



Thursday, September 18th, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:39pm

Attendees: Liz Krugliak, Staci Altman, Amy-Lynn Pelaez, Carly Geddes, Laura Webster, Brandi Ryder, Chantel Koker, Nicole Strong, Jamie Wackes, Lisa Stagner, Stacy Ann Cornell, Kendra McClintic, Kristen Boudreaux, Steve Lockard, Elaine Leaning, Naomi Wolff, Aysheh Kainrath, Jamie Ball, Samantha Pounds, Pesha Bluma, Camille Gorden, Tanesha Arthur

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Staci motioned to approve, Amy-Lynn seconded.

Guest speaker: Steve Lockard. Julington Creek location (one of 2 locations). They offer Kinder-college age tutoring. 50% given to everyone in attendance for kids' assessment.

Approval items: School improvement budget changed from \$15,000 to \$43,000. We are hoping to purchase colorful shades for playgrounds. Staci motioned to approve the new budget. Amy-Lynn seconded.

Review of last meeting's to-do items and events:

1. Skate Night (Middle School Events Report):

-1st PTO event! Very fun! Held on Aug 29th from 5-7pm. We got some kick-back from each ticket (\$2 for some, \$3 for others). 57 tickets were pre-sold. 36 more tickets were sold at the door.

2. Open House nights:

- Went smoothly! Got more PTO members, which will encourage involvement and help fund school requests.

Executive items:

1. President's Report:

- Purchased clear mailboxes for teachers to hold emergency binders, attended orientation nights and got more members, held first event, launched Sunshine Cart, held teacher appreciation event yesterday (huge success and so cute!), began distributing monthly newsletter, added more business sponsors, began room parent communications (started a favorite things list for each teacher).

- In progress: first family event: Trunk-or-Treat! Free event; we'll invite families to donate canned goods. Boosterthon (largest fundraiser) coming soon.

- Purchasing of benches and tables will be opened up for sponsors to contribute to (plaques will be placed on tables with names of donors).

- As a note, every request for money is carefully reviewed. In our first year, we are unable to give to each cause. We'd love to keep the conversations open so we can assist in any way we can, and it's possible that those requests may be granted in future years.

- WATCH DOGS brought to our attention via parents. Mr. Hathaway open to conversation to accommodate that request.

- Ms. Geller would like us to pass along trip information she's hosting (flyers distributed)
- Thanks to chairpeople, members, and volunteers who are working hard to make events go off without a hitch.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Income: \$4277 collected since last PTO meeting: \$259 dollars from middle school event, \$1800 from memberships, \$425 from Raven Rock, \$393 from sales of merchandise, and \$1400 from sponsorships
- Expenses: \$3400 purchase of Square hardware, acrylic folders for emergency binders, and PTO insurance
- \$58,922 income this year so far (mostly through sponsorships), \$24,689 expenditures this year

3. Membership Report

- 131 memberships so far.
- When creating sign-ups, please allow Staci to either do them for you, or get them approved through her so we can give everyone an equal opportunity to participate.
- Maybe we can incentivize membership sign-ups for each classroom and reward the winner with a pizza party?

Upcoming activities reports:

1. Trunk-or-Treat

- Kendra: 25 donated pizzas from Marco's to sell at the event. 1 slice for \$3, 2 slices for \$5. Canned food drive will be included. Awards: best costume, best trunk, grade winner will get the largest trophy. We need to get the community interested so we can fill our parking lot. Oct 17th, 5:30-7pm. Be there early to decorate!

2. Boosterthon/Fundraising

- "Hallowes Cove Monster Dash." Goal is \$40,000 to fund outdoor play and learning areas. Oct 7-20, early information will be sent out for registration. Goal is to get 30% school signed up on website. Popsicles will be given if goal is achieved. From Oct 21-30th, students will be watching videos about the awards and 4 volunteers will be needed each morning. The sign-up will be sent to Staci. On the 30th will be the fun run/color run. For each time slot, we need 4 volunteers to help man water stations. Parents are invited to the event. Need 8-10 parents to throw the colors for the color run also. **Make sure parents are registered through the district.** Teacher incentive: Chick Fil-A gift cards. Whole school incentive: slime the principal! Surprise! HA!

- Room parents will be decorating the doors. "Space" theme.

Chairperson reports:

1. Sponsorship/PIE Report

- Canned food drive added to trunk-or-treat. We're donating to Celebration Lutheran: they serve 50-65 families each week. They'll provide us with boxes for us to use to collect food for them.

- 29 total sponsorships, bringing in close to \$50,000 in cash to the PTO. We are encouraged to give them love when considering businesses.

2. Rock Report

-\$1650 collected so far, reserved 66 times. Since last meeting: collected \$400.

3. Sunshine Cart Report

- We accept donations from anyone, decorate the cart, dress in costumes, and give teachers and staff treats. Done once/month and give a shout-out to sponsors. Individually-wrapped items for donations please! First floor got it the first month, second floor will get it next month.

4. Website Report

- Events are on there, sponsors are on there, tickets on there, PTO minutes posted, memberships can be purchased on there. Any schedules will go on there.

5. Teacher Appreciation Report

- First event: "caramel apples" happened yesterday. Most teachers got to take advantage of it. Next month, something on the teacher inservice day will be provided. Sign-ups will be provided for those wanting to help.

6. Room Parent Coordinator Report

- Favorite things for each teacher started!

Staff Spotlights:

1. Mrs. Raynor

- Textbook adoption point of contact. This year is the ELA textbook review and we need a committee to look at textbook options. 2 meetings necessary, first one on Oct 1st, second on Oct. 15th, both at 1:45pm. We review the materials, rank the materials, and send choices to the district. Not time-consuming and required by the State. No limit to the amount of people on the committee.

2. Mrs. Gowens

- Media advisory committee needed to give input on library materials. Link will be provided so materials can be reviewed. QR code provided for anyone willing to participate.

Principal's Report:

- PM 1 testing now complete.
- Daily attendance rate: over 95%! Amazing!
- Volleyball season: we've lost, but close games!
- Substitute fill rates: 100% That's amazing!! One day this week, we had 10 teacher absences due to illnesses, and all positions were filled without a problem!

Upcoming calendar items:

1. 9/19: no school

2. 10/9: PTO Meeting
3. 10/13: no school
4. 10/17: Trunk or Treat
5. 10/21: Boosterthon kick-off
6. 10/30: Fun Run K-5, Color Run MS

Action items for this month:

1. Make form for money requests from different organizations
2. Decorating day on off-hours?

Questions:

1. Mascots are around \$6,000-7,000, but we are looking for a good option. Options: Stormin' Norman Hurricane mascot found, or a cute-ish Raven. We are all confused at what our actual mascot is!
2. Character parade information is forthcoming.
3. Popcorn machine not in budget this year, but on the docket in the future.

Meeting adjourned: 7:44pm

Signed:

Carly Geddes, HCA PTO Secretary