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25-26 School Improvement Team

Agenda and Minutes

OCTOBER 15, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING

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4:00 - 5:00

Celebrations

Members:	<p>Community Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-1: Amber Munnertlyn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-3: Brianna Lajoie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-5: Shanequa Green <input type="checkbox"/> At Large: Angela Ables <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSTA President: Jessica Lively 	<p>Staff Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Principal: Kelli Wallace <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-2: Cathleen Palecek <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-5: Jordan Silva (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/> Support Staff: Lisa Sterling (TBD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrator: Jaime Massey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process Manager: Lonna Holbrook
Comprehensive Plan/Indistar Platform	<p> https://www.indistar.org/app/schooldashboard.aspx USERNAME: GUESTS16809 PASSWORD: GUESTS16809 </p>	
Minutes	<p>Type of Meeting: Beginning of year Meeting, elections</p> <p>Meeting Invitees: Kelli Wallace,</p> <p>Meeting Facilitator: Angela Ables unable to attend - Kelli Wallace is acting facilitator</p> <p>Call to order with Mission Statement -</p>	



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We work to educate all students using a collaborative engineering design process so that they have the personal and academic skills needed to be productive citizens of the twenty-first century.

PPES BELIEFS

- *WE BELIEVE a shared commitment among teachers, parents and other adults to provide a safe and positive learning environment that contributes to student well-being and academic success.*
- *WE BELIEVE a shared commitment among teachers, parents and other adults to challenge students on their learning levels and beyond, consistent with their learning styles, and to encourage active engagement in learning which contributes to student well-being and academic success.*
- *WE BELIEVE that building personal skills and effective collaboration is critical in preparing our students for the work force.*
- *WE BELIEVE a shared commitment among teachers, parents, and other adults to promote and sustain high morale is essential and contributes to student well-being and academic success.*

IV. Roll Call - Kelli Wallace,



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V. Approval of Minutes - September, minutes were approved.

VI. Principal Report - Kelli Wallace

a.) Enrollment and Staffing - Current enrollment = 962

Lost a 2nd grade teacher, but hired a full time sub, PNA

Gained two additional ADMs (allotment per student).

b.) Safety Report/Update - Had our beginning of the year audit.

All areas were at 100% in protocols. Teacher interviewed, staff and students were interviewed on how to respond in emergency

c.) Title IX - no updates

d.) Testing Updates -

- Diebels window has closed. Currently in i-ready window for BOY.
- BOG for 3rd grade (parents can assess on Infinite Campus), Ms. Hall BOY have all been completed.



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- Cogat testing is still being completed. Question- when will Cogat testing results be released? A few new students will need to be tested. Ms. Wallace met with Mr. Deegan for update.
- RTA for 4th grade will be given to about 15 students on Wednesday October 9th. If they do not show proficiency they will be put into MTSS. Parents will get a note if they meet their requirements.
- Working with Mrs. K to work with students for reading intervention MTSS. We will have math support for small groups and/or co-teaching this year.
- For our ML students who are trying to exit services those who score above 3.8 will have the opportunity to use AIFA to practice for the ACCESS test.
- MVPA is for 3rd to 5th grade students to see how well they do with standards taught. Areas covered are: math, literacy, and science(5th only). Parents are notified if they will be taking this test.
- New this year- a checkpoint test for benchmark. Adding second grade as well to help close the gap. Submitted into mastery connect.



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- Checkpoint is similar to NC check ins.
- Are parents notified with Diebels, I-ready? This is based on grade-level and many will give out information during conferences.

e.) Talent Development Updates

- Identified 110-115 students
- Reading Rumble Practice began this week 2nd - 5th (turnout estimated at 30 students). He is building teams to help. April 25th is the competition. He will meet with students on Wednesday mornings.
- Math Olympiad began this week for 4th-5th
- Mathapalooza for 3rd grade is up next. Working on setting up teams.
- Single subject acceleration will begin next week. This is for students who are eligible in one area but not another, or students who can benefit but not certified. Deegan will communicate with parents.

e.) New Initiatives -

- Office Volunteers-has been a major benefit. Having extra hands had lightened the front office load. Items in



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cubbies are more efficiently handled without disruptions for classroom teachers.

- Grade level assemblies- assemblies went very well in communicating expectations

Attendance policy

Incentives,

- PoW Lunch Guests- sign up has been beneficial/Friday is the heaviest day, Ms. Callen has ideas to make the spaces more inviting. Parents and students are enjoying this incentive
- Firm Foundations- Mr. Bates has been meeting with a group of girls. May need more than one person to help provide support for this initiative.
- Applications for the "News" is currently being taken. Teams will last 2 weeks. The old team will train the new team on the last Fridays.

g.) Professional Development -

- CKH- team coming in
- Differentiated PD next Week 10/22.
- Full implementation is phased in. Most classrooms have developed a social contract.



