

PTO Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025 6:30pm-7:30pm

[Meeting Link](#)

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In attendance: Mieke Mendenhall, Arooj Ahmad, Megan Sheffield, Koren Patrick, Joann Patty, Tiesha Washington, Ally Evans, Verna Supizio Hull, Marlene Meagher, Patty Zurilgen, RP Singh, Amy Hopkins, Amber Thompson, JR Springer, Fernando De Melo, Blanca Moncivais, Robin Springer, Athena Weathers, Stacy Grow, Hazel Reyes, Kimberly Ratola, Amy Hopkins, Crysta Vlasak, Dawniela Hightower, Heidi Wettstein, Christina Martin, Norma Gillis, Julia Yang, Amy Cordova, Sara Dean,
(virtually)Antonia Romeo, Lisa Vaughn, Linh Nguyen, Arianna Phillips, Jen Black

Agenda

1. President + Vice President (Arooj + Open)

- Call to Order: Megan Sheffield 6:40pm
- Land acknowledgement: read by Megan
- Additional agenda items request
- Introductions of
 - i. Welcome
 - ii. Meet PTO Board
 - iii. Goals for the Year
 - ☐ Increase membership and participation among parents and staff
 - ☐ Foster trust through transparency
 - ☐ Build community amongst Stonegate families/staff

2. Principal's Report (Norma Gillis)

- Welcome Principal Gillis!
- 4 goals in SIPSA (want PTO to focus on goal #2 - family and community engagement)
- Mrs. Gillis wants to know what works and what have we been doing that has been working to bring families and community together. Responses: Harvest Festival. Science Night. Level of communication between district, teachers, etc. Mrs. Gillis plans to do a week at a glance soon. Ally said Heritage Night. Arooj said we had our first in house school play. Arooj also likes the Principal's Chats (these will continue). Ally wants to do a family night, game night, trivia night, Bingo night, family dance. Arooj would like to bring back something similar to Parent University - offering parents developmental support to meet families where kids are at.
- In Norma's first week at a glance she will have a link to a google form to see what YOU (the parents) want to talk about at Principal's Chat.

- Test Scores - our goals - ELA and Math. In previous years the focus has been on math (we have made an upward trend). This year the district focus is on literacy. Does not mean anything will be on back burner, but district's focus is literacy. ELA has new curriculum that was adopted.
- Back to School Night is coming - not a time for a full conference, but a time to find out what your child will be learning, etc.
- She has 6 kids (husband has 4 and they have 2 together). She is a Dallas Cowboy fan for life.

3. Secretary (Mieko)

- Approve minutes from May Meeting
- Motion to approve: Megan Second: Macey
All approve and motion passes

4. Fundraising (open)

- Art to Remember - did we talk to Ms. V - will we be doing this?
- Some would like to continue as we seem to get a fair amount of orders
- It is important for those parents that are sentimental about it
- Ms. V cannot run it in class. She is willing to do a workshop on a weekend
- Christina will head this

5. Communications (Megan)

- We have open board positions - VP and Fundraising
- Working on Classroom Reps - hope to have these by next meeting

6. Treasurer's Report (Koren)

Bank Accounts (approximates)

- ☐ Checking: \$ 67,234.01
- ☐ Student Leadership: \$ 2170.60
- ☐ Garden: \$ 225.28
- ☐ Obligations: (uncashed checks, pending fund requests)
- ☐ Projected Expenses: see annual budget
- ☐ Available funds in checking account:
- Approved expedited fund requests
- Over \$100 Report*
- Purchase Order Request
 - i. Mendenhall - \$400 for Lion's Den Store
 - ii. Black -
 - iii. Ratola

- iv. Vella
- v. Felix
- Stacey grow motions Mike Cordova seconds
All approves and motion passes

7. Membership + Volunteers (Ally)

- Back to School Night
 - i. Tabling and shirt give away

8. Events (Tiesha)

- Harvest Festival
 - i. First meeting August 21st, 4:30pm (virtual)
 - ii. Need a craft fair chair by this date to have craft fair
 - ☐ One potential idea is to merge community partners with craft fair and host a “Stonegate Harvest Market” that Arooj can help co-facilitate
 - iii. This year we will be going back to including the teachers in the process. We will be asking teachers to host a station - the teacher will be responsible for getting at least one adult to work a station all times (some stations will need 2-3 adults). We will have student volunteers to help again this year. More details will come at our first meeting
 - ☐ Games and Bounce House
 - ☐ Food
 - ☐ Dessert Dash
 - ☐ Glow Party
 - ☐ Community Partners Area
 - ☐ Full list of areas will be provided at first meeting

9. New Business

- Sacramento Bike Kitchen - no cost repair day (Joann)- Joann to follow up w/ Bike Kitchen.
- **09/2725 “Worldwide Day of Play” to be hosted by The Wonder Grove at Stonegate - presentation by Rachelle Ahmad**
 - i. Wonder Grove is trying to establish a place here in WS. Will have an amphitheater, outdoor classroom, mud lab
 - ii. Rain or shine organization.

- iii. Goal is to get kids outside and play to engage with each other and with nature (building forts, playing in the dirt, being outside to play and explore)
- iv. Want to have community pride
- v. Awarded a grant by Nickleodeon and this is where Worldwide Day of Play came from. No expense. Just need volunteers to come and help. Already have commitments from IKEA to build a cardboard city. Kona Ice will be there. Slime station and slime bar.
- vi. Next event is at Whitey Park (last was at heritage Oaks Park)
- vii. Launching to bring their program on wheels to schools.
- viii. Launching their family science nights.
- Youth Climate Action Board - Jazmin Garcia - table for now, we have not heard from her since last year
- [Calendar \(25-26\) updates](#)

Motion to Adjourn: Vlasak Second: Joann
All in favor - meeting adjourned

Upcoming meeting schedule (Megan)

- Thursday September 11th, 6:30-7:30 pm – General PTO Meeting