

Solana Highlands Elementary PTA

General Meeting Minutes

03/17/2026

Upper Media Center

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order @ 0902 by Sarah Barlow
1. Student
 - Kinder: Musical performance Wednesday, Reading on the Lawn Friday
 - 1st: Spring topics, Mr B in the garden is a big hit, Sea World field trip in April
 - 2nd: Coastal Roots Farm field trip was a success, practicing for spring music performance, family hx books
 - 3rd: Local Hx, Fractions, reading *James and the Giant Peach*
 - 4th: CA Gold Rush, Mission Projects, CA Themed Music Performance
 - 5th: Math unit on volume, art using perspective, trapping invasive species, reading *Holes*
 - 6th: Ancient Greece project with different city states represented by groups of kids, Middle School prep, taught Kinder students algebra for an afternoon
1. Teachers' Report
 - Thank you for conference week treats
 - STREAM night and Science Fair was so much fun, parent volunteers were critical and appreciated; range of presentations and projects were amazing
 - Book Fair was wildly successful - goal was for \$10,000 and we made net \$12,111! Student volunteers enjoyed running the register and helping keep things organized and running smoothly
 - Parent volunteers have really made a difference in our events this year
 - Lolita from 6th grade went to the district level for Spelling Bee
 - History Club competed at USD - students from 5th and 6th grade participated and projects will be on display at Open House
 - Ms Riley has parent help sign ups for the annual Talent Show. We need volunteers for:
 - Stage Prep, Brochure, Music Playlist, Supporting students
 - Thank you for the new stage! We will use it for Promotion, Talent Show, Heritage Night
 - Coach Kat is looking for a backdrop/carpet to have for students when they are celebrated for Sportsmanship and other awards at assemblies
 - requesting \$148.06, approved up to \$150
 - *Motion to approve: Sarah Barlow & Shawna Bailley*
 - Service Dogs
 - Ms Riley would like us to talk with some organizations
 - Dolphin News Network: 12 broadcasts so far this year, students have been eagerly participating
 - Looking for new ideas and portable mics to use in interviewing in classrooms
 - Ideas for future assemblies
 - Hoop It Up - physically engaging assemblies
 - Wounded Warriors - ability awareness week
 - Imagination Machine - improv based on student's written stories
1. Principal's Report
 - In a meeting
1. Treasurer's Report
 - Budget to Actual July 2025-current
 - Total income 56,594.04 — we've made more at our events this year! Dance, Read A Thon, Ice Cream Social. Company match donations are making a big difference!
 - Expenses 50,551.39

- Current Balance 33,072.89
 - Check Report Ratification: ePayments & Checks 100000004h, 100000005h, 2960h, 2962h
 - \$15,788.77 total
 - *Motion to approve: Shawna Bailey and Yvonne Kuo*
 - Ralphs Club and Restaurant Nights are doing well - we've hit our school year goal and have a few more still to go
 - Must ensure participating organizations use correct naming on checks: Solana Highlands Elementary PTA
 - Could we use some of these additional funds to make the spring sendoff even more fun
1. Elections: *All positions approved by 100% vote of yes*
 - President
 - Shadan Taban
 - Executive VP
 - Pardis Safari
 - Secretary
 - Melanie Fitzharris
 - VP of Staff Appreciation
 - Yvonne Kuo
 - VP of Ways & Means
 - Sarah Barlow
 - VP of Tech
 - Abby Laurent
 - VP of Membership
 - Iisha Sethi
 - Financial Secretary
 - Chris Theissen
 - VP of Programs
 - Caitie Lowe
 - Sabrina and Sandahl: moms night
 - Robbie Hinman: Dads Club
 1. Open Floor
 - Per parent volunteers: pencil sharpeners are falling apart in the workroom, not working properly, requesting 2 commercial grade replacements at \$65 a piece
 - *Motion to approve: Abby Laurent & Mrs Sturt*
 - Discussion about how to engage families
 - Near end of year: Provide reminder of what we will lose if the PTA dissolves
 - PTA does not exist without parent involvement: on the board and for events
 - *Mrs Sturt to follow up at Leadership*, maybe a half sheet visual in student folders or an e-message
 - Add a bit in Dolphin News Network
 - *Mrs Riley and Mrs S to follow up*
 - Talk with Principal Giroux about how to optimize the Sunday Message
 - Student PTA reps make a monthly sign to remind parents of meetings
 - *Mrs S to follow up*
 - New Kinder Tour Wednesday, Mar 18: add a PTA stop? *Pardis to talk with Principal Giroux*
 - For 2026-27 school year, VP of Technology to add a weblink for a Zoom to attend the meetings
 - Face-to-face reminders at drop off / pick up
 - For 2026-27 school year, consider a parent liaison for each school grade to send the PTA communications on WhatsApp groups
 1. Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned @ 10:00

