & McCarthy Middle Schools PTO Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026

Attendance: Sara Mackie, Alysun Kenney, Amanda Collison, Lisa Bryant, Shannon Dahlstrom, Kate O'Malley, Courtney Cooper, Diana Lebeaux, Beth Santoro, Jyothi Guptha, Amy Domov

Scholarship Awards Sarah Mackie

- Parker - Ruqi (Rachel) Song
- McCarthy - Tiffany Vu

Principal Update

- Josh Blagg, Principal of Parker
 - Culminated morning interventions - gaining momentum w/ appetite to continue; thanks to PTO for breakfast sponsorship
 - 5th grade & 6th grade MCAS
 - 5th grade social last Friday
 - 6th grade social tomorrow
 - Parker Pride Run on Sunday - over 200 runners registered; HS track / cross country team helping
 - 6th grade celebration at Max's Golf June 3rd & 4th - \$22/pp
 - Move up days for 4th 6/1 (SR / Center) and 6/8 (Harrington / Byam)
 - 6th grade move up day on 6/10 to McCarthy
 - We Are Parker on 6/4 from 5-8pm - food trucks, art trucks, maker space, badminton tourney, cabaret, outdoor games
 - Field Day - 6/11
- Jeff Parks, Principal of McCarthy
 - MCAS finishing up
 - Tuesday - Marion Lazan (co-author of Four Perfect Pebbles) virtually talked to the 7th graders
 - 7th graders - Museum of Worcester field trips this week / next week
 - Field Day - 6/9
 - 8th grade move up day, dance, etc

School Committee Update Diana Lebeaux

- Last day of school 6/15
- District will purchase school supplies next year
- Parker School
 - 4th - 6th Grade
 - Built next door to Parker on field (state helps cover cost of demo)
 - Design phase

- June 10th - next community forum
- Next year - Fall - presentation at town meeting; mid-winter special town meeting for it; then town vote
- Hope is open 2030/2031
- Technology - AI
 - Workshops - AI policy by end of summer
 - Moved to sub-committee
- Other technology policies
 - Pending due to potential statewide law
 - Will likely ban smart devices bell to bell across the state
- Curriculum
 - Elementary; K-6 - new literacy curriculum coming next year

Budget/Treasurer's Update Shanon Dahlstrom

- Parker
 - \$4300 registrations for Pride Run; Will see \$2700 in sponsors
 - \$155 for UMass Lowell Hockey Tix
 - Staff Appreciation costs
 - Paid for Sheryl Faye enrichment
- McCarthy
 - Hockey Tix
 - Staff Appreciation costs
 - \$2300 for Worcester Museum contribution

Minutes Approval - April Kate O'Malley

- Motion to accept minutes - Amy; Courtney seconded

Parker Committee Update

Recaps:

- Enrichment: Grade 6 - Sheryl Faye Presents Ruth Bader Ginsburg "I Dissent" - 30 April
- Enrichment: Grade 5 - The Concord Museum - 28, 30 April and 6, 15 May
- Social: Grade 5 Spring Fling - 8 May

Upcoming:

- Social: Grade 6 Spring Fling - 15 May
- Fundraiser: Parker Pride Run - 17 May (People can sign up day of)
- Enrichment: Grade 6 - Kite Workshop - 3, 4, 5 & 8 June (1:30pm)
 - Kids make their own kites
- We are Parker SIC event - 4 June (5:00-8:00pm)

McCarthy Committee Update

Recap:

- Fundraiser: Center/McCarthy PTO Recycle Day
 - \$15,980 total gross: \$10,695 cash, \$2,175 checks, \$3110 credit cards
 - Profits not yet split
- Enrichment: Grade 7 - Author Zoom Visit with Marion Blumenthal Lazan - 12 May

Upcoming:

- Enrichment: Grade 7 - Museum of Worcester field trip - 13,14, 27, 28 May
- End-of-Year Activities: Grade 8
 - Mel's Funway Park - 10 June (9:00am-2:00pm) - PTO contributed a bit to get price down
 - Dylan & Pete's Ice Cream Trucks - 12 June (10:30am-12:30pm) - PTO sponsored
 - End-of-Year Dance in the gymnasium - 12 June (7:00-9:00pm) - PTO helps with DJ (Derek)

Across Schools Discussion

- CFOM / SHOWBOAT Talent Show - 16 May at PAC (two shows - 5-6:30 for Parker; 7-8:30 for McCarthy); Can buy pizza in between shows
- CoCS Mtg - 18 May at 7:00pm in the McCarthy School library
 - Will be held in person and requires a quorum. Need 3 parents from each school.
- Staff Appreciation Week: Thank you for helping our students bloom & grow - 18-22 May
- Woo Sox Game Band/Orchestra/Chorus Performance - 21 May (Parker)
- Middle Schools Night at Fenway Park - 26 May
 - What to do with remaining tickets? 117 Unsold tickets.
- Lowell Spinners Game: STAR WARS Night - 7 June
- Staff Appreciation End-of-Year: Piece of Cake (cupcake trucks) - 15 June
- Accepting nominations for 2026-27 Parker and McCarthy PTO Board positions
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Enrichment Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Parker Pride Run
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Looking Ahead to the 2026/2027 school year:
 - Consider offering more than one scholarship at both schools next year due to the number of applicants?
- Still need to update Bylaws for both PTOs

New PTO Calendar: <https://pto.chelmsfordschools.org/>

- Parker = <https://pto.chelmsfordschools.org/parker-pto/>
- McCarthy = <https://pto.chelmsfordschools.org/mccarthy-pto/>

Our next PTO Meeting: Thursday, June 11th @ 6:30 pm IN PERSON for 2026-27 Board elections at the McCarthy School Library

The next Council of Chelmsford Schools (CoCS) Meeting: MONDAY, May 18th @ 7:00pm - IN PERSON for Scholarship Award at the McCarthy School Library and a Quorum is required for 2026-27 Board elections