



# POPLAR BRIDGE PTA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

**Attendees:** Roberto Cantu, Carrie Thunshelle, Tricia Canales, Heather Murphy, Erin Grammas, Molly Perrin, Anna Waddick, Katie Loeffler, Melissa Abrahams, Mandy Spencer, Carolyn Catir, Tiffany Bushland, Nancy Dahlheimer, Starr Sage Johnson, Ashley Brunner, Joanna Accola, Joey Oslund

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<p><b>President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>• Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature (BNNN) - Dan and Heidi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Carrie to share out <a href="#">BNNN flyer</a> with all attendees</li> <li>■ PTA to discuss fall/winter events to include community, create group to help plant trees, family tree adoption over summer to help w/ watering</li> <li>■ Roberto to reach out to 5th grade team about possible leadership group to assist with planting process</li> <li>■ Katie to include table space at Back-to-School Party for Dan and Heidi</li> <li>■ Roberto to reach out to Green Club @ Kennedy HS to come talk to students</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ PTA Leadership Team Openings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 25/26: Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update: Joanna Accola has volunteered to be Secretary!</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ 26/27: Boosterthon, Staff Appreciation, Volunteer Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update: Staff Appreciation team established! Holly Wurth and Carolyn Catir, along with Mandy for the 25/26 year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Shout-outs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mandy and Holly: Staff Appreciation Meals x3</li> <li>■ Mandy and Jenny: PTA Table</li> <li>■ Tricia: PTA Trifold</li> <li>■ Joey and Katie: Staff Appreciation Setup</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contact Carrie if you'd like a PTA email address (name@, funrun@, etc)</li> <li>○ Reminder to add the <a href="#">PTA calendar</a> to personal calendars</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Carrie Thunshelle
<p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPS Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation Hiccups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Poplar Bridge Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Literacy Program</li> <li>○ 25/26 Enrollments - went from 470 to 530 students for 25/26 school year, 6 new staff members</li> <li>○ Science from Scientists - Due to cost and scheduling conflicts, SfS will only be meeting with 5th graders this year. This will likely be our last year with SfS. Carrie has noted this for budgeting purposes next year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Roberto Cantu

<b>Upcoming Activities and Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9/18 Picture Day (Volunteers) - <i>all set, volunteer slots full</i></li> <li>● 9/19 Back-to-School Party - <i>Katie organizing, including BNNN table, Mascot, photo booth, need ideas for student giveaways</i></li> <li>● 10/7, 10/9, 10/13 Fall Conferences (Staff Treats) - <i>Holly, Carolyn and Mandy organizing - looking into Noodles and Co., Chic-fil-A and possible other places that will donate food</i></li> <li>● 10/14 Picture Retake Day (Volunteers) - <i>volunteers not needed</i></li> <li>● 10/14 Boosterthon Fun Run - <i>Request for volunteers being sent to Mandy from Nancy and Jess, meeting on Thursday 9/11 to finalize items, 5 volunteers per grade level needed for marking shirts, K-3 morning and 4th-5th afternoon</i></li> <li>● 10/21 PTA Meeting</li> <li>● Student Directory</li> </ul>	Mandy Spencer, Katie Loeffler, Holly Wurth, Jess Hoffman, Nancy Dahlheimer, Carrie Thunshelle, Elizabeth Westlund
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Budget</a> + Bank Statement</li> </ul>	Joey Oslund
<b>Communication's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Back-to-School Party: Printed Flyer, Email, Seesaw, Socials</li> <li>● Student Directory: Seesaw, Socials</li> <li>● Volunteer Recruitment: Email, Seesaw, Socials - Mandy also working with Julia to send out school-wide email w/ QR code</li> <li>● Boosterthon Fun Run: Nancy and Tricia to connect and discuss communications</li> <li>● Next PTA Meeting: Email, Seesaw, Socials</li> </ul>	Tricia Canales
<b>BPFAC Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates - First meeting of the year is on September 10th</li> </ul>	Derek Zobel
<b>Open Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unopened cafeteria waste – Could this be repurposed within the school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Update: A system has been set up so that a student will deliver the food in the basket across the hall to Olivia's room each day after lunch. Peg is on board to save as much of the unopened food as she can.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All
<b>Parking Lot</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Guest Speakers at Meetings</li> <li>● Books &amp; Bundts Program</li> <li>● Droolin' Moose Fundraiser</li> </ul>	Carrie Thunshelle