

Fowler Middle School
Thursday, September 11, 2025
6:00-7:00pm at Fowler Middle School Library

PSO Meeting Minutes

1. Called to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm on Thursday, April 3 at Fowler Middle School by PSO Treasurer David Yap.
2. Attendees:
 - a. Cindy Pellicci, Marni Watts-Tupou, David Yap, Christy DeBuhr, Andrea Johnson, Evelyn Eayrs, Jane Waldron, Kristin Romelhardt, Jessica Swindle, Angela Swensen, Katee Horak, Erica Hardt, Meghan Whitaker, Katie Reinert, Emily Terriquez, Alyson Schmidt Iverson, Kara Bridges, Amy Kowalski, Jenny Schreiber, MaryAnne Paget, Ashley Telezinski, Tiphani Peery, Monica Bjers, Corrie Rofinot, Andy Beckman, Stacey Beckman, Lindsey Eick
3. Treasurer's Report (David Yap)
 - a. We are starting this year with about \$8000. We typically spend \$10,000-15,000 annually so we need to plan to raise a minimum of \$6000 this year.
 - b. Last year, we started off with a large carryover from the previous year and decided that our goal should be to spend most of what we earn in the same academic year it is raised, leaving less than \$10,000 carryover for the next year. To continue this successfully, it is recommended that we don't wait until the end of the year to do our largest fundraisers.
 - c. We plan to approve a budget for 2025-2026 at the October meeting.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Token Store (Andrea Johnson)
 - i. The Token Store opens next Thursday, September 18th. Students earn tokens from teachers and administration for modeling desired behaviors. Students can then use the tokens to purchase items such as snacks, fidgets and small toys during their lunch period. Actual money is not accepted, only school tokens.
 - ii. Donations of items like Cup-O-Noodles and gently used small stuffies are welcome. An Amazon wish list will also be published.
 - iii. The store is run by adult volunteers. One shift is about 3 hours long. Contact Andrea Johnson at mattj29@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.
 - b. Dining Night Out (Erica Hardt)
 - i. Local businesses donate a portion of the proceeds from sales on designated days to the Fowler PSO. The first 4 events for this year have been scheduled (Sep-Dec) and January is being worked on now.
 1. Beach Hut Deli – September 23, 4:00-8:00pm
 2. MOD Pizza – October 7, 10:30am-10:00pm
 3. Panda Express – November 11, 9:30am-10:30pm
 4. Panera Bread – December 16, 4:00-8:00pm
 - c. Dances

- i. The PSO helps organize 2 school dances during the year, coming up with a theme and decorations, helping get volunteers to chaperone, and selling candy, pizza and popcorn at the dance. Dances are typically scheduled at the end of a quarter. For this year, the dances are scheduled:
 - 1. January 29, 2025, 6:30-8:00pm
 - 2. April 9, 2026, 6:30-8:00pm
 - d. Social Media (Jane Waldron)
 - i. The Fowler PSO has presence on Facebook and Instagram where announcements and information about relevant activities are posted. Contact Jane Waldron at JTiong8@gmail.com if you have announcements to be posted.
 - ii. The PSO also has a website, www.fowlerpsd.org, which hasn't had anyone to maintain it for over a year. We are looking for a volunteer to help get the site up to date and maintain it going forward.
 - e. 8th Grade Celebration
 - i. The PSO funds and organizes a celebration at the end of the year for the outgoing 8th grade class. The last several years this has been a trip to Oaks Park but the costs have increased greatly and other ideas are welcome.
 - f. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. About 4 times a year, the PSO organizes events to thank the teachers and staff for their hard work. This is usually a meal or snack bar, and around the winter holidays we have traditionally put together boxes of assorted cookies. Food is typically provided by volunteers who sign up pot-luck style.
 - g. Fundraising
 - i. Fundraising activities from past years have included virtual auctions, poinsettia sales, dining night out, coin drives, candy buy back, bottle refunds (historically collection and delivery done by leadership class in return for 20% of proceeds), and spirit wear sales.
 - ii. Feedback on the fun run from last year – more emphasis on it being a fundraiser might have increased participation. Even though students only had to run/walk as far as they wanted, calling it a “5K” may have discouraged some students from participating that weren't interested in going that distance.
 - iii. New ideas raised during the meeting included a fund drives asking for donations for specific events and publicizing Amazon and Fred Meyer Rewards programs.
- 5. Principal's Report (Cindy Pellicci)
 - a. New Building – Thank you again to all who voted in favor of the new bond measure that will allow a complete re-build of Fowler. Surveyors have started their work to determine the best site for the new building, either in the place of the current track or baseball field. Students will be able to remain in the existing building until the new building is completed. There will be multiple listening sessions, some targeted at specific groups and some open to all community members as plans are being established. The estimated timeline would have ground breaking in fall of 2026, the new building ready for students in fall 2029, followed by demolition of the current building and completion of new athletic fields and parking sometime in 2030.

- b. Start of the school year – We have had an amazing and positive start to this school year with good energy from both students and staff.
 - c. New personal electronic device policy – Adherence to the new policy has been going well. If staff see a device, it gets checked into the office for the remainder of the day. Wireless headsets are no longer allowed, they must be wired and connected to a school device. We are working to follow the policy and minimize negative interactions at the same time.
 - d. Picture day is next Wednesday, September 17.
 - e. Funding requests will be held for the next meeting after the PSO has approved a budget for this year.
6. Open Forum
- a. School iPads are locked down at 7:00pm this year in an attempt to encourage kids not to be up late at night finishing homework. Students are encouraged to work with their teachers if they are having difficulty finishing work.
 - b. Rumors about issues in the boys bathrooms continue. There have been past issues with apple and ketchup packet smashing, but so far there have been less issues this year. Staff members are being posted by the bathrooms during lunches. New security staff, separate from the Student Resource Officer, is clearing all bathrooms after passing times. 6th graders may use any bathrooms throughout the school, but the bathrooms in the 6th grade wing are reserved only for 6th grade use. The bathroom near the stage in the commons also has a window to the sink area that teachers can see into from the hall which discourages misconduct in that space.
 - c. Yes, you heard right. The school has a contract with Pizza Hut to provide whole-grain-crust pizza as one of the daily lunch options this year.
 - d. There was a secure hold today, where students were kept in their classrooms during normal passing time due to a medical emergency in the commons area, but there was no security threat. Ms. Pellici will investigate whether there is any way to include something more descriptive in the subject of the alerts sent out to parents so that they can get a sense for the severity of the event even before they are able to fully open and read the message. A refresher on the different types and levels of security events will also be sent out.
 - e. There is no additional “back to school” night planned this fall. Instead there will be an evening event in February where parents will have the opportunity to visit their student’s second semester classes.
7. Meeting Adjourned
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.
 - b. The next PSO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 6:00pm in the Fowler Middle School Library, but may be moved to not conflict with events at our feeder elementary schools. The final date will be publicized in the Fowler Weekly and on social media.