



Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School PTA General Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2025

The PTA meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM with the following members in attendance: Courtney Wells, Lindsay Murphy, Ashley Smith, Kristi Appleton, Sarah Elizabeth Anderson, Carrie Zoubek, Elizabeth Davey, Julie Berry, Ashley Saager, Krysten Bergeron, Kristin Symon, Haley James, and Wynetta Ford. Officers were introduced as follows: President, Courtney Wells; Secretary, Lindsay Murphy; Vice President of Academics, Krysten Bergeron; Vice President of Membership, Ashley Smith; Vice President of Fundraising, Kristi Appleton; Vice President of Hospitality and Events, Sarah Elizabeth Anderson; Vice President of Community Partners, Carrie Zoubek; and Treasurer, Julie Berry.

President Courtney Wells began by reviewing the role of the PTA and encouraging parents to join. She clarified that membership does not require volunteering or additional commitments beyond a donation. She highlighted the value of the PTA as a way to build connections with teachers and staff and promoted committee sign-ups. She reminded attendees that the deadline to order Spirit Wear and Field Trip shirts was August 27 to ensure delivery before field trips. She also introduced a feedback form available through a QR code.

Secretary Lindsay Murphy followed by sharing QR codes linking to the PTA website, the adopt-a-staff member Google form, the Sunday Send Out, and the PTA Facebook page.

Vice President of Membership Ashley Smith reported that the PTA currently has 569 members and promoted the membership QR code. She introduced the Grandparents Club chair, Ashley Saager, outlined volunteer opportunities, and explained that parents who wish to attend the Grandparents Breakfast must volunteer. She also introduced the POPs

(Proud Owl Papas) group with Dan Faulkner and conducted a live prize drawing with several winners receiving items such as gift cards, a Yeti cooler, and an air fryer toaster.

Vice President of Academics Krysten Bergeron reviewed upcoming academic support events and opportunities, introducing both Academic Night and the Reflections program.

Vice President of Fundraising Kristi Appleton reviewed ongoing efforts with Box Tops and ValuCard, then introduced the Fit and Fun Run, announcing a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for outdoor playground equipment. She encouraged families to sign up at mybooster.com. She also shared information about the Merry Market scheduled for December 11-17.

Landscape Chair Kristin Symon presented plans for the outdoor classroom, including courtyard stations such as a sensory garden, butterfly garden, box turtle and frog habitats, a songbird habitat, monarch way station, and raised garden beds. She shared a graphic mock-up of the courtyard and introduced the Fall Courtyard Work Week scheduled for October 28-30, clarifying that students would not participate in this due to heavy lifting. A spring work week will follow that will include student participation.

Vice President of Hospitality and Events Sarah Elizabeth Anderson introduced the Sunshine Cart, explained the Amazon Wish List process, and shared a Venmo QR code for donations. She also announced the upcoming Boo Bash scheduled for Friday, October 17, and shared that the candy drive will return this year, with a prize for the grade that collects the most candy.

Treasurer Julie Berry reviewed the programs and events supported by the PTA, including special events, teacher and staff support, academic programs, and general school support. She elaborated on budgeted events and programs, explaining that projected expenses exceed projected income. Highlights included \$11,390 allocated for picnic tables, \$1,000 for a sensory room, increased funding for Wishes Grants, and subscriptions to Scholastic Magazines.

Vice President of Community Partners Carrie Zoubek presented a list of community partners from the prior year and introduced 14 new partners for the current year. She encouraged members to support the businesses that support the school. She also announced a rebranding of Spirit Night and shared the first event will be held at Yoshi Fusion on Wednesday,

September 17. She encouraged business owners and managers to get involved.

The next PTA general meeting will be held on December 16 at 6:00 PM during the 3rd grade performance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Prepared by Lindsay Murphy
Recording Secretary