



Thursday, January 8th, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 5:51pm

Attendees: Liz Krugliak, Christina Ring-Hillard, Staci Altman, Amy-Lynn Pelaez, Carly Geddes, Principal Hathaway, Samantha Pounds, Juliana Alves, Julie Gropper, Chantel Koker, Stacy Ann Cornell, Catrina Prost, Camille Gorden, Zhiyan Hou, Beth White, Cristen Hooper, Jeff Hooper, Heather Williams, Brandi Ryder, Samantha Gagnon, Katie Quintero, Victoria Abolafia

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Staci motioned, Christina seconded

Comments from Co-President: With big love and gratitude, Christina has more obligations at work and home and is stepping down.

Approval items:

- **Amendments to bylaws:**
 - o Changing President and Co-President to: President, Vice President, and 2nd Vice President; listed duties have been added to. Staci Altman motioned to approve, Stacy Williams seconded. Passed with affirmative vote (no nay votes).
- **Voting in 2nd Vice President**
 - o Chantel Koker named as new 2nd Vice President. Samantha motioned to approve, Juliana seconded.
- **Curriculum supplies for ESE department**
 - o Math manipulatives wanted for K-6 students.
 - o 4 ESE teachers work in Elementary; kits would be shared.
 - o \$535 cost
 - o Mr. Hathaway mentioned that he just received LLI funds that will cover that cost, so need to put before a PTO vote.
- **Playground shade assembly and installation**
 - o A second quote came in that is approximately \$17k cheaper than the first quote. \$37,000 is the total of this quote.
 - o \$21,000 more earned in Boosterthon than we estimated, so we have the funds. This company works a little slower, so we'd like to get this going asap. The structures will go over both playgrounds.

- Motion to approve sunshades: Chantel motioned, Stacey seconded. Passes unanimously.

Principal Hathaway's Report

- Look at the website and let admin know if you have any feedback.
- More families are moving in from out of state. 43 kids have been added since the beginning of the year and 13 are in the queue. We have lost only 8. Building capacity is 1200 and we estimate we'll be at capacity next year.
- 10 days away from 100th day of school. Get outfits ready!
- Mr. Hathaway took some heat this week over Muffins with Moms. Call went out to families after it was at capacity (oops). We opened another date to accommodate more on Jan 23rd. 140 people have moved over to the second date, but we need more to move over. Cafeteria accommodates 384 people. We'd have to have 8 events to accommodate the entire student body.
- Ideas:
 - Make the announcements about activities when they're coming soon so families can prepare?
 - Maybe have 5 breakfasts throughout the year and families can bring whoever they want? Stipulation: families can only attend once.
 - We can offer 2 dates initially and let people choose between the dates from the get-go?
 - Emphasis on: we are learning a lot as our first year as a school and PTO!
- Another big thank you to Christina for her service.

Executive items:

1. President's Report

- Wrapped up Boosterthon: pizza parties, ice cream party for the top class, top 10 students slimed Mr. Hathaway. Glow parties were hosted for the entire student body.
- Hosted first Middle School Dance. Big success!
- Christmas tree decorated at North Chick Fil-A
- \$250 earned from Chick Fil-A night
- District tree didn't win, but it was cute!
- Lunch for staff was delicious and appreciated!
- Sunshine cart visited whole school before Christmas. We have 2 carts now!
- PBIS rewards expanded
- Music program supported by getting shirts. Anchor Apparel worked with us and worked quickly and efficiently.

- Benches and picnic tables came in! They're all in Todd's back room and he's working on assembly.
- Coming up: Muffins with Moms, Daddy/Daughter dance
- We're going to take on concessions for basketball games and spirit wear will be sold there.
- Spirit Friday tomorrow (wear Hurricane gear or Jag gear!)
- More spirit wear delivered from Anchor Apparel today! Thanks!
- Reminder for chairpeople: use your binder with the perspective of someone is going to take the job in the future. Keep notes from activities that will help them.

