

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 8, 2025

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m.



The following people were present:

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1. Presidents Update - Becky and Melissa

- Jen has been doing a great job with staff appreciation and has more holiday stuff planned, thank you Jen. We also had our Turkey Trot which was very successful. Thank you to Dana Moreno.
- We are selling Pogo passes and we get \$5 per pass sold. We will have an ongoing code moving forward with POGO passes to always give students at Brisas a deal.

2. Minutes -

- Approved.

3. Principal's Report- Mrs. Winkelmann

- Thank you to everyone who has shared concerns and support following the loss of Sandy, our beloved support staff member. We also appreciate the district for providing care and resources for both staff and students during this difficult time.
- We completed our Quarter 2 AVID walk-throughs, visiting every classroom, and received exceptional feedback. We are hopeful that Brisas may earn the Elementary School of Distinction honor. Out of the three states our director supports, we are the only school positioned to receive this distinction.
- We will also welcome several visitors in the coming weeks. A group from Korea will return for a walk-through to observe American education in action, and ASU will be sending interns to see instruction taking place at Brisas. In addition, the AVID Executive Board has specifically requested to visit our campus—another great recognition of our work.
- Our Kindergarten Round-Up is coming up soon. Kids Club will provide childcare at no cost—thank you, Kids Club. We may need to explore a new plan for next year, but we appreciate their support for this event.
- A reminder that December 9th at 5:30 PM there will be a Board Study Session regarding potential school closures. Last week was the first time the board was able to meet and discuss the issue openly. They will be reviewing all three proposed options. This is an important conversation that will impact much of Kyrene, and anyone who can attend is encouraged to join. While Brisas is not currently identified for closure, we will be observing the situation with KTA. The board is scheduled to make its final decision on December 16.

4. Miscellaneous

- Budget Review
 - o To be continued.

- Vote to Use Debit Card for Kindergarten Winter Party Purchases. Train Tickets and Walmart. Money was collected on behalf of kindergarten and will not come out of the budget.
 - Can we vote to use the debit card for this - Approved
- Staff Appreciation Updates: Thanksgiving, Undercover Spirit Week, and Holiday Party.
 - All had fun with the turkey in your pocked game. We also had an underground spirit week
 - We will have a mardi gras bead game on Mon-Weds. If you win rock paper scissors you get someone's beads. It will be a \$50 gift card. Jen will be wrapping gifts this weekend. We will have a second game called left right center.
 - Winter Party- Catered by Olive Garden. Need help setting up the tree. Working on cookie donations for our cookie party.
- Community Builders
 - Follow up with Megan for McDonalds
- Decades Dance
 - Lisa Silva coordinating - needs support 1/30/26 Becky will send an email connecting Lisa with people who had done it before
 - DJ with lights set up /Candy and glow items
 - Pizza could be an option or Food Trucks
- Spring Carnival
 - Inflatables - obstacle courses

7. Treasurer's Report- Valerie Forrest

- Quickbooks report needs to be updated or certain items are not being coded correctly

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm by Becky Arkfeld

Officers

President: Becky Arkfeld

Vice-President: Melissa Smith

Secretaries: Erica Eklund & Sierra Rose

Treasurer: Valerie Forrest

Volunteer Coordinator: Meghan Gostele

Contributions Coordinator: Megan Villapando

Fundraising Coordinator: Dana Anson

Communications Coordinators: Katie Koshick & Jen Whitesides

Historians: Zoe Gregg & Sydney Rodriguez

Upcoming dates:

- Jan 26: In person/Zoom at 4pm
- Mar 2: Zoom at 5:30pm
- April 27: Elections meeting in person at 4pm
