- Mount Vernon Exploratory PTO Executive Committee

August 27, 2026

Meeting at MVES

Officers Present: Erin Webb, President; Melanie Martin, Treasurer; Elizabeth Withrow, Past President; Jennifer Mullis, Vice President; Rachel Gibson, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Chase Armour, Assistant Principal; Scott Patrick, Teacher Representative

I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: The President, Erin Webb, called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jennifer Mullis motioned to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2026 meeting; Erin Webb gave the second; all votes in favor.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
   - A. February enrollment update - 637 students enrolled
     - i. K-2nd - average class size 21 (18-23)
     - ii. 3rd-5th - average class size 24 (22-26)
   - B. Wonderful Wednesdays
     - i. Appreciated, off to a great start
   - C. Playground
     - i. Graphic shared at Open House has school excited (more info to come)
   - D. School Families
     - i. Begin Friday, Sept. 4 (no pictures at first meeting)
   - E. Benchmark Workshop
     - i. K-5th Grade core literacy curriculum (this is the 3rd year)
   - F. Eureka Math
     - i. K-5th Grade math curriculum (this is the 4th year)
   - G. UFLI Phonics –
     - i. K-2nd Grade phonics curriculum (this is the 1st year)
     - ii. 6 HCSD schools in pilot program (UF program)
   - H. Completing beginning of the year assessments and 1st quarter instructional planning with new literacy coach
     - i. Mrs. Dorogh (Pronounced: "Dur-ah"), parent
       - a) State and District, strictly for MVES
     - ii. GKIDS
     - iii. Amira K-3rd Reading Fluency Screener
     - iv. MAP K-5th Family report will come home 9/11/2026
   - I. Teacher request: teacher allotment gift cards with receipts (for reimbursements items) Visa gift card (comes with fee?) $50 to choose between 3 different stores
     - i. Action: board will hold the check and discuss. Need a clean receipt.
   - J. Have foundation money for Storybook Trail, they are meeting soon
     - i. K Smith, J Smith, Ruis

IV. TREASURERS REPORT
   - A. Playground
     - i. En route, TBD
     - ii. Planning second piece with this years one and done funds

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Old Business

i. Open House

a) Spirit wear sales went well

ii. Boo Hoo Breakfast

a) Tip sheet was well received, and will continue this in future years

iii. Spirit Wear

a) Pre-order has been ordered, will sort and distribute when printed

B. New Business

i. Playground

a) No ship date yet

b) Erin Webb will update when there is one and they will remove and install

c) Ribbon cutting at Pumpkin Picnic

(1) Approved by all

d) PTO will create plaque for Smith Hulsey (platinum sponsor)

e) PTO will send thank you notes to all sponsors

f) PTO will invite all sponsors to Pumpkin Picnic/Ribbon cutting

g) PTO will send Mr. Alexander a thank you for his help

h) Playground balls – All grades (except K) got them in January 2026

(1) What grade levels need them?

(a) Action item: Ms. Westbrook will ask

i) 4 square will be replaced – PTO will order a new one for $35

j) Ant hills have been taken care of and wasp nests have been addressed

k) Play kitchen is not holding up (standing water, needs to be thrown out)

(1) PTO will request it to be removed with playground install/uninstall – Erin Webb to identify what needs to be taken

ii. One and Done

a) Dates approved: November 9-13, with celebration on November 20th

iii. Movie Night

a) Friday in March: identified March 12th as ideal date

b) Location: Amphitheatre or perhaps NHHS Football Field

(1) Erin Webb to ask Ask Borg/Vamplew (new principal at NHHS)

VI. ADJOURN

Submitted by Rachel Gibson, Secretary