

Attendees:

In-person

Trini Gallegos	Jennie Davis	Ken Frink	Amy Packman
Patricia Goke	Leann Sommers-Templeman	Karen Patterson	Meghan Armstrong
Katy Slota	Valerie Griego	John Grisham	Jakob Schiller
Robert Munro	Stephanie Baca	Jessie Hunt	Desiree Amaral
Kelly Blair	Monica Vigil		

Online

Daniel Loffredo	Heather Martinez	Amy Maxwell	Rosa Torres
Meg Healy			

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Robert Munro at 6:03 pm (online connection wasn't made until 6:15 pm)
2. **Approval of 04/23/25 Minutes** | Facilitator: Robert Munro, PTO President
 - Motion to approve 04/23/25 minutes made by John Grisham and seconded by Leann Sommers-Templeman. Motion approved.
3. **Introductions of Guests** | Presenter: Robert Munro, PTO President
 - Jorge Gonzalez – CABQ Dept. of Municipal Development, Deputy Director (it was noted that Jorge's supervisor, Jennifer Turner, has a child at JMS)
 - Adrian Anzaldua – Strong Towns ABQ (resident of Summit Park neighborhood and parent of children that will attend JMS)
 - Ben Garland – Strong Towns ABQ (Program Manager at UNM Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety)
 - Damon Scott – Nob Hill News (joined via Google Meets)
4. **Featured Discussion: Creating Safer Streets for Students** | Facilitator: Robert Munro, PTO President
 - Issues:
 - School zone is small (not the entire length of the school along Lomas) and may not be signed clearly. Speed limit is 35 mph where school zone isn't designated.
 - City crossguard budget only covers elementary schools – middle schools do not get crossguards
 - Youth and Family Services responsible for crossguards
 - Lack of resources (lack of budget and difficulty finding staff) – a budget increase would require joint agreement between the City and APS
 - Lomas traffic calming study status: City Traffic Engineer anticipates report to be completed by end of year. The city will need this report before making any decisions on how to proceed. Only the study is funded currently. A separate request will be required to fund any interventions recommended by the study.

- Traffic calming options at Lomas-Girard intersection were discussed. Parent/Staff hope some improvements can be implemented before the study interventions are funded:
 - No right turns on red
 - Protected bike lane
 - Hawk light (high-intensity activated crosswalk beacon)
 - Extend school zone
 - Added crosswalk(s) – crosswalk at Wellesley dangerous due to lack of attention from drivers
 - Extend the lights on the Wellesley crosswalk to cover middle school hours (currently only used during elementary school commutes)
 - Road striping / signage to bring awareness to crosswalk
 - Taller median curbs
 - Median fencing (fencing was installed in Lomas median in the past – median fencing is damaged easily/quickly/often, has to be fixed immediately, City ends up removing them)
- Recommendations:
 - Invite City Traffic Engineer to attend a future meeting to discuss options in more depth
 - Discuss our concerns with our City Councilor
 - Create PTO sub-committee to discuss issues and possible solutions in more depth – Jorge Gonzalez stated to provide a list of “low-hanging fruit” options and he will discuss with Traffic Engineer to see if anything can be done sooner.
- Robert Munro thanked guests for attending and engaging in the conversation.

5. Treasurer’s Report | Presenter: John Grisham, PTO Treasurer

- Summary of last year financials:
 - Raised \$16,390.98
 - Spent \$10,845.65
- Starting 2025-2026 school year with \$9,350.18
 - Already raised \$2,446.95 in August (sold more shirts/stickers in August than all last year)
- 2025-2026 Budgeting – Anticipate spending approximately \$11K again this year (John Grisham to earmark categories) and will include an additional \$3K - \$4K to the budget to support additional needs.
- Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Karen Patterson and seconded by Meghan Armstrong. Motion approved.

