



Summary of Sherman PTSA General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: May 13, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom (3 parents), Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Quorum: 10

Call to Order: Call Meeting to Order 6:35pm

Land Acknowledgement

Housekeeping

Approval of March 2026 Minutes Motion: Kate D, 2nd: Dave J, unanimous.

Membership 104

Treasurer's Report

Bank account balance - Numbers provided upon request

- Budget updates - Started working on budget, Treasurer reached out to committee and will present budget at June meeting for votes and comments.

Nomination of 2026-2027 Board Members

- President: David Jackson
- VP: Sam G
- Treasurer: Reed Baughman
- Secretary: Adam Pallay
- Volunteer Coord - Hilary
- Social Media - Kate Dashiell
- FACE: Zorba & Brennan Kirkpatrick
- Room Parent Liaison: Nicole Nordholm & Kaleena
- Staff: Bailey + 1 or 2 more decided in the fall

Old Business

- Book Fair/Books and Bites Recap
 - Books & Bites had a light turn out, maybe because of it being right after Spring Break, Maybe later next year? Include a morning coffee at the fall bookfair was suggested.
 - Suggestion: have a "Parents best seller" section
 - Brought in a similar amount as the fall.
 - Waiting to clear up inventory before getting final net amount
- 5th Grade Camp
 - Amazing, beautiful
 - Dates for camp will be locked in for the last week of april moving forward unless we take action to change it. Assume we will be going to camp around 4/22-4/23.
 - To pay for camp will get harder. Previously had grants that covered a significant portion, this year was a fluke with random ASB money. We need to find about \$26k each year for 5th graders to continue having the same camp experience.
 - Incoming 5th grade parents mentioned they want to be part of a committee to raise money next year. Who will own the responsibility? School or PTSA?
 - The district is looking for ways to fill the money gap, if they get grants they would go to lower income schools first.
- Theater Performance
 - A committee for next year has already been formed with 8 people plus Theatre Director. Mix of new and returning parents. Will meet one time monthly May-Dec and two times monthly Jan-April.
 - 70 students participated.

- Ended up with a good amount of volunteers, thanks to volunteer coordinator for advertising the need.
 - New principal came
 - Had multiple days at Silas to set up the set.
 - Next year's program has already been selected.
 - Storage and space to work were challenges. Prefer not to get rid of costumes because of money. Suggestions for storage solutions are welcome.
 - Having 5th grade camp right before the play caused difficulties. Kids came back sick.
 - Parents sign a contract at the beginning, maybe they need more reminders about volunteering.
 - There was an evacuation during set up for the Saturday matinee (set off by plant sale)
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Pizza warming mishap on Monday.
 - Made an effort to include all staff, not just classroom teachers.
 - Fondi is very interested in building relationships with local schools.
 - Got a ton of gift cards from families and donated by local businesses
 - Teachers felt very loved and appreciated.

New Business

- Principal Updates
 - Take a moment to pause and recognize how many amazing things the PTSA does.
 - Grateful for testing snacks
 - Staffing is taking place - estimated about 399 students for next year. Puts us at 16 staff members plus SAIL. Reduction of one teacher. Since two teachers are retiring, no one will be displaced. A group of staff came together to look at the numbers and determine what the best plan should be. Since kinder numbers are low they suggested making a K/1 split but because there is no cap for that type of class they decided not to do that. 3 kinder, two 1st, two 2nd, two 3rd, $\frac{1}{2}$ split, $\frac{3}{4}$ split, one 4th grade, $\frac{1}{2}$ split, two 5th grade teachers. TK teacher is moving to kindergarten.
 - October: with the way our numbers are looking the most likely scenario is we stay the same or add one teacher (not lose a teacher)
 - Request from parent to try and ensure kids that were already in a split don't be put in another one.
 - Frazier confirmed they are very intentional about where they put kids and the school will not take parent requests or move students once they are put into a class.
 - The incoming principal is involved with the discussions.
 - Factors considered when putting a student into a split: balancing the classes, working independently, class sizes are smaller (about 2 students less)
 - Is it a lot harder for a teacher to teach a split? For math, yes. ELA is more flexible.
- Counselor's Corner
 - Thank PTSA for advertising little leaders for good drive. All the club support (tiger times, etc.)
 - Counseling groups will be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks.
 - Emphasis on conflict resolution: rock it out, etc. Peace Makers are helping.
 - Middle school counselors came to meet 5th graders. Middle school visits will happen in June.
 - Optional enrollment happens earlier than you think in the year. Double check your home school.
- STEAM Updates
 - Last steam assembly is 6/9 at 10:00am, same format at previous assemblies. Each classroom will recognize about 5 students. Everyone is welcome

- STEAM inventory (thanks to Hilary for awesome spreadsheet) still in progress, goal is to have an organized and labeled inventory like the makerspace. Looking for volunteers to help with this in the summer. The easier it is for teachers to get the supplies the more they will be used.
- Next STEAM team meeting is 5/27, new principal has been invited, she is a maybe. Will be discussing a lot about events happening in the summer and early next year.
- Toying around with the idea of combing SCDM and STEAM teams. They discuss a lot of similar things. First three months of the new school year will try a hybrid model.
- TK/Kinder - insect studying. Snail races. Vegetable beds will be harvested. Outdoor learning field trip next week for force in motion.
- First grade: continuing work on rain garden with piece conservation. Mulch was delivered yesterday. Today kids delivered the rest of the mulch to the front garden. For the rest of this year they will be designing the garden for next year including where the plants will go. Thanks to local company for donating a new fence that the kids will help design. Looking at having an entomologist come in and help design bug houses. Field trip to king 5.
- Second grade: How have we changed the landscape to meet our needs? Land and water forms. How humans have modified them to meet their needs. Erosion. How to take action in response to climate change.
- Third + SAIL + 2/3 Split: Weather and climate science. Using data to predict future weather.
- SAIL: will be using microbits. Coding them to be environmental sensors.
- Fourth: Current STEAM focus on storm water and solutions.
- 5th grade: Wheat Week, Junior Achievement, deep dive into AAPI heritage month.

Parking lot

All

- We hope everyone will purchase a yearbook to offset the cost. Everyone will be receiving one. It will be around \$3k to get yearbooks for everyone. We need to pump this up. Any suggestions for how to word this in emails is welcome.
- Community cafe: celebrating culture. Fourth graders are planning this time.
- Multicare has a contract with TPS and can bring counselors into schools for parents who can't access them
- Motion to add \$500 budget for 5th grade party:
 - Board Member motions
 - Member/parent seconds
 - Unanimous approval

Adjournment

May	June
Community Cafe: 5/21 at 6pm TPS Night at the Rainiers: 5/27	Tiger Trot: 6/5 5th Grade Party: 6/5 Carnival: 6/12 from 6-8pm RESCHEDULE: Tiger Choir Anthem at Tacoma Rainiers: 6/14 5th Grade Promotion: 6/15 Field Day: 6/16