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School Site Council Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, October 22, 2025** **3:15 p.m. – Elementary Library**

Attendees: Doug Hedin, Cheryl Moncourtois, Maria Holm, Nancy Thomas, Makaila Hernandez, Veronica Hutten, Fareda Bleeck, Mackenzie Smith, Mary Rupp.

Guests: Unnati Shah, Alia Matthews, Zyra Ahmed, Dylan Dukes and Elaine Zhou

I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes from the September 2025 meeting

- Motion to Approve – Fareda Bleeck
- Seconded – Maria Holm
- Motion Approve

II. Public Comments

- No public comments

III. Committee Reports (GATE-DAC, ASB, DAC, DELAC, AADAC, SEDAC, LGBTQ+AC, PTSA)

ASB

Musical chairs and alternative backpack day were successes
Mummy wrap LTA
Final preparations are in process for the Halloween Social
Halloween grams
Birthday celebrations for teachers
Coyote Lounge was a success
VMA went well; however, the sound was an issue

GATE-DAC

Gate - DAC for Elementary:

The GATE-DAC meeting of this year was on 17th Oct2025. Here are the 5 takeaways from that:



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- Interested in receiving the [Tri-County GATE Council](#) monthly email? [Click here](#) to subscribe to their mailing list and receive regular email updates regarding community information, outreach, and resources.
- Advocate for GATE funds in your campus SPSA.
- Interest in having an SEL component to GATE activities and meetings.
- Discussed how valuable it is to see what community resources are available. Looking to increase access/involvement with community mentors across all grade levels.
- GATE “After Class Enrichment Series” (ACES) activities and other community events are posted on the [GATE homepage](#).

From our school Gate coordinator:

- Mrs. Abraham took 35- 5th graders and 4 parents on their field trip to Painted Pony Farm. Due to increased transportation costs, parents were asked to contribute \$30 for their child to attend the trip.
- In November she plans on meeting with the 4th graders in her classroom after school on Monday, November 10th, to do a science investigation about Fall and in particular the changing of the leaves.

Middle School Gate –

- October 16, 2025, 40 students attended the Reagan Library field trip where they toured the museum, attended an interactive simulation where they made decisions to face a government crisis (students got to experience being a member of the press, military or oval office), and got to check out Air Force One. It was a great trip full of meaningful moments and lessons.
- For November Ms. Lee plans to hold a team building activity and talk with the students about what activities they would like to see this year.
- In January Ms. Lee has lined up a local author and illustrator to talk to the students.

DAC

Check district website for information

PTSA

Past Events:

- Week of Giving total: \$34K+ in direct donations - some matches still coming in
- Movie Night 9/19...had a great turnout!
- Local Bite Night 9/25 (at Local Table last Thursday of every month)
- Baskin Robbins fundraiser 9/30
- Executive Board Meeting 10/1
- Coyote Coffee 10/7 (at Honeycup every first Tuesday of the month)
- Reflections turned in 10/10. We had 34 entries this year!

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- Book Fair 10/13-10/17 We sold about \$19K in total. It was bust and fun every day of the week!
- Halloween Hop 10/18 Had a great turnout! We add a few new things this year. An art table sponsored by a local art studio and we displayed some of our Reflections pieces - everyone loved it!

Current / upcoming fundraisers and events:

- Red Ribbon Week next week 10/27-10/31. We will have bracelets Monday, banners Tuesday, Move & Groove Wednesday, First Responders Thursday and costumes or wear red Friday.
- Local Bite Night at LT with Get Lit permanent jewelry. They'll give back 15% to SCS
- Coyote Coffee 11/4
- PTSA EB meeting 11/5
- Math Night 11/13
- Middle School 5K 11/14
- PTSA GA Meeting 11/19

Return from Fall break:

- Toy Drive 12/1-12/5
- Inclusive Schools Week 12/1-12/5
- Giving Tuesday 12/2
- PTSA EB Meeting 12/3

DELAC

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AADAC

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IV. Principal Remarks

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- Halloween is coming up and everyone is preparing for the TK – 5 parade which will end in the middle school quad
- Loss and Found is piling up and will be donated to a local organization at the end of the month
- Book Fair was amazing
- Submitted a grant to the City to supplement PTSA's efforts to put fans in the gym
- Veteran's Day is on Nov. 11
- Quarter 1 grades for middle school post Oct. 24th

V. Old Business

- SPSA Plan Monitoring
- School Safety Plan
 - i. Mr. Hedin reviewed the school safety plan debriefing on the components of the plan
 - ii. Great American Shakeout went well
 1. Teachers completed a Google sheet outlining classroom discussions and presented any questions they had

Mr. Hedin asked for a motion to approve the School Safety Plan as presented.

- Motion to Approve – Makaila Hernandez
- Second – Mackenzie Smith
- Motion Approved

VI. New Business

Next Meeting: 11/19/25