

Pershing Foundation Board Meeting Notes

Date: May 19, 2025

Time: 6:04 pm

Location: Hybrid - Pershing Middle School Library and Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Executive Board: Antoni Hanus, Kate Vigderson, Divina Logan, Carlos Ramon

At-large Board Members: Adriana Olivares, Cate Cook, Christine Dullaghan, Dana Seefeldt, John Arce, Malcolm Paker, Megan Spencer, Rascha Connors

Others in attendance: Melanie Kray, Jayme Wynn, Ann Shelton, Amy Ranallo, Melissa Munroe

Acknowledgements & Year-End Appreciations

- Principal, staff, board members, at-large members, parent volunteers, and corporate sponsors were recognized.
- Special thanks to:
 - **Davina Logan** (Treasurer) for outstanding financial stewardship.
 - **Carlos Ramon** (Secretary) for meeting notes efforts, improved systems, and teacher appreciation coordination.
 - **Antoni Hanus** (President) for transformational leadership and communication.
 - **Kate (VP)** for work on challenge course, book fairs, and community efforts.

Year in Review: Highlights

- **6th Grade Camp:** 277 students attended; projected 330–360 next year.
- **Campus Improvement:** \$20,000 invested; major upgrade included new lockers.
- **Fundraising Total:** Over **\$63,000** raised: (\$20k more than last year)
 - Panther Pledge: ~\$30K
 - Challenge Course: ~\$18K
 - Corporate Sponsorships: ~\$15K
 - Dine-Outs: \$2.5K

- **Challenge Course Net:** Nearly \$13K after fees/expenses.
- **Student Engineering Projects:** Funded benches, hammocks, and storage systems; showcased pride and student initiative.

Minutes Approval

- Carlos Ramon reviewed minutes from last meeting.
- Kate Vigderson motioned to approve minutes, Megan Spencer seconded.
- Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Principal's Report – Principal Kray

- Enrollment for 2025–26: ~1070 students, with an additional **associate principal** (Patience Martin).
- **Site Modernization:**
 - May begin late next school year or early 2026.
 - Additions include 4–5 classrooms (one for mod/severe program), office space, parking lot changes, and furniture upgrades.
 - Long-term hopes for auditorium improvements; sound system upgrade estimated at \$85K.
- Pershing recognized as a **thriving school** with rising enrollment, strong staff retention, high achievement scores, and engaged families.

Board Elections – 2025–26 Officers

Role	Nominee	Nominator	Motion to Approve	Seconded	Result
President	John Arce	Antoni Hanus	Carlos Ramon	Rascha Connor	Unanimous Approval
Vice President	Antoni Hanus	Antoni Hanus	Kate Vigderson	Divina Logan	Unanimous Approval
Treasurer	Adriana Olivares	Antoni Hanus	Cate Cook	Malcolm Paker	Unanimous Approval
Secretary	Ann Shelton	Antoni Hanus	Carlos Ramon	John Arce	Unanimous Approval

Each candidate introduced themselves and shared motivations and relevant experiences before unanimous votes of approval.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview

- **Drama Program:** Raised \$16K in ticket sales; uses Foundation account for expenses.
- **Teacher Stipends:**
 - ~\$8,000 spent of the \$10,000 available.
 - Increased use attributed to reminders and the second reimbursement wave.
- **Approval of Expenditures:** All May checks and expenses approved by vote. Motion made by Antoni Hanus, seconded by Kate Vigderson.

Upcoming Events & Needs

- **End-of-Year Events:** Recognition ceremonies, 8th grade dance, yearbook signing, etc.
- **New Business:**
 - Student-written letters requested a **swimming pool or Gaga pit** - discussed informally.
 - **Microwave for office** requested and approved using teacher appreciation funds if needed.

Action Items

- **Share feedback** via Foundation's digital form.
- **Schedule budget meeting** before **July 31, 2025**, to align with the fiscal year.
- **Prepare new board onboarding** and set goals for 2025–26.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Minutes prepared by: Carlos Ramon

