

**Thematic Learning Community PTO
Hooker Oak Elementary School
Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026**

Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

- A. **Welcome, Introductions & Attendance** (voting, committee members, and principal only with number of officers holding position and corresponding votes indicated in parenthesis):

Co-Moderators(2): Michelle Palmquist Rayna Johnson	Events Coordinators(2): Sarah Van Hout Selina Barrera
Secretary(1): Emily Little	Parent Commitment Coordinator (2): Makenzie Johnson
Treasurers(2): Lindsay Fee	Corporate Liaison(1): Vacant
Publicity Coordinator(1): Theresa Ban	Principal: Emily Mullins
Green Committee: Kristen Varga Abbie Shipman	Library Committee: Mande Browning Abbie Shipman
Arts Committee: Theresa Ban	

- a. Appreciations
 - i. For all of the people who helped make the Art Show a success, and to BLAST for their flexibility with their space!
- b. Action Items
 - i. Vote on previous meeting minutes. Rayna moved to approve the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Theresa seconded. The motion passed.
 - ii. Open Positions: Corporate Liaison, Events Coordinator
 1. Michelle nominated Danielle Harck for corporate liaison. Theresa seconded. The motion passes.

B. PTO Officers Reports

- a. Co-Moderators (Michelle and Rayna)
 - i. Staff Meetings: Garrett will attend the March 24, 2026 staff meeting.
- b. Treasurer (Lindsay)

- i. Lindsay reported that the budget is in good shape and fundraisers have been successful.
 - c. Events Coordinators (Sarah & Selina)
 - i. Read Across America/Book Fair - 3/9-3/13. Fundraising forms sent home with students. Reading Night Out on March 11, 5-7pm.
 - d. Publicity Coordinator (Theresa)
 - i. Book Club – next meeting will be during Reading Night Out, 3/11.
 - e. Parent Commitment Coordinators (Tessa & Mackenzie)
 - i. No update
 - f. Classroom Coordinator Reports
 - i. TK–garden, fairy tales, and all is going well.
 - ii. K–Penguin unit and upcoming field trip to the Worm Farm.
 - iii. 1st–finishing “Life Long Ago” unit and starting “Light and Sound” unit.
 - iv. 2nd–Just finished “Changemakers” unit, including their wax museum presentations, and are starting their “Land Formations” unit.
 - v. 3rd–Finishing 2nd tri assessments and looking forward to the dance academy.
 - vi. 4th–no report.
 - vii. 5th–Many field trips, and looking forward to going to Mt. Lassen soon.
 - viii. SpEd–no report.
- 2. Committee Reports
 - a. Green Committee (Emily, Kristin)
 - i. Garden Cleanup (Abbie)
 - 1. Ms. Lindsey and Abbie reported that they have some artists lined up for murals, and there is a need for people to haul things away from the garden in order to make progress.
 - ii. Nature Center clean-up
 - 1. Discussion of cleanup status and availability of tasks in this area for the students.
 - b. Library Committee (Mande, Abbie)
 - i. Mande reported that there is a need for clearing late/lost book fees for students who are unable to pay and therefore unable to check out new books. Discussion of PTO funds potentially being used to clear some/all of those fines; this will be further discussed when the librarian provides the total number of outstanding fines. Mande also reported on the library project progress, including furniture purchases, and the need for help setting up over the next two weekends (2/28 & 3/1, 3/7 & 3/8).
 - c. Art Committee (Theresa)
 - i. Theresa reported that the Art Show went well, and that she is coming up with new ways to encourage student entries.

3. Teacher Reports
 - a. Mr. Cam and Ms. Lindsey – reported that the 2nd graders are finishing assessments and starting a new unit on Land Formations with several fun field trips.
4. Principal Report (Emily Mullins)
 - a. Principal Emily reported that the Kinetics dance classes have begun, with the performance on Friday, February 6th on the blacktop. Wednesday is “Pink Shirt Day” for anti-bullying/kindness. Friday, 2/28 is the end of Trimester Two; DIBELS reading screeners went out before report cards because of an Education Code requirement that those reports be sent to parents within 45 days of administration. Spelling Bee was last week, and the winner will compete at the County Spelling Bee on March 27th. Coach Rudy was a guest speaker for Empathy Week; Staff and teachers will continue to emphasize empathy with the students for the rest of the year. BLAST obtained funding to make fence cup art along the school fence—the materials will be arriving soon.
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
 - a. Mande reported that the District is observing Ability Awareness day at Hooker Oak on Friday, April 17th. Discussion of various activities to support.
7. Closing
 - a. Meeting adjourned 6:32pm.
 - b. Next Meeting: Monday March 23, 2026