1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**
The meeting started at 7:05 PM. In attendance were Bridgette Wickard (President), Emily Kremski (Rice Co-VP), Colby Kraemer (IFES Co-VP), Torie Christen (Co-Treasurer), Katherine Schwenn (Co-Treasurer), Erica Lounder (Assistant to the President), David Boley (WG Rice, Principal), 3 parents AND 6 teachers (some were also parents to Bubblers).
2. **Minutes**
The August 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved with a with a motion by Erica Lounder, seconded by Colby Kraemer.
3. **Principal Reports/School Board Representative**
4. **Rice:** Student assessments will be completed soon. The PBIS store opened this week and has been very well-received by the students. Thanked the PTO for all of the donations for this. K & 1st grade field trips will be funded by a grant. Nov 7 is the first Every Bubbler Cares assembly. Rice is looking to hire a cafeteria aide. Other dates: Sept 20 – no school, Oct 3 – picture day, Oct 11 – teacher in service
5. **IFES**: Assessments are complete. The hallway PBIS kick off party was lots of fun. PBIS store is popular. The front office is working to keep it stocked. September 26 – first community meeting, Oct 4 – picture day
6. **Federal Program Update**: October 15 will be the Title I meeting
7. **Treasurer’s Report**
	* 1. 2024-2025 Budget Review – The budget has decreased, but we are getting more for our money. Still a very sizeable budget for a PTO. $68,930 is budgeted for the 24-25 school year. The budget was approved with a motion by Erica Lounder, seconded by Ariel Wiley.
		2. July/August Treasurer’s Report – Approved by a motion from Colby Kraemer, seconded by Erin Rech
8. **Correspondence -** none
9. **Chair/Committee Reports/Updates**
10. Bubblethon – SMPTO Board
11. Fundraiser Totals – $44,825 from schools and $4,490 from corporate
12. 99 Pledges runs the fundraiser and will take a nominal fee from total raised. Thank you to the teachers and admin for helping engage students and family. Thermometers were fun for the students to see, encouraged some competition between classes. Sponsor banner will hang at stadium.
13. Bubblethon Events (IFES 10/4/24 & W.G. Rice 10/10/24)
14. Reward Days (IFES 10/18/24 & W.G. Rice 11/8/24) 59% of students earned silly stringing their teacher (26 teachers), 72% earned a movie & popcorn, 95% earned popsicles. Popsicles will be delivered on the day of Bubblethon. Principals will provide 2 dates for the popcorn & movie. Email photos from Bubblethon to Marisa Elliot (Rice) and Sharee Darhower (IFES) for posting on Facebook. Using a new company for bounce houses that is more cost effective.
15. Volunteers – still need an announcer at IFES and a few volunteers
16. Prize packs $90 for 1st place, $80 for second place, $60 for third
17. T-Shirts – all in attendance voted on a design. T-shirts will be given to students to wear for the event. If a student is very upset about not earning a t-shirt, the nurse does have some extra shirts from previous years.
18. IFES Fall Fest and Spooky Party (11/1/24, 6-8pm) – Colby & Janelle – games are mostly figured out. Looking for something besides slime for one game. DJ is reserved. Getting permission forms ready. There will be a paper copy and electronic version.
19. W.G. Rice Bookfair (11/18/24-11/22/24) – everything is confirmed.
20. Cookies & Cocoa with Santa + Firetruck Parade (12/7/24) Sheri & Emily – Firetrucks are reserved. Confirming Santa’s availability. First year was a success, less of a draw the second year.
21. W.G. Rice Holiday Market (12/9/24-12/12/24) Sheri & Emily -  kids enjoy this event. Have begun to come up with ideas for new items.
22. Volunteers are welcome to help plan all events. Possibly send out a survey for suggestions from parents. Committees are relatively new and the SMPTO is still figuring out ways to engage more parents. Idea shared to hold a poll on the website or on Facebook.
23. **Old Business**
24. Teacher Reimbursements – due by October 31, 2024. 38 received so far.
25. Student Directory – info will be sent out soon about this. Possibly offer electronic and hard copy
26. WG Rice Reptile Assembly – Mr. Boley is confirming date
27. SMPTO Donation Decision – 4th grade will receive funding for a field trip
28. Family Fun Event – (2/1/25) – decision is needed so we can book the space. Suggestion from Mrs. Augustine to host a board game event and students can take home a new board game at the end of the event
29. Spirit Gear Transition - tabled
30. **New Business**
31. Teacher Favorites List – will be shared soon.
32. Raffle Account – will be determined if necessary after the audit
33. SMPTO Bylaw Review (IRT Savings Account Holdings and Audits)
34. **Announcements/Upcoming Events**
35. October 15th – SMPTO Meeting @ 7PM in IFES Library
36. November 12th – SMPTO Meeting @ 7PM in IFES Library
37. December 17th – SMPTO Meeting @ 7PM in IFES Library
38. **Open Floor/Miscellaneous**

Strengthening Families Program will be held at the YMCA at no cost to families. For children ages 10-14. Every Thursday for 4 weeks the family sits down to a meal and then the students learn skills to resist peer pressure.

1. **Adjournment**
The meeting concluded at 8:05 PM with a motion from Torie Christen, seconded by Marisa Elliot.