

PaTSO Whole Group Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Meeting type: Whole Group

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The following members were in attendance:

- **PaTSO Board:** Kay Carbaugh (President), James Stone (Treasurer), Kelly Williams (Secretary)
- **Administrators:** Rick Vrhovac (Principal), Crystal Beasley (Assistant Principal), Tim Driver (Assistant Principal)
- **Members:** Liz Rapp

2. Leadership Recruitment

- Discussion of open Executive Committee (EC) positions
- Call for Committee Leads and volunteers
- Overview of roles and responsibilities [found on spreadsheet](#)

3. Financial Report

Treasurer James Stone shared the budget spreadsheet and provided an update:

- **Buzz Bucks Campaign:** Currently at nearly \$10,000. A spring appeal is planned to reach the final goal.
- **Classroom Reimbursements:** This is the largest expenditure to date at \$3,000.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** \$1,100 was spent on the recent luncheon. A sponsor check is pending to cover this cost.
- **Other Funds:** Accounting for the Jazz Band, Sunshine Fund, and Giving Tree continues to be tracked separately.

4. Committee Updates

Teacher Appreciation Committee (TAC)

- **Upcoming Coffee Event for Teachers:** This Friday, Feb 13. Coffee will be donated by Mudhouse and Grit. Mudhouse is running a "giveback" promotion on that day where 10% of purchases will be donated to PaTSO.
- **Strategy Change:** Moving forward, the school will transition from individual appreciation weeks (Counselors, Bus Drivers, etc.) to a combined recognition event for all staff at the end of the year.

8th Grade Dance

- **Date & Location:** Confirmed for May 8 at Restoration.
- **Logistics:** Rick recommended a time of 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM to ensure daylight for student pickup. All participants were in agreement.
- **Budget Question:** The rental fee is \$1,800. The committee is investigating why this is no longer free and will clarify what the fee covers.
- **Volunteers:** Adequate parental supervision is mandatory for this event to proceed.

8th Grade Kings Dominion Trip

- **Funding Gap:** The total cost for student tickets is \$4,095, which is \$495 over the current budget. This is due to higher enrollment and ticket price increases.
- **Resolution:** It was decided that PaTSO will use funds from the "Other" category (which has an \$1,100 balance) to cover the budget gap. This allows the "Student" line item to remain available for 6th and 7th-grade needs, such as popsicles for Spring Field Day.

Giving Tree & Holiday Giving

- **Grant Program:** A new grant process has been proposed through Emmanuel Church (a recurring sponsor). PaTSO will now apply for a grant through the church to help fund the Giving Tree.
- **Board Support:** Kay, Rick, and Crystal expressed full support for this transition. It was noted this could open doors for future non-profit funding opportunities.

Student Council

- **Winter Formal:** Taking place this Friday, February 13th.
- **Volunteer Needs:** 60 volunteers are needed in total (30 per dance).
 - *6th Grade Dance:* 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
 - *7th/8th Grade Dance:* 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

- **Action:** Checking with Kelly Kaufman regarding the Sign-Up Genius to see if she needs assistance with recruitment.

Social Media & Website

- **Social Media:** Continuing to post regarding PaTSO committee and community events. The next action item is to feature thank you posts to our BuzzBucks corporate sponsors.
- **BuzzBucks:** Upcoming posts will feature "shout-outs" to our campaign sponsors.
- **Website Update:** Kelly and James are working on a redirect to migrate traffic from the old website to the new one.

5. Administration Updates

- **Rick Vrhovac:** Shared his gratitude for the gift cards provided to the maintenance crew.
- **Crystal Beasley:** Echoed appreciation for PaTSO's ongoing support of the staff and faculty.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35.

Next Meeting:  Quarter 4: April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM (Zoom)