



FISD SEPTO

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Annex Training Room 1

DATE: 10/26/2025

TIME: 12:00 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Leadership Reports

a) Special Guest – FISD Superintendent Thad Roher

- i) We discussed the upcoming 2025 Bond Election. The last Bond Election was held in 2020.
- ii) For 2025, FISD brought in an Engineering and Architectural firm to come up with priorities. The plan is to revisit priorities every 5 years for the biggest needs. They invited 40 Community and Staff Members to join the advisory group. After weeks, this advisory group voted on the following bond propositions (165M+ Total):
 - (1) Consolidate Westwood and Bales to create one campus versus two. The plan would include collaborative teaching and learning spaces. The construction would start in Fall of 2026. The new campus would be built behind the current buildings which lessens the risk. By having one campus it's safer to have everyone under one roof. We would have dedicated STEM labs, Innovation Labs, Career Pathway Hubs, and more. As for Quest infrastructure, it will come with the design planning
 - (2) Build a new High School Agriculture Barn. The agriculture program consists of the strongest leadership instruction. There were 110 projects that were turned away due to insufficient space. They would build the new infrastructure behind Harbor Church. There are over 500+ students impacted. This program has grown tremendously over the year. For the old facility open air sheds, they would like to sell. Program in Agriculture are used for inclusion. There would be plans for the arena to host events. We could have our own Friendswood Show.
 - (3) UIL Extracurricular Upgrades. We do not have enough locker rooms. These upgrades would include renovating the current field house. It would include a new cheer gym with good ceiling height but also keeps the cheerleaders on campus. It would open the possibilities of using the old cheer shack for the Transition Center and TEC. The FISD Band would get a turf field to practice all weather space along with the drill team and soccer. It would also include mat room for wrestling.
 - (4) Inclusive Playgrounds which include playground upgrades for all elementary, intermediate, Junior High, High School. Transition center, and TEC. It would include shock absorbent and slip resistant padding to allow for easy movement for mobility devices, strollers, and crutches. There has been some work underway so work would start immediately.

- (5) The bond will also include an Innovation Space at Windsong.
- (6) The estimated tax increase is 16 cents with the exception of residents over 65 who have no tax rate. Early voting is October 20-31 and Election Day is Nov 4th
- b) FSD Admin Report – Amy Tallman
 - i) Halloween bags are back
 - ii) Ashley Ashna, Executive Director of Special Education, is meeting with parents the month of October at each school
 - iii) There will be a special sensory Nutcracker performance scheduled.

II. Special Education PTO Business

- a) **Communication Updates (Vanessa)**
 - i) Request for all members to join FSD Special Education PTO Facebook page
 - ii) Working to improve flyer distribution through schools
 - iii) Plan to coordinate with other campus PTOs to share information
- b) **Liaison Roles**
 - i) Discussion about refining parent and staff liaison responsibilities
 - ii) Goal: better connect special education services across campuses
 - iii) Plan to confirm liaisons from last year are still interested in serving
 - iv) Junior High liaison working on quiet space for socials and dances
- c) **Hospitality Budget (Ceeanna - not present)**
 - i) Budget allocation: \$375 for teacher events, \$625 for family support
 - ii) Two families identified for support this quarter (Paisley and another student)
 - iii) Approximately \$75 per family based on size and needs
- d) **Fundraising Ideas (Allie)**
 - i) Interest in forming fundraising subcommittee
 - ii) Discussion of collaborative fundraising with campus PTOs (shared percentage)
 - iii) Exploring ongoing partnership opportunities with local businesses
 - iv) Considering Christmas fundraiser combined with social event
 - v) Meeting to be scheduled Fundraising committee meeting before October PTO meeting
- e) **Nominating Committee (Erica – not present)**
 - i) One current member (Erica)
 - ii) Need additional members representing different age groups and campuses
 - iii) Will address at next meeting

III. Future Speaker Topics

- a) Request for suggestions on speakers/topics for future meetings
- b) Ideas mentioned:
 - i) Financial planning for special needs families
 - ii) Puberty and sexuality

- iii) Police Good Shepherd program
- iv) Texas Workforce Commission
- v) Student workshops on inclusivity
- vi) Sibling panel
- vii) Community programs/resources (Special Strong, Special Friends, etc.)
- viii) Social skills programs
- ix) Financial planning and special needs trusts

IV. Action Items

- a) Post parent meeting dates with Mr. Ashna on Facebook group
- b) Post Houston Ballet sensory-friendly Nutcracker information (February 28)
- c) Schedule fundraising committee meeting before October meeting
- d) Identify additional nominating committee members
- e) Website inclusive review - coordinate with Sophia/Lauren

V. Next Meeting:

- a) Board Meeting Oct 22nd
- b) Member meeting Oct 24th

VI. Adjournment