

PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY PGEA

Meeting Minutes | September 8, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Clay Weiland - Co-Chair President
Lindsey Cooke - Co-Chair President
Michelle Carr - Treasurer
Lindsay Hendrix - Secretary / Staff Appreciation
Kerrie Brennan - Publicity / Communications
Leah Berman - Volunteer Coordinator
Tess Ankeny - Hospitality
Kristin Wilbourn - Staff Appreciation
Kelly Coonts - Principal
Theresa Barnes

GUESTS PRESENT

Kelly Densler - Douglas County School Board Director
Ben Kanoff - Parent / Guest
Jennifer - Parent / Volunteer

WELCOME + GENERAL UPDATES

Introductions	Roundtable introductions were held for new attendees, followed by a brief overview of PGEA roles, committees, fundraising and community events.
Ice Cream Social	The Ice Cream Social was well attended and considered a successful replacement for Movie Night. The group plans to repeat the event.

GUEST SPEAKER - DCSD MILL LEVY OVERRIDE

2026 MLO	Board Director Kelly Densler and Principal Kelly Coonts reviewed the mill levy override appearing on the ballot.
Priorities	Proposed funding includes staff compensation, maintaining school safety/security staffing, expanding career and technical education, restoring elementary instrumental music and supporting core curriculum costs.
Funding Context	Douglas County remains below neighboring districts in per-student funding despite prior MLO and bond measures.
Tax Impact	Estimated impact is \$33.70 annually per \$100,000 of home value - approximately \$236 per year on a \$700,000 home.
Oversight	Citizen-led fiscal and mill/bond oversight committees monitor district spending and use of voter-approved funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	Current bank balance reported at approximately \$12,907.17 , with previously approved grant activity still pending in the bank report.
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PRINCIPAL REPORT + GRANT REQUESTS

Field Trip Buses	\$18,298 - APPROVED. Covers two charter buses per grade for seven grade levels to support one field trip per grade.
Workroom Laminator	\$2,524.99 - APPROVED. Parent-requested replacement of the workroom laminator, supported by school staff.
Battle of the Books	\$1,005.81 - APPROVED. Requested by Mrs. Ruchira, Librarian, for four copies of each Battle of the Books title.

BOARD MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

Facebook	Discussed adding a volunteer to assist with Facebook posting.
Restaurant Nights	Discussed a volunteer for printing and sorting restaurant-night stickers by classroom.
Shade Tents	Leah proposed purchasing two 10' x 10' pop-up canopies with weights for volunteer shade. Pricing and storage will be confirmed before purchase.

HOSPITALITY

The Flock	The Flock fundraiser is active and progressing well, including the kindergarten/new-family flock.
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MOM VS. SONS KICKBALL - SEPTEMBER 10

Leads	Jennifer and Kerrie.
Registration	Ticket sales were at 91 at the time of the meeting. Board members were encouraged to personally invite families and increase communications.
Food	Pizza, chips, ice cream and beverages will be served. Leftover frozen treats from the Ice Cream Social will be used.
Format	Grades will play in waves and may be combined depending on final registration. Younger grades will have shorter games.
Volunteers	High school volunteers will assist with refereeing and operations; additional parent volunteers are encouraged.
Logistics	Setup begins around 3:00 PM. Water will be prepared before dismissal. The school will provide a charged speaker and microphone.
Reminder	A final family reminder will be sent before the event.

PANTHER PROWL / FUN RUN

Kickoff	Kickoff assemblies are scheduled for Friday, September 11.
Run Date	Panther Prowl is scheduled for September 22.
Format	A dual-track format will allow two grades to run simultaneously when appropriate; kindergarten will run independently.
Course	The obstacle course was removed this year in favor of a simpler dual-track setup and stronger Panda Palooza prizes.
Communications	PGEA will focus on parent and teacher communications, including clearly identifying each track for spectators.
Volunteers	Volunteer sign-ups are already more than halfway filled, with kindergarten nearly full.
Class Themes	Teachers are beginning to select class themes for the Fun Run.

ROUNDTABLE

Spirit Week	A possible Spirit Week leading into Panther Prowl was discussed. No action was taken.
MEETING ADJOURNED	
Adjournment time was not captured in the meeting recording.	