



Amanda H North PTO Executive Meeting

August 11, 2025 / 9am

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MEETING AGENDA

President's Report: Shannon Strauss

Introductions

Spirit Nights: Jennifer Hite

Events: Mallory Darcy

Invest: Tamara Gilbert

Teacher Appreciation: Candice Friend & Melissa Miller

Treasurer Report: Megan Hartsfield

Spirit Wear Updates: Jacob Court



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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:03 by president Shannon Strauss. Board members in attendance include Shannon Strauss, Nicole Keswani, Bethany Vriseman, Mallory Darcy, Tara Tsagouris, Melissa Miller, Tamera Gilbert, Robin Ellison, and Megan Hartsfield. Coordinators in attendance include Susan Lam, Jacob Court, Sarah Rennert, and Beth Pearman. School administrators in attendance include Mrs. Justice and Mrs. Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Shannon Strauss

Orientation nights have started. Two out of three remain.

Recess Coverage for Teachers that are Invested - Looking at either Monday, Sept 29th or Thursday Oct 2.

PTO is looking for more sponsors.

Funds for teachers was discussed.

Titans night on November 2nd.

Preds have reached out about a Spirit Night.

Shining Light Gym has reached out about a Spirit Night. Best date offered is April 3rd, 7-9pm.

Landscaping for the school has been completed.

Jill Justus requested a battery-operated blower.

SPIRIT NIGHTS UPDATE

August 27th will be Andy's

September 17th will be Martin's BBQ.

October 13th will be Greacian.

November 17th will be Culver's.

Dec-May TBD.

Looking at possibly doing a Spirit Night at Brentwood Skate Center in March



EVENTS

Back to School Bash was discussed with talk of all the things that were a success and ideas to make it even better in the future. Things that were highly successful include the hat station, school patches, selling old merch, overall attendance, having boxes already sorted and delivered to classrooms. Ideas for the future include adding a map for parents, adding tshirt pick up instructions in the invest email, adding food trucks with dinner foods or maybe a pizza tent, have someone out to meet food trucks, have Cosmo in attendance next year, do a mural scavenger hunt giveaway to promote our social page, and have more directions posted in the gym.

The new Murals provided by PTO were discussed. All four were completed under budget and very appreciated.

Movie Night is scheduled for Sept 26th. The movie to be played was discussed and ideas for the event were shared with plans to offer a snack package and have some wiggle opportunities incorporated as well.

Brew-Hoo Coffee Bar was discussed. Lots of smiling parents and coffee shared. Teachers seemed to enjoy the timing of it as well.

INVEST

We have 227 students invested in all (43% of the student body). 114 invested in Bronze, 19 invested in Silver, and 64 invested in Gold. For the top 5 classrooms with the most students invested, PTO will award them with recess coverage. Planning to have another Invest table at Movie Night and remind parents again before the first field trip as well. The class competition ends on Sept 26th. Winning classes will be rewarded week of October 2nd.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

The fall themes for teacher appreciation lunches were discussed. The team has themes planned for the remainder of the school year including Teacher Appreciation Week plans. Melissa went over the plans for September's luncheon. A food signup will be created and sent out for this event. Additional ways to show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated were discussed as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Megan went over the different ways we bring in income and our big expenditures and purchase goals. Budget for '25-'26 school year was approved at 10:01am.

MISCELLANEOUS

We discussed selling hats at different events throughout the school year such as Movie Night.

Birthday treats for staff was talked about.

A motion to amend the bi-laws was proposed. Amendment proposals included taking the year restrictions off of board positions only being allowed to stay in their position for three years, and board members only being allowed to stay on the board for four years. The motion was seconded and approved. A new bi-laws and policy procedure will be typed up, signed, and resubmitted to the school.

Room Parent meeting will occur next month directly following the PTO meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.