

Pine Grove Educational Alliance

August 18, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Clay Weyland, Lindsay Hendrix, Leah Berman, Kerrie Brennan, Ally Ley, Tess Ankeny, Kristin Wilbourn, Stephanie Bowman, Amanda Lackey, Lindsey Cooke

Welcome & Introductions

1. Clay and Lindsay welcomed members and reviewed PGEA's role in fundraising, community events, school grants, staff appreciation, and volunteer support.
2. Committee roles were reviewed, and parents were encouraged to attend meetings and volunteer regardless of board membership.
3. **Board Position Approvals:**
 - Kerrie Brennan was approved for Communications.
 - Lindsay Hendrix was approved as a member of the Teacher Appreciation Team.

Principal's Report

1. Kelly reported a positive start to the school year and thanked PGEA for its support of Back-to-School activities.
2. Kelly provided an overview of the proposed Douglas County **Mill Levy Override (MLO)**, which would primarily support staff salaries/retention, school security, and career/technical education.
3. Kelly reviewed improvements funded by the **2024 Bond**, including technology and building/infrastructure upgrades.
4. **Grant Requests — All Approved:**
 - \$2,952 — 82 staff zip-up sweatshirts
 - \$450 — Kindergarten chair-back storage bags
 - \$515 — 5th Grade novel sets
 - \$226 — 5th Grade Book Buddies
 - \$62 — Two electric pencil sharpeners
 - \$336 — 5th Grade classroom chair-back storage pockets
 - **Total Approved: \$4,541**

Treasurer's Report

1. Current PGEA balance is approximately **\$18,000**, primarily carryover from the prior year.
2. PGEA grossed approximately \$85,000–\$90,000 last year, with approximately \$60,000–\$65,000 returned to the school/community after expenses.

Teacher Liaison — Kendra Bacon

1. Kendra reported a strong start to the school year, including staff collaboration, professional learning, and team building.

Community Events

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

1. Event begins at **3:20 PM** following dismissal and is expected to conclude around 4:30 PM.
2. Treats will include ice cream and allergy-friendly alternatives. Activities and games will be available on the blacktop/field.
3. PGEA will provide an information/volunteer table with a QR code for families interested in getting involved.
4. Communications will note that school facilities/restrooms will not be available during the event.
5. PGEA will begin maintaining an event planning/recap document in the Google Drive to simplify planning in future years.

Moms v Sons Kickball

1. Scheduled for **Thursday, September 10**.
2. Jennifer volunteered to lead the event and will receive prior-year planning materials from Amanda.
3. Leah will assist with volunteer coordination, including high-school and parent volunteers.
4. Existing sign-up materials will be updated and reused.
5. No formal rain date is planned; cancellation/refund language will be included with ticket information.

Panther Prowl

1. Panther Prowl will use a new **dual-track format**, with Kindergarten running independently.
2. Kickoff assemblies will be held **September 11** in two groups.
3. PGEA will primarily support communications and volunteer coordination.
4. Kerrie and the co-chairs will coordinate the communication plan.

Staff Appreciation

1. The committee requested an **\$8,000 budget for the 2026–27 school year** to support staff meals, gifts, recognition days, and lounge/fridge stocking.
 - **Motion made, seconded, and approved.**

2. A staff breakfast and welcome-back Starbucks gift cards have already been provided.
3. Teacher Favorites surveys will be updated for the new school year.
4. The committee will consider a simple way to recognize teachers when their PGEA grant requests are approved.

Hospitality/New Family Welcome

1. **Coffee & Kleenex** had approximately 30 attendees, a significant increase from the prior year.
2. Hospitality will operate three **Flamingo Flocks** this year.
3. Pine Grove welcomed approximately **111 new students**. Hospitality will distribute Panther welcome bags to new students.

Fundraising

1. Clay introduced a new ticketing/fundraising platform as a potential alternative to Handbid. Board members will beta test the platform before implementation.
2. District/Foundation requirements will be confirmed prior to use. No decision was made to discontinue Handbid.

Volunteer Coordinator

1. Volunteer needs were reviewed for the Ice Cream Social, Moms Love Kickball, and Panther Prowl.
2. New PGEA name badges will help families and volunteers identify board members/event leaders.

SAC

1. Additional information regarding the proposed Douglas County MLO will be shared through SAC if the measure moves forward.

Publicity/Communications

1. Kerrie will send a dedicated Ice Cream Social communication with event details, allergy information, location, and facility/restroom information.
2. Kerrie and the co-chairs will coordinate Panther Prowl communications.
3. Hospitality and Communications will coordinate Facebook and event promotion as needed.

Roundtable

1. The group discussed procedures for larger financial requests and agreed to **test the following process this year without formally amending the bylaws:**
 - Requests of **\$10,000 or more** will generally be presented at one meeting and voted on at the following meeting.
 - Votes on requests of **\$10,000 or more** will generally be conducted privately.
2. The group will evaluate the process before considering a formal bylaw change.
3. The existing practice of **one vote per committee/board position** will continue.

Meeting Adjourned: Approximately 7:30 PM