

**2-26 South Elementary Home and School Meeting  
February 10, 2026, 7:00pm-8:00pm  
South Elementary Library**

	Details
Opening Remarks	Annette welcomed everyone to the February 2026 Home and School Meeting. A sign in sheet was circulated. The meeting began at 7:03pm.
Teachers' Liaison Report	<p>Mrs. Thomson noted that teachers' will be notified about Bingo (2/11) to gather teacher participation information. Teachers will draw the numbers at Bingo this year and can also play.</p> <p>There is also a grassroots movement to fundraise to allow the Safety's to continue to go to Dorney Park at the end of the year; requested to use H&amp;S Venmo to collect contributions. Annette and Gabby L approved this request, highlighting that money sent must include a comment for Safety so funds can be properly allocated.</p>
Principal's Report	<p>Mrs. O'Sullivan has been working on assessment data meetings. Mid-year assessments went home today (2/10). School is reviewing trends with the data to identify successes and opportunities. Interventions will begin tomorrow (2/11). In response to a question, Mrs. O'Sullivan clarified that tiered letters were only sent if Tier change.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Viking assembly took place on Friday. Last year's assemblies focused on all 4 expectations each quarter. This year each quarter focuses on a different expectation.</p> <p>The Book vending machine is being designed right now. Mrs. O'Sullivan anticipates having it ready by Read Across America week the first week in March.</p>
Special Guest: Officer G	<p>H&amp;S welcomed special guest, school police officer Steven Gillen (Officer G) to the meeting. Officer Gillen acknowledged his role in the school to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency, and explained that his primary focus is on building relationships with students and being a supportive adult figure. He also conducts regular security checks and answered a parent question about the door numbering system, which helps with security tracking. Officer Gillen shared a bit about his background in working with children.</p> <p>A parent requested information about safety evacuation plans and timing of drills. Mrs. O'Sullivan will share standard response protocols and include notes in newsletters. Fire drills are done monthly. PVSD has security and/or an officer at each school. If</p>

	<p>Officer G will be absent for whatever reason, the district will have a security officer or another officer present.</p>
<p>Completed Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● H&amp;S raised \$81.20 at Panera Bread spirit night.</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kids Empire cancelled spirit event due to President’s day. H&amp;S looking into rescheduling for another date.</li> <li>● Bingo will be held on 2/21 in the HS cafeteria 6-8pm. No donation required this year to participate. H&amp;S has added ~\$100 to the budget for gift card prizes.</li> <li>● Family skate night will be held 3:45-5:15 on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Flyer will be sent home at the beginning of March. Cost will be \$10/person and will include skate rental.</li> <li>● Trouble’s End spirit night March 12<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p>Additional Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Previewed template for the South Directory. Directory will be coming soon in searchable PDF form. If additional information is received, H&amp;S may send an updated version at a later date as necessary. H&amp;S is planning to send Directory information early next year at the same time that homeroom parent information is circulated.</li> <li>● Yearbook update: 34% of student body has purchased a yearbook so far (141 copies sold). Sales will continue through March, likely cutting off in early April. Committee needs more photos of SPARK council, PBS 200 club/Viking awards, safety patrol, reading Olympics, golden spatula, start w/ hello week, outdoor classroom, Harlem wizards, Kindergarten alphabet celebration, Feb fitness/”soup” er bowl, as well as upcoming events. Shared list of upcoming events and requested feedback re: any overlooked events, additional photos, etc. List will be posted to H&amp;S Facebook</li> <li>● Art show will take place in mid-April. Homeroom parents will be paired to collaborate on a raffle basket. Pairings and basket theme sign up will be sent before next H&amp;S meeting. In addition to raffle baskets, H&amp;S sponsors a craft for the art show and organizes food trucks.</li> <li>● Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration. Committee is interested in having it at 9Oaks. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also be selling food at Bingo to raise money.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5<sup>th</sup> grade art contest to have artwork featured in the yearbook is now underway. Any 5<sup>th</sup> grader can submit artwork through the end of the month. Vote will be sent next month. Additionally, 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a form to ask about their favorites which will be included.</li> <li>● H&amp;S requesting volunteers to help with Teacher Appreciation Week in early May. Contact H&amp;S to get involved.</li> <li>● H&amp;S requested feedback regarding swapping the Kona Ice Truck for another activity at the Fun Fair. Kona Ice takes up about half of the budget and produces a lot of waste. There was positive feedback for replacing Kona Ice with a photo booth, Mrs. Thomson noted that teachers do like to have something; discussed purchasing or renting a shaved ice maker or constructing DIY ice cream/popsicle shop. One parent noted the cost may be worth the savings in effort. Fun Fair Committee will price out alternatives.</li> <li>● Families are reminded to submit receipts to benefit South H&amp;S. Reminder to sign up for the February challenge.</li> <li>● Reminder that Redner's receipts can be sent into school in an envelope labeled "Redner's Receipts" to benefit South H&amp;S.</li> </ul>
Meeting Adjournment	The meeting ended at 7:59pm.

Minutes recorded by Gabby Country Schultz

**Attendees:**

Annette Diehl  
Shannon Nicastro  
Gabi Lopez  
Gabby Country Schultz  
Jessica Stevens  
Katelyn Schubert  
Brooke Mulartrick  
Ashley Smith  
Marie Taylor  
Rebecca Wagner  
Carolina Giammarino  
Erin Spitko  
Jamie O'Sullivan  
Maria Thjomson  
Chris Louten

