

Pine Grove Educational Alliance

October 7, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03

Members Present (Board in Bold): **Kristi Dempsey, Katie Hagarty, Michelle Carr, Amanda Lackey, Lindsey Cooke, Tess Ankeny, Ally Ley, Laura Murray, Kristin Wilbourn, Amanda Lynott, Kelly Coonts, Theresa Barns**

Principal's Report:

1. November-March childcare in the gym will have to move to the cafeteria for PGEA meetings. We will figure out sit down activities for the kids in the cafeteria to entertain them.
2. Celebration over CMAS scores – Grades 3-6 ELA and Math. PGE has increased their overall score from 753-758 and is in the blue “exceeds” category
3. October count was projected at 440 students; actual count was 442 which gives our school a site based budget of 3.5M.
4. Kelly always prioritizes “staff over stuff” and expressed gratitude to PGEA for providing the funds to fill in to make sure we keep our incredible staff – reiterating that every staff member at Pine Grove contributes to the success of the school.

5. Grant Requests:

- a. \$84 grant for kindergarten – colored bead manipulatives. Moved to approve by Katie, 2nd by Amanda Lackey. Passed unanimously.
- b. \$2,079 – Coach K Bench. Board member voting to move forward.
 - i. A specific district approved 6’ bench with 4”x6” plaque to honor Coach K. was chosen. Total cost for installation, cement pad, and engraving is \$2,079. Everyone agreed to have “Make someone smile today” on the plaque. There was discussion about possible other benches/memorials. The group decided to go with the original proposal. Katie moved to approve the proposed bench. Amanda Lackey 2nd. Passed unanimously.
6. Fun Run – 5th grade will be receiving pizza lunch, 3rd will get donuts

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance with pending transactions: \$17k – Fun run money of approximately \$36k has not been added in yet.

Teacher Liaison (Kristi Dempsey): Kelly reported that Kristi was so grateful for the Stock the Fridge and conference lunch for the teachers

Community Events:

1. Trunk or Treat – 10/28
 - a. Rain or Shine Event
 - b. Purchase candy in lieu of donations (Katie/Kristie)
 - c. Target has buy one get one ½ off
 - d. Budgeting \$2,000 for candy – this will take off the ask for parents and to focus on a community event to give back
 - e. Roll the movie night budget saved to candy purchases
 - f. Each trunk will be given a set number of bags of candy for the entire hour. Make sure you use wisely for kids that come a little later. When you are out, you're out.
 - g. HS Volunteers (Sign up genius created)
 - h. Six HS students were plenty – there are 10 sign-ups on last year's sign-up
 - i. Trunk Sign-Up Genius (genius created and sent out in PULSE)
 - j. Push word of mouth – we had 32 trunks last year
 - k. Papa John's: initial contact made – follow up needed
 - l. Clear parking lot by 3:45pm. Need to remind BASE
 - m. Kelly volunteered to man the gates so only trunks come into the parking lot
 - n. Will have an X in the spaces we want trunks to park in
2. School Needs – Katie and Kristie will email Karen and Theresa for Table and garbage cans needed
3. Panther Palooza: Amanda Lackey and Lindsey suggested a Google Sheet to make sure we didn't repeat the businesses asked, Katie offered to put the list together.

Staff Appreciation: All coms on events were sent to Lindsey and Amanda Lackey to put in the PULSE and on the website.

Laura to reach out to Jen Silva to inquire about the Chick-Fil-a Moolah

Hospitality/New Family Welcome:

New Family Gear

Pather bags, welcome letter and PGE stickers will go out to all new to Pine Grove students this week

There are 58 new kindies and 30 new 1st-6th graders

The flock has had huge success! It has brought in over \$800. Ally shared that the email list is so helpful for new families that may not know as many people and addresses to bring the

flock to. There are still a few families that are still on the list that would like to get flocked. We will extend the flock until October 31st as long as the weather looks good! We have lots of leftover stickers for anyone that has any great ideas for them! Tess, Ally, Laura, Kristin and Steph will collaborate with Karen to plan Veteran's day celebration.

Fundraising: Talked about adding a QR code to specific restaurant night page on the PGEA website.

- 10/8 – Chic-Fil-A
- Looking for November event
- 18/8 – Dream Dinners
- Looking for January Event
- 2/5 – Chic-Fil-A
- Looking for April Event
- 5/3 - Swirls Night

Other fundraising conversations:

- Voted unanimously to get rid of milk caps – Theresa and Amanda are thrilled!
- Michelle is looking into wreath sales
- Leah will reach out to Floyd's
- Anyone that goes to Texas Roadhouse ask to see if they have a rolling fundraiser night for any school, any night
- Morning coffee cart! Tom's Coffee Truck – could we pull this off? What would logistics look like? Do we want to reach out also for Hot Chocolate for Trunk or Treat?

Spirit Wear: N/A

Volunteer Coordinator: Discussion about rolling in this position as responsibility of each even lead. Leah and Amanda Lackey volunteered to sign off HS volunteers and manage the Sign-Up Genius.

- Rock Star – Leah and Amanda volunteered to manage the Rock Star site.

SAC: N/A

Publicity: Please follow, like and share all PGEA posts

Website: N/A

Roundtable: Thank you to Lizzy for stepping up and taking the role of PGEA/SAC Liaison

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

Tuesday, January 13th (budget meeting combined with PGEA)

Wednesday, April 18th – school safety

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45