

JR Tucker High School Parent Teacher Student Organization
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025

Attendees: Cary Bero- Tiger Shack chair; Alison Brown- VP Membership, Webmaster/Social Media; Haven Brown; Marion Jarrett Brown; Curtis Duncan- President-Elect; Macy Duncan; Mallory Duncan; Cari DuVal; Mina Fahiem; Andrew Foster-Treasurer; Jennifer Hayes- Volunteers, shadow; Julie Higgins, VP- Ways and Means; Kim Imajo- Volunteers; Art Raymond, Principal; Jillian Sherman- Secretary; John Sherman; Kitty Sherman- Senior representative, Student Support; Aaron Simmons- Sophomore representative; Allegra Simmons- VP Programs; Addison Slater; Brandy Slater; Roy Slater; Melanie Stoudt; Natalie Stoudt; Fran Swailes- Craftsmen's Classic chair; Makayla Swailes; Anna Berit Turner- Sophomore representative; Hanna Turner, Treasurer-elect; Gauge Valentine- Junior representative; and Kristen Vithoukas, President.

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Welcome: Kristen Vithoukas

Action Items: Kristen Vithoukas

Minutes:

The motion to approve the February, 2025, meeting minutes as written was made by Julie Higgins, seconded by Allegra Simmons, and approved unanimously.

Elections:

The motion to approve the slate of officers as presented was made by Jillian Sherman, seconded by Fran Swailes, and approved unanimously.

Announcements: Kristen Vithoukas

Party all Night:

Kristen Vithoukas thanked Rita Cotton and her family for a successful Party All Night, and thanked all volunteers and donors. She mentioned that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week and the Hospitality chair, Dimple Dalwari, partnered with several companies to make it an exciting week for teachers.

Senior Parents:

Kristen Vithoukas recognized senior parents: Jillian Sherman, Fran Swailes, Rita Cotton, Kim Imajo, Acuzena Sandoval.

Volunteer of the Year:

Kristen Vithoukas recognized Julie Higgins as the 2024-2025 Volunteer of the Year. She noted that Julie took over the Tiger Shack and Tiger Den about a year ago, updated what we were selling, and was there multiple days a week. In addition to receiving a certificate to take home, Julie's name will be added to the plaque that is displayed at school.

Information Items

Mr. Raymond thanked the PTSO for a great year. He advised that Tucker is the last school in the area doing Party All Night and the kids love it. The annual Culture Fair is this week. Mr. Raymond noted that the PTSO covers the entire school and seeks opportunities for everyone to feel like they belong. He mentioned that the PTSO runs so smoothly, and that he and the school are blessed with the great involvement, creativity, teamwork, patience, and understanding.

Reports:

Membership- Alison Brown

Alison reported that the PTSO currently has 256 members, which is more than last year. Alison asked everyone returning to think of ways to grow the membership next year. She suggested considering a student membership scholarship so that students who may not be able to afford PTSO membership can participate.

Programming- Allegra Simmons

Kristen Vithoukas reported that Allegra had brought in a new College Funding program. She also mentioned there may be a summer program for parents from different backgrounds who might not know how schools work here. A date needs to be set, possibly as a parent orientation at the same time as student orientation.

Ways and Means- Cary Bero

Cary reported there really are no updates. She noted the Shack has been open every day with at least two people since it is so busy one person cannot do it alone. One day recently they served 100 kids in 15 minutes. Julie Higgins noted that this time last year we did about \$80 per day, while last week had a \$200 day.

Shack and Den-

Kristen reported that the Den is down to its last inventory.

A motion to approve up to \$3,000 in the 2025-2026 budget to replenish spirit wear inventory before orientation was made by Mallory Duncan, seconded by Hanna Turner, and passed unanimously.

Kristen advised that smaller-sized t-shirts are especially needed.

Treasurer's Report- Andrew Foster

Andrew reported that the cash balance is good. He advised he recently transferred \$10,000 to savings to earn interest. Craig Duncan, Hanna Turner, and Julie Higgins volunteered for the financial review committee.

Craftsmen's Classic- Fran Swailes

Fran reported that there was no update at this time. She reminded the group that the next chair will need reliable students and adults and backups. Kristen advised that Mallory Duncan will take on Craftsmen's Classic next year.

Hospitality- Dimple Dalawari

Kristen reported that Dimple set up several Teacher Appreciation Week goodies, including Monday doughnuts and coffee, Tuesday snacks in the workroom, Wednesday sub/hoagie lunch, Thursday ice cream treats, and on Friday the school administration provides lunch. She expressed thanks for the gift cards donated by parents that were awarded all week, and to parents, Country Style Donuts, Starbucks, and Wegmans for their donations.

Scholarships- Kristen Vithoulkas, Meg Foster

Kristen reported that Alison Brown, Kristen Curtis, and former PTSO presidents Misti Prociou and Cari DuVal served on the 2024-2025 scholarship committee. Meg will take over the committee next year.

Volunteers- Kim Imajo, Jennifer Hayes

Kim reported that passwords are needed for transferring emails to new PTSO Board members.

Student Reps- Kristen Vithoulkas

Kristen reminded attendees that no one was heading up the student representatives this year. She will be sending a Google form to all student reps to tell PTSO at the end of year what they did that year. She suggested the summaries will help for scholarship consideration in the future.

Scholarship Presentations

Kristen Vithoulkas thanked the applicants and congratulated recipients of the PTSO Scholarship, the Lowerre Grant, and the DuVal Scholarship. She then presented the recipients and the scholarships they received:

- Kitty Sherman- DuVal Scholarship, PTSO Scholarship, Lowerre Grant; will attend Virginia Commonwealth University. Kitty was recognized for being a student rep for four years and for her role as Student Support co-chair. Cari DuVal, former PTSO president, awarded the DuVal Scholarship.
- MaKayla Swailes- PTSO Scholarship, Lowerre Grant; will attend Howard University.
- Natalie Stoudt- PTSO Scholarship, Lowerre Grant; will attend Wake Forest University
- Haven Brown- PTSO Scholarship, Lowerre Grant; will attend Marymount University
- Addison Slater- PTSO Scholarship, Lowerre Grant; will attend University of Virginia
- Mina Fahiem- Lowerre Grant; will attend Virginia Tech

Upcoming 2025-2026 Meetings

- Monday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 pm: Potluck dinner & Board meeting, Community Room
- TBD September __, 5:30-6:00 pm: Board meeting prior to Back to School Night, Auditorium Commons
- TBD September __, 6:00-6:30 pm: General meeting and presentation of the budget during Back to School Night, Auditorium
- Tuesday, November 11, 6:30-8:00 pm: Board meeting, General meeting, & Bingo Night (Board ot meet from 6:30-7:00 pm), Gym Commons
- Tuesday, February 23, 6:30-8:00 pm: Board meeting, General meeting, & Bingo Night (Board ot meet from 6:30-7:00 pm), Gym Commons

- Monday, May 4, 7:00-8:00 pm: Board meeting & Scholarship Presentation, Community Room Scholarships & Board 7-8pm
 - Community Room

Adjourned for reception- 7:32 pm