6. IC (Instructional Council) Representatives 2025-2026 | Presenter: Robert Munro

- IC meetings are open to all parents. Meetings provide good insight on what is going on at the school (major decisions are made at these meetings)
- 6th Grade Parent Representative: Meghan Armstrong
- 7th Grade Parent Representative: Casey Mason
- 8th Grade Parent Representative: Tania Hopkins
- First IC meeting is August 21st @ 7:00 am in the library

7. Meet PTO Members | Presenter: Jennie Davis, PTO Secretary

- Parents and staff (in-person and online) introduced themselves and shared the grade of their student(s), as well as Elementary School attended

8. Committees

- **Fundraising Committee** | Presenter: John Grisham, (notes from Dana Grisham, Committee Chair)
 - PTO fundraising approach is event-driven rather than direct requests for donations
 - New fundraising opportunity – Panda Express emailed PTO about dine and donate opportunity
 - Merchandise (t-shirts and stickers) sales huge success at Registration and Open House
 - Notify PTO of any opportunities to sell JMS merchandise
 - Request to align a spirit day with an exemption day (students wearing any JMS gear to receive prizes from PTO booth) – plan for December exemption day (PTO to decide on prizes)
 - Cookie Mile – continue promotion of event through the end of the calendar year, plan to start fundraising marketing at the beginning of 2026.
 - Holiday Craft Fair 12/6/25
 - Ken Frink to ask if Monte Vista's Holiday Fair is scheduled and if we can align our events
 - PTO to help JMS staff with square payments for vendors
 - New JMS parent owns Los Toasties restaurant and would like to have a fundraiser for the school
- **Teacher Appreciation Committee Update** | Presenter: Meghan Armstrong
 - Committee focused on honoring teachers/staff. More information forthcoming.
- Last year PTO bought a new washing machine for the school, new mics for the gym, and new play equipment for students to use at lunch. PTO is focused on items affecting the larger JMS population
- New Subcommittee to be created for street safety – Jessie Hunt to lead ... thank you Jessie!
- Robert Munro will send out information regarding committees thru WhatsApp in the next couple weeks.

9. Other Business | Presenter: Robert Munro

- Tennis Team is happening!
 - New head coach – Chris Howell (TCA member), 4-5 assistant coaches
 - Email going out tonight about tennis with details / it's a no-cut sport
- Follow-up on Mr. Hedman's request for support - \$400 reimbursement for his Jet Cart prizes (provides incentives to students – select a prize when students receive Jet Card points)
 - Motion to approve \$400 reimbursement made by John Grisham and seconded by Karen Patterson. Motion approved.
- Feedback on student registration – determine next year if queuing line should be outside or wrapped around the inside of the gym.

10. Administration Update | Presenter: Principal Trini Gallegos

- Update on school vacancies: (1) school counselor position is open – substitute counselors currently covering 2 day per week. Special Education teacher not at school yet (coming from Philippines) – hopefully here by end of August.
- 20-day count status: Conducted warm body count. Special ed class numbers too high – hoping to receive additional support from APS. Some elective classes numbers are too high but can move some students around to ensure teachers aren't over their maximum.
 - JMS student population increased approximately 100 students this year (from about 600 – 700). This could be a result of APS lifting the cap on transfers. Does not qualify JMS to receive any

additional Gen Ed positions. Ms. Gallegos confirmed 700 students is a good place for the school to be.

- Update on forthcoming exterior shade/furniture construction project east of main building: \$300K, funded by legislative money. Construction starting in October (materials selected) and includes covered bleachers at field, shade at exterior patio, and tables with game boards. Some of the areas will be blocked off during construction. Ms. Gallegos confirmed the work did not include funding for shade at the pick-up area in the loop.

11. Open Floor for Parent/Teacher Questions | Facilitator: Robert Munro

- Request made for a school events calendar
- Robert Munro will add volunteer opportunities to WhatsApp (loop monitor, hall monitor, lunch monitor, teacher appreciation pop-ups, etc.)
- President Term Duration – Intention is to change out those holding PTO positions every 2 years. Robert Munro prefers if a new parent takes over as PTO President at the end of this school year, but is willing and able to continue if there aren't any volunteers.
- Social event for parents recommended. PTO had one last year (low turnout), will plan to try again in December.
- Snacks for testing – Students will be taking a test in addition to the iReady tests, iMSSA. Ms. Gallegos recommends PTO waits for the iMSSA to provide student snacks since the test is longer than the iReady tests.
- Update JMS website (old PTO info posted) – Jennie Davis to email Mr. Vigil to remove information and add this year's PTO meeting days/times and meeting minutes.

12. Next PTO Meeting: September 17th @ 6:00 pm in JMS Library

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Robert Munro at 7:33pm

- Motion to adjourn made by John Grisham and seconded by Karen Patterson. Motion approved.