



Linwood E. Howe PTA Meeting September 3, 2026

Present: Jen Chyi, Kim Sadler, Amy Lines, Rachel Esman, Rebecca Winkler, Sarah Hannallah, Samantha Hiacs, Kim Souza, Katie Gibbs, Rachel Martin, Tara Prescott-Johnson, Emma Smizik, Fei Krelle, Mike Munson, Amber Iannazzo, Larissa Tempel, Kendra Vasila, Tish Scolnik, Alex Geller, and Helen Nutail

Excused Absences:

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm. President Jennifer Chyi presiding.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: Approved**
- 3. Principal's Report: Mr. Chabola**
 - a. Discussed the addition of new staff members, including three new teachers and several instructional aides
 - b. Back-to-school was a success with over 90% attendance
 - c. There is a need for an assistant principal due to the school's growth. Requests support from the school board for an assistant principal
 - d. There are various programs and initiatives including the Get Right Reading Program, math textbook adoption, and math consortium
 - e. Big importance to follow drop off and pick up procedures (eg avoid double park) and respecting neighbors.
 - f. Gates close right at 8:45 am in the morning to ensure proper attendance is recorded.
 - g. Encourages involvement in school activities, including gardening and subcommittees, however please complete ASCIP training mandated reporter training; each volunteer will receive a unique link.
 - h. Thank to the PTA for the welcome back lunch!
- 4. Teacher's Report: Ms. Natoli**
 - a. Looking forward to the great year and thank you for the welcome back lunch from Ike's
- 5. President's Report: Jennifer Chyi**
 - a. Discusses the PTA's impact, including the purchase of pop-up shades and picnic tables for the TK and Kinder classes.
 - b. The PTA hosted a welcome back luncheon for teachers and there will be \$800 of reimbursements for school supplies per teacher.
 - c. There was a parent volunteer survey and encouraged involvement in classroom activities and events.
 - d. Reminder for Committee Heads to reserve spaces for events via the CCUSD portal and try to book the reservation at least two weeks in advance.

6. Treasurer's Report: B. Johnson

The Treasurer's Report was run from 6/04/2026 to 09/02/2026. The opening balance of account ending #6970 was **\$35,604.60** There were deposits for **\$44501.27** primarily for balance transfers, a stop payment on a check, and assorted fundraising. There were disbursements for **\$53,275.90** consisting primarily of teacher appreciation expenses, teacher reimbursements, classroom enrichment, spring book fair, and 5th grade expenses. The ending balance as of 09/02/2026 is **\$26,829.97**. This account has been reconciled through August 2026.

The opening balance of account ending #1494 was **\$18,049.89**. There were deposits for **\$20,702. 25**, which included membership dues and a \$20,000 balance transfer. There was a transfers of \$32,000 to our

checking account ending in #6970. The ending balance as of 09/02/2026 is **\$6752.14**. This account has been reconciled through August 2026.

The opening balance of Vanguard account ending #5874 was **\$40,868.78**. There were deposits totaling **\$339.17** entirely from interest income. **\$20,000** was withdrawn from this account so it could be transferred to our checking account ending in 6970. The ending balance as of 09/02/2026 is **\$21,207.95**. This account has been reconciled through July 2026.

The opening balance of Vanguard account ending #5440 was **\$101,296.66**. There were deposits totaling **\$1010.95**, which was all interest income. The ending balance as of 09/02/2026 is **\$102,307.61**.

The opening balance of Vanguard account ending #3939 was **\$0**. There were no deposits and no withdrawals. The ending balance as of 09/02/2026 is **\$0**.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

On September 2, 2026 the Budget to Actuals report was run from 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027. Year to date, there was \$6077.51 in income from the Aides Fund fundraiser, membership dues, interest income, and spirit wear and yearbook sales. Year to date there was \$14,670.79 in expenses. The majority of these expenses were for Teacher Reimbursements, PE Equipment, Classroom Enrichment and Family Fun Night.

MOTION

1. I move that we approve the proposed budget for School Year 2026-2027. Motion passed.
2. I move to approve checks #2835 through #2873 for a total of \$53264.50. Motion passed.
3. I move to allow myself to write checks until the next PTA meeting. Motion passed.
4. For reserve money that is not immediately needed, I move to allow myself to buy CDs and/or deposit money in interest bearing accounts through Vanguard . Motion passed.
7. **VP of Communications - Rachel Rogers**
 - a. There were 7 people that responded to the parent volunteer survey and a majority of them felt engaged.
 - b. There could be more than just one room parent (eg one parent could send the emails and another one can go in the class to volunteer).
 - c. For all committees, email Rachel Rogers by noon on Wednesday to have it included in Friday's dragon diaries.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Fundraising - Jen Chyi - One fundraiser for the PTA called Raise Craze and it starts on 0928/2026 and will go on for two weeks. It encourages students to do acts of kindness and asks for 100% participation (signing up). On 10/05/2026, there will be a thank you / kindness postcards split up by grade - fire fighters and senior center) and if the school meets their goal of \$110,000, Mr. Chabola will be pelted with water balloons on 10/22/2026.
 - b. Spirit Wear - Mike Munson - Sale of spirit wear at the new family welcome day and upcoming events including Family Fun Night and the In N Out Truck. Encourages new families to get involved and highlights the importance of spirit wear in promoting school spirit. There is a new spirit wear website called "First Place Spirit Wear" and encourages parents to order online.
 - c. Equity and Inclusion - Alex Geller - Various activities including breakfasts for special education staff and SPED students; there will be plans for Disability Awareness Month. Support the special education community and encourage parent involvement. Last year, there was a sensory friendly movie event in which the Culver Theater did not charge for a private event fee and hoping they can do that again this year. Fei Krelle - There's the display cases in the school which are updated monthly with heritage and holiday decorations. Fei encourages parents to volunteer for book reads and other cultural activities including the importance of cultural representation at the school. Some include Dias De Los Muertos, the Lunar Mid-Autumn Festival and AAPI month.
 - d. Yearbook - Amy Lines - Yearbook sales last year were successful! Asking for parents to submit photos for the yearbook and mentioned the upcoming talent show as a key event

9. **Announcements:** Girls on the Run and Girls Who Code programs at school will be starting this year. There are display cases for flyers and other information and encourages the use of these spaces for school announcements. Also, if you have website experience, please reach out to the PTA.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.