

Sherman PTSA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: May 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, weekly email, school bulletin board, social media and around the building.

Quorum: 10

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Housekeeping:

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of April 2025 Minutes to include the corrections that PBL is \$450 not \$400
 - Motioned to approve by member
 - Seconded by member
 - All approved
- **Standing Order & Upcoming Business**
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - 2025 April Financial Review
 - Checking: \$69,492.69
 - Savings: \$35,015.34
- **Membership**
 - 98
- **2025-2026 Nominating Committee**
 - All current board members have indicated they would like to serve another year in the positions they are currently in. The VP role which became vacant halfway through this year due to VP moving- it was approved at a general PTSA meeting to finish the remainder of the year with no VP is vacant.
 - Discussed opportunities on the PTSA Board to include co-positions. Also discussed opportunities to be on standing committees- Finance, Nominating Committee, Inclusion and Belonging. Discussed creating more diversity on the Nominating Committee to be more inclusive in recruiting new board members.
- **Nominating committee**
 - Member was nominated to the committee and accepted in writing. Need two more folks on the nominating committee, they can confirm verbally.
 - Member nominated another parent, and will email him to formalize the nomination
 - Member present during the meeting provided verbal confirmation she would participate.
 - Member motioned to accept the Nominating Committee as presented above
 - seconded by member
 - All Approved
- **Letter to Representatives/Take Action**
 - The Tacoma District received a 1% general increase and 1.25% for special education from the State. This will have many impacts including Para Educators at Sherman and throughout the District et al being displaced.
 - Discussed options to advocate for the District budget- Letter to the State level representatives?
 - It was noted that much of this is already set and that the time for this advocating may have passed.
 - PTSA Statewide chapter did a lot of advocacy this session.
 - Budget is currently with Governor who has not signed it yet; due date is 6/20

- Discussed options to craft a letter which among other things requests that no revenue streams are vetoed.
 - The board will work on drafting a letter to be shared with the Sherman Community to send to the Governor.
 - The Board will reconvene and develop letters and language.
 - Education Policy team member in the Governs Office
- Discussed the mechanisms/levers/rules at a District level.
 - Property taxes- are there options to advocate for increasing property taxes to support public education?
- Member shared that there will be a letter from the Principals to the State on these impacts.
- Discussed roles of Paras and the importance of their work. This will decrease Para support at Sherman by over 50%
 - Crossing Guards are Paras- discussed the need for safer crossing at Sherman and throughout the district.
 - The Street Bond didn't pass and will most likely be attached to next elections.
- This was a robust dialogue on the possible impacts this may have and options for Sherman PTSA to support in advocating for the District and Sherman- this portion of the meeting took most of the scheduled meeting time.
- **Principal Updates**
 - Principal expressed gratitude for all the work being done. May is a busy month- Staff Appreciation Week, Books and Breakfast, the Bike Bus, Popcorn Friday and more to come.
- **Counselor's Corner**
 - Echoed Principal Cortez specifically thankful for the snacks for testing and the Tiger Times.
 - The Wishing Tree is now complete- All classes have participated.
 - 5th Grade Students came to a meeting with school staff/admin and proposed changes in dress code addressing the inequities in it. The presentation was well researched and had concrete steps/options.
- **STEAM Updates**
 - Not Present
- **Yearbook Update**
 - DONE!
 - The front is designed by a 3rd grader going to print tonight (5/14)
 - To date \$1,200 has been received for yearbooks
 - Plan to order 450- to ensure Teachers and Staff can get them is 483, will order 490.
 - The cost to print each yearbook is \$6.50 a piece and will charge \$10 a piece.
 - Will be throwing a party at the end and the kids who worked on the yearbook will get their books first.
 - Opportunities for next year:
 - Should there be a small fee? \$5?
 - Cap on how many can participate
- **Inclusion and Belonging**
 - Intention to have more diverse voices in decision-making spaces
 - Survey for inclusion and belonging: Discussed sending one out at the end of year this year. The one currently developed is more specific to individual events- a new one for the end of year will need to be developed.
 - This may include opportunities to hear from folks on what they want to see in the coming year.
 - The survey is an important tool in engagement

- Discussion around Infinity Groups- to create space for community to be built
 - Is there an opportunity to build out agendas that create more engagement?
 - **Past Event Debrief**
 - Theater: Wonderful performance. A lot of parent involvement to help with moving in and moving out. This year was the fastest breakdown!
 - Staff Appreciation Week
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Due to the robust dialogue Letter to Representatives/Take Action the below areas were not addressed during the meeting.

Current/Upcoming Events

Book Fair 5/13-5/15

Breakfast & Books (formerly Grandparents breakfast) 5/14

TPS Night at the Rainiers 5/29

Tiger Trot 5/30

Carnival 6/13: Need a lot of volunteers. Every student will get a punch card.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tiger Trot: 5/30

Carnival: 6/13

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

Adjournment 7:54pm