2. Treasurer's Report

- July-December
- Actual collected: \$142,400 (mostly from sponsorships)
- We brought in \$21,000 more than budgeted for Boosterthon!
- Expenditures: \$59,583
- In bank as of today: \$82,766

3. Membership Report

- No change

Review of events:

1. Middle School dance

- \$15 per ticket. 147 tickets presold, and 33 more sold at the door. Total of 180 kids. \$1100 acquired for PTO. Success!

2. Teacher appreciation lunch

- Bella Vista sponsored food at a good rate for us. We had extra and teachers really appreciated it.
- Kind Bar drop on World Kindness Day in Nov
- Support Staff and Subs had treats also
- Law Enforcement Day tomorrow! Maybe give them a shirt?
- School Board appreciation day also tomorrow!
- Working on January event. Partnering with Lauren for literacy week.

3. Boosterthon celebrations: glow parties, pizza parties, slime

- Aysheh not here to elaborate, but she did so well on all things Boosterthon!

Upcoming activities and Chairperson reports:

1. Muffins with Mom (Jan 16th and Jan 23rd)

- Muffins and Coffee, 7:15-8am
- Photobooth with phones this time

- Coffee maker was delivered to the school and will be used
- We need volunteers to set up Thursday night

2. Daddy/Daughter Dance

- First event with PTO for Victoria and Juliana
- Planned in 2 days! “My Girl” theme, catwalk on stage, DJ involved, focus on FUN, 360 camera and photobooth
- Discussion on whether we use the gym (no stage) to accommodate more numbers, or use the cafeteria/auditorium with the stage, or both
- Should we include Middle Schoolers? We’re thinking we won’t advertise any age. If Middle Schoolers want to come, we don’t need to turn them away. But in general, we like separate activities for older and younger. We won’t push it to the older kids. \$30 per couple, \$10 for an extra daughter STUDENT (no siblings that are not students).
- Gourmet hot dogs being served with fresh fruit and veggies, drinks, and desserts
- Volunteers needed!
- Security: \$55/hr

3. Bookfair

- Feb 5-12. Teacher preview on 4th. Candyland theme but calling it “Reading land”. It’ll coincide with the Daddy/Daughter dance.

4. Room parent update on literacy week

- Carling not able to make it tonight, but communicated that we’re asking room parents to decorate teachers’ doors for Literacy Week. Each hallway will represent a different region. Book Bucks will be given to spend at the book fair. Room 203 and 201 also need to be decorated but don’t have room parents.

5. PIE

- Laura unable to make it tonight, but communicated that a new Platinum Sponsor added! \$52,000 total received from sponsors!
- She’s going to plan a networking event for all sponsors.

6. Teacher Appreciation

- See above

7. Sunshine Cart

- New cart!
- Last event included all grades. Theme was Christmas. Looking for more donations. **Still receiving donations that are expired, so we need to emphasize that’s not okay! Anything expired is donated to a local church.
- Next Sunshine Cart will be next Thursday and theme is TBD.

- Literacy theme is: “Read, White, and Blue” if they want to coordinate.

8. Spirit Wear

- See above

9. Website

- No updates. We will make sure we do RSVPs differently to account for correct amount of people

10. PBIS

- Going well! Kids are enjoying shopping 1st and 3rd weeks. Prizes delivered 2nd and 4th weeks. Dates on sign-up are through March. Volunteering (which only takes about an hour) has all info on the website.

11. Fundraising

- Spirit Nights coming up
- Nugget Trays will be sold during Super Bowl and will raise money for the PTO

12. Upcoming volunteer opportunities, including for high schoolers

- Look at the website for volunteer opportunities and info!

Upcoming calendar items:

- 1/16: Muffins with Mom
- 1/19: No school
- 1/23: Muffins with Mom (additional date)
- 2/6: Father/Daughter Dance
- 2/5-2/12: Bookfair
- 2/12: PTO Meeting (though this might be moved to not be the day before break)

Action items for this month:

- Beth will take over making sign-ups

Adjourned: 7:05pm

Signed:

Carly Geddes, HCA PTO Secretary