



Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

Jan 12, 2026

1. Welcome & Roll Call (Casse)

- a. President – Casse Langford - Present
- b. Vice President - **OPEN**
- c. Treasurer – **OPEN**
- d. Communications/Social Media - Prayati Ockenga and Rachel Seppman -both Present
- e. Senior Party Treasurer – Renae Conlee - Present
- f. Secretary – Jennifer Bharucha - Present
- g. Event Coordinator – Shikera Kennedy
- h. Volunteer Coordinator - Mehri McLaughlin
- i. Staff Appreciation – Tes Davies - Present
- j. Fundraising – Amanda Ropchak
- k. Others in attendance: Steve Langford, Carolina Hurtado

2. Approval of Agenda - **ACTION ITEM** (Casse)

3. PTO Overview for Newcomers (Casse)

4. Financial Reports (Renae)

- a. We currently have \$7200 in our account. We should end this year with at least \$5000.
- b. Still looking for a Treasurer for this year and going forward.

5. Staff Appreciation (Tes)

- a. **Still planning for the end of the year food truck for teachers and staff. It will cost ~\$4000.**
- b. **If we receive more donations from parents, we can provide some food for the term 3 conferences. Tes will look into grab and go sandwiches for the teachers.**

6. Events

- a. Course Sign-up Open House (Volunteers needed!) – Monday, February 2nd, 6-8pm. Tes and Jennifer can help with the PTO table. They will use the trifold that Renae created for the ramp up days and have a sign up sheet for volunteers. There will be an updated QR code for donations and Casse will provide the half sheet handouts to pass out with info about the PTO. Others are welcome to help! There will also be some treats

7. Fundraisers update from Amanda

- a. EverEve Fundraiser was not well attended - potentially due to the date OR maybe this isn't our crowd? Still made \$439.
- b. Gertens Holiday Nov 2025 Fundraiser made \$1094. Potential to make more if sales site was open longer?
- c. - Found a person to take it over!!! Will communicate her info once she confirms.
- d. ChikFilA Mobile Order Community Fundraiser date confirmed for March 3rd, 2026 from 4-8pm at the Eden Prairie location!!!
- e. Lot A Parking Pass Raffle - Which High School night should we include it in this spring?? = typically around April 2026
 - i. I don't recommend a PTO gathering at Brewery again - PTO mixers are not well attended in past
 - ii. Could we do the raffle online?

8. Website & Comms (Casse / Rache/ Prayati)

- a. Carolina Hurtado has agreed to help update the website! Rachel is in charge of social media and Prayati is in charge of communications (newsletter and emails)
 - i. Casse will set up a google meet to meet with this team and go over the communications and website. Casse will also meet with Carolina to go over the website.

- b. Communications should focus on our critical need for volunteers for our open roles: Treasurer, Vice President, Sr. Party Treasurer and donations to fund our staff appreciation events.

9. Volunteer needs (Mehri)

10. Update from Principal Andersen

- a. Discussed ways to help students that are experiencing disruptions to their life due to recent ICE activities. Casse will send an email to let parents know that they can reach out to her if they need any help with rides, food, etc. Casse will also send out information about the Eagle Nation Station that's available for all students to use. Parents and students can also bring in donations.
 - i. Eagle Nation Station has clothing and hygiene products. 2 of the school social workers run this along with volunteers. Jaysen will get Casse their info so the PTO can post about items needed for Eagle Nation Station.
- b. Discussed Student protest/walk out scheduled for Friday, Jan. 16th. The school will have teachers and staff available to keep students safe and ensure outsiders do not enter the property. Principal Andersen is meeting with the student leaders this afternoon (Jan. 12). This is not a school sponsored event so students will be marked absent if they attend.
- c. School staff has been trained on the differences between judicial and administrative warrants. They need to see a judicial warrant and other verification to enter the building.
- d. The building culture climate is very good this year.
- e. Graduation is set for June 6th @ 3PM at US Bank Stadium. We may need to do something different for the students involved in the state track meet that day if the times conflict.

11. Senior Party - Next meeting: January 27th at 7pm @ EPHS

12. 2025-2026 Future Meeting Schedule

- a. February 9, 2026 @ 9a or 7p - FOR DISCUSSION, need to determine when this meeting will be
- b. March 9, 2026 @ 9a
- c. April 13, 2026 @ 9a
- d. May 18, 2026 @ 9a

13. Adjourn