

Northridge PTO Minutes

March 10, 2026

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Parents/Teachers Present: Chris Peterson, Kiersten Small, Shonda Mertz, Amber Estabrook, Brandi Sonneson, Calli, Alyx Matthews, Justin Weichel.

Approval of Minutes: Shonda motioned to approve. Kirsten seconded. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal Report: 452 students enrolled, seven new students from all over the world! Camp Ed: 91 students signed up. Enrollment is open through the end of this month. Northridge offers free breakfast and lunch during Camp Ed. Currently at 51 students signed up for the in-coming kindergarten class. March is Reading Month. Each classroom is working toward prizes donated from the Larks. Testing is happening in early April. Dr. Fastnaut recently visited the school to talk to staff about the long-range facility plans. He will come to our PTO meeting in May.
2. Treasurer's Report: Raffle Has brought in \$3,080 so far, which is enough to cover all expenses. Purchased items for Teacher Appreciation and fruit for Bingo for Books. Got the Dine to Donate check from Rockin 50s Café. Current ending balance is \$19,405.19. We would like to try to write the checks out to teachers sooner than later so they still have time to spend them before the end of the year.

Old Business

1. End of Year Bash: Art Show, popsicles
2. Band Night Parade: May 8, we are signed up.
3. Conference Meal: Went well. Sloppy Joes were well received.
4. Dine and Donate: \$162 from Rockin' 50s.
5. Bingo for Books: Great turnout, might have been a little down in attendance but not much.
6. Raffle tickets: Sold about \$5300. Ordered 400 more.

New Business

1. Talent Show: Evie and Lena are emcees. We will ask for program artwork by April 1.

2. Teacher Allocations: May cut the checks yet this week so teachers have time to spend the funds. 34 returning teachers (\$150 each). 5 new teachers (\$200 each). All full-time. Total of \$6,100. Amber moved to approve these amounts. Alyx seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. 5th Grade T-Shirts: T-shirts should be complete by the end of the month.
4. Dine and Donate: Texas Roadhouse on April 13.
5. New Board Member Nominations: Brandi and Amanda are stepping off. Amber is staying on. Brandi nominates Kiersten Small for president. Amber nominates Alyx Matthews for secretary. Amanda nominated Amber Estabrook as vice president and co-treasurer. Brandi nominated Calli to be treasurer, understanding she will be more behind the scenes.
6. PTO Scholarship: We received a donation of \$75 to the scholarship from Mr. Severson's family after he passed away. 1 scholarship for any graduating senior that attended Northridge (\$750). 1 scholarship for graduating seniors who are family members of Northridge staff (\$500). Committee consists of Ms Mertz, Mr Brilz, Libby, Amber, and Kiersten.
7. April Meeting: Moved to April 7 to avoid overlap with the BPS long-range facility plan meeting held for the district at CHS.
8. May Meeting will start 30 minutes earlier to allow Dr. Fastnault to share long-range facility plans more specific to Northridge.
9. Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-8, 2026. Theme is "O-fish-ally the Best". Monday is snacks. Tuesday is gifts. Wednesday is dirty soda bar. Thursday is a game. Friday is a meal. Brandi promises to ask for help with set-up/change-over, and donations.

Adjourn at 7:49 p.m.