

District #56 PTO

September 8, 2025



Agenda:



- Introductions
- PTO Board Changes
- Past Business
- Treasurer Report
- New Business
- Committees/Board Positions
- Comments/Questions

Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

Introduction:



Thank you for attending the first D56 PTO meeting for the 2025-2026 school year!

- If you would like to be a part of D56 PTO and have not filled out a contact form on the website (**d56pto.org**), please do!
- There are several Committee spots open!
- Like & follow us on Facebook-

District 56 PTO



September 8

October 6

November 3

December 8

January 12

February 2

March 2

April 13

May 18



*All in person meetings take place at the District Office (next to Spaulding) & D56 PTO uses Google Meet for Virtual.

*Planning meeting at 6PM *Public meeting at 7PM.

PTO Board Changes:



Welcome Valerie!

Valerie Dirsmith is our new PTO Treasurer, she has done so much already, we're excited to have a part of our team! Thank you, Valerie!



You'll be missed, John!

John Gallagher has been our food fundraiser extraordinaire & head of our First Day Supply Kits fundraiser for the last 2 years! There will be a big void without him. We wish his daughter the best at her new school 😊



Thank you, Viktorija!

Viktorija Harris has been such a valuable member on PTO for the last 2 years. She recently took the role of leading our Spirit Wear! Unfortunately, after December, her children will also be transferring districts, and we'll miss her help greatly!!



Past Business:



Gurnee Days Parade!

- SO MUCH FUN!!! We organized our spot, invited the school board to join us, matching shirts & all. Even the rain couldn't ruin our D56 spirit! ☺



Past Business:



Kindergarten Playdate:

- Lots of new families came out and fun had by all (bus honks included!)
- Thank you WNPL, BPAC, Boys&Girls Club of LC, Dr. Glickley, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rosheger, Cesar Garcia, Becky Kotsinis & Ms. Brooks for joining us!

New Teacher Luncheon:

- It was wonderful to welcome the 26 new teachers & staff to District 56, thank you for choosing our District & educating our children!

First Day Supply Kits & Spirit Wear:

- Thank you to John Gallagher for handling our First Day school supply fundraiser!



Treasurer Report:



PTO Funds as of September 8, 2025

Checking Account:
\$5,607.27

Savings Account:
\$14,317.02



*District 56 PTO Funds
support D56 teachers,
staff members &
students at all
four schools!*



New Business:



Gurnee District 56 PTO
D56 SPIRIT WEAR
FALL SALE

More CHOICES

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Order online only 9/22-10/3!
<https://www.peanutbuddygallery.com/gurnee-vikings>

Orders will be delivered to student's school at the end of October.

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20%
ON THE SALE

generated from this event
to your child's school.

Friends and family members are
encouraged to help support this event.

Mention your school when ordering!
Bring this flyer to Chuck E. Cheese.

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE.**

TIME: 3 PM - 10 PM

SCHOOL: District 56

EVENT DATE: Friday, September 19th

EVENT ADDRESS:
1512 Nations Drive, Gurnee

To find out more, check out chuckecheese.com

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PLAY POINTS | **for \$30**

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4 Drinks

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Sales include all food and merchandise purchased at the registers. Delivery & Carryout Orders placed directly at ChuckE Cheese.com now also apply towards your Fundraiser. You must add the item "School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out and order from the location noted as right.

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New Business:



Let's DISTRICT 56 Party
Halloween | Winter | Valentine

Wednesday, September 24th
Spaulding: 5:30-6:30PM (Spaulding library)
River Trail: 7:00-8:00PM (River Trail Library)

Are you interested in volunteering for your child(ren)'s classroom parties?
These meetings are for you!
For families with a student(s) at Spaulding School (Pre-K-2nd) & a student(s) at River Trail in K-5th Grade. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would still like to help out, please email PTO@d56.org (Email must include school, teacher's name & your name)

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Teacher Requests:



- Serena Anzalone (SP): \$50 **Approved**
2- 2packs of Silent headphones

There are not any other teacher requests for this month.



Please notice when submitting
Teacher Requests Forms...
Teacher Requests are reviewed,
voted on and
approved/not approved
during our scheduled monthly
meetings.



PTO

Helena Kreul & Emily Heslinga, Co-Presidents | Valerie Dirsmit, Treasurer | Maryam Wood, Secretary

Teacher Fund Request Form

Thank you for your request for funds. The PTO exists to support the students, teachers and staff in a manner that has a resounding impact on the entire D56 school community. Please complete this entire form with detailed information and a signed approval from the Principal. Submit your finished form to the PTO via email at pto@d56.org. Once received, it will be presented to members of the PTO for a vote at our next regularly scheduled meeting. You will be notified of the decision via email in a timely manner. Thank you!

Date of Request: _____

Value Requested: _____

Date Required: _____

Requested by: _____ Email: _____

**Please briefly describe your request and how the students will benefit. Include any links or screenshots that would be helpful for us to better understand what is it you're requesting.*

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

Below for PTO official use only

PTO Approved? Yes: _____ No: _____ Amount: _____

Signature of PTO President: _____ Date: _____

Public Comment/Questions:



- Have a question? Let us know!
(Or send D56 PTO an email at PTO@d56.org)
- Next Meeting:
Monday, October 6th! (Virtual Only!)
- THANK YOU!!!