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- Next week-teachers will have an opportunity to sign up for leadership and participate in sessions.
- PACE toolkit to help enhance student language development
- Teachers will have an additional PD session to attend.

Non-Athletic Stipend

- Amount Allotted: \$2,500
- Distribution Plan: \$625 per coordinator/club sponsor (subject to change based on group participation and time commitment)
 - Safety Patrol Coordinator – \$625
 - FirmFoundations Coordinator – \$625
 - Student Council Coordinator – \$625
 - Girls on the Run Coordinator – \$625
- Documentation Method: Each coordinator will submit total hours worked to verify stipend amounts.

IV. Parent Business

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)
- d.)

V. PTSA Updates - Jessica Lively, PTA President

In the middle of the Booster fun run. 49% of students are registered.

Profit- just over \$22,000



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- Reminder for everyone to join ParentSquare
- Executive Board and Committee Structure
- Calendar listed with all events/teacher workdays
- Membership
 - Individual \$10
 - Faculty \$6
 - Family \$20
 - Student
 - \$10
- Incentives for joining
- Jump the car line incentive-positive feedback
- Volunteer Coordinator...Room Parent System- This is a new position, we have a volunteer. She has communicated to teachers about room parents.
- Budget
 - Some new budget items
 - More fundraising (small things)
 - Spirit Nights-successful. Dominos brings in 200-250.
 - Talked about where money has been allocated



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- Angel Tree will continue
- Fun Run monies will go towards the empty area outside of the gym (TBA)
- Bring ideas to the table on what you may want to spend money on...PTSA has money to spend
- MCL's will be given the responsibility of gathering classroom needs that PTSA will support. Will discuss with PTA meeting in November.

Some staff issues- approaching PTSA president about reimbursement. Ms. Wallace will reinforce the process with staff.

- Schoolpride
 - Spiritwear presale...endrf 9/11
Pre-orders have been distributed. 3 shirts are currently missing. Jessica shared concerns about who has access to the PTSA office. Missing items have happened before. Who has keys to the PTSA? Can we mitigate future issues.
 - Ordered extra spiritwear which is available online.



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- We still have some older items left as well as new spiritwear
- Marquee and spirit rock update...2 step process...givebacks
- Cafeteria for birthday celebrations
- Spirit rock vendors-successful
- Spirit Nights
 - Knights Game-huge success even with rain delay.
 - Tastee Ice...Septmeber- successful
 - Small Cakes...October
 - Dominoes...September...very successful
 - Super Chix...November
- Special Events
 - Volunteers for fall picture day volunteers was helpful especially from the photographers. Volunteers received a free photo package.
 - Back to school teacher Luncheon
 - Church volunteers to help paint the yellow playground benches and spread mulch



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- Lost and Found and uniform closet...very full but could use more pants. Would like parents to be reminded to label them.
- Water bottles and stands to be gifted to second grade because of the no water in the mobiles.
- Request was made for number of faculty who have signed up as members to be shared with Ms. Chaney who is promoting to faculty.

- Givebacks
 - Olivers Labels
 - Publix
 - Harris Teeter (online pickup)
 - Working with Home Depot

- Beautification...working on- Will address after Fun Run

- Advocacy
 - Mock voting near election day
 - Panthers Vote Initiative-church not available on the day. Currently reaching out to other locations. Presented an idea to vote through



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a google form in class. Students will still receive a "I voted" sticker.

- Career Day...Feb. 20th
- Student Government/Council for students (TBA)...using dens
- Fundraising
 - Fun Run...pep rally 10/10
 - Fun Run Campaign...10/11-10/20
 - Fun Run...10/21
 - Outdoor Cafeteria Space (Panther of the Week)
 - Gaga Pit
 - Updates to Morning News Space
 - Updates to Media Center
 - TD (Talent Development) Coding, Robotics Club
 - Outdoor Sound System for Pep Rallies/Events
 - Upgrading portables with lighting and canopies when it rains
- Upcoming events
 - Spirit Night
 - Early Release Day
 - No School
 - Fall Pictures
 - Spirit Night



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- Fun RUn
- Staff outing-holiday party-December 10th
- Parent's night out- December 5th Friday night with volunteers from parents. We will have 1 administrator on site.
- Valentine Dance-February 5th
- Cultural Arts Night(move from November)- Do we want to work around book fair? May need to be an additional parent night.
- Book fair is December 4th-11th.

VI. Next Meeting Date - November 12, 2025, January 14, 2026, February 18, 2026, March 11, 2026, April 22, 2026

VII. Adjourned Time -

- 10/21 PTSA Fun Run
- 10/24 Endless Possibilities Field Trip
- 10/31 End of Q1
- 11/4 Teacher Workday (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
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Upcoming Events