Central Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00-8:30 pm

7:00 pm Welcome *— Sunny Kase, PAC Co-Chair*

- Format of PAC meetings
- What is PAC? Who is PAC? Where is PAC? Why do we need a PAC?

7:05 pm Staff Presentations - *Erica Hunt, Senior Class Advisor*

- Graduation planning is under way
- New graduation venue: St Thomas
- Student-driven effort for fundraising for all-night party
- Schoology group for the senior class group; people can find out more there
- Graduation signs: the district does not fund this; this could create an equity issue for other SPPS high schools
    - Principal Ayers: supports having signs; perhaps some families are willing to purchase them

7:10 pm Staff Presentations - *Joleen Armstrong, MYP Advisor*

- Personal Projects: For 10th grade students; students are writing their written reports now and there will be a personal project fair later in March
    - Culminating project the the middle years program (MYP)
    - Having it as a class provided scaffolding; state/district added personal finance standard, so Central scaled back having this a class
    - Freshman Foundations is for 9th grade students and service oriented
- AP/IB Testing: Testing will be in May; they will be added to the calendar this week; if they have conflicts with other AP tests, the tests will be rescheduled
    - Testing will be digital again this year
- Award: made AP Honor Roll last year
    - Silver: last years 64% of seniors experienced an AP course before graduation;
    - College Culture: one point away from gold

7:15 pm CHS Principal Updates *— Cherise Ayers, Principal*

- Updates on happenings at school
    - Thank you to the observers who have given time and energy to make sure students are safe; very helpful for students and staff
    - Appreciates that PAC raises money for more than just Central
    - Events:
        - National African American Parent Involvement Day - many ways to be involved, just by being involved in your student's schooling
        - Pan African Student Culture Night: big success

        - Dr. Lin put on Chinese New Year celebration at school, very inclusive
        - Successful Opportunity Fair; over 100 vendors involved
        - Central Showcase last week; clubs and teams, tours; had families with middle schoolers
        - Tri-school concerts happening this week
        - The play Emma is coming up
- Registration for next year: Begins in March; core classes will remain the same; electives focused on interests/involvement
    - Current 10th graders interested in full IB will meet with Mr. Ley to determine curriculum
    - Registration happens through the iPads; counselors will review classes

7:45 pm Central Booster Clubs & Community

- Sports Boosters – Jen O'Malley
    - Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WkIy9XPqdUYWgVG6_Cnspkmo6jediKwKhHHvE19y7UY/edit?usp=sharing
    - Newsletter: https://www.centralboosters.org/Central-Boosters-Newsletter-Sign-Up/
    - Serve to raise funds for all the sports, instead of individual sports booster clubs
    - Hosts concessions and money goes to support hiring coaches
    - Group has other fundraising efforts to fund coaching positions
    - More than 1,500 students participate in sports
    - Each team have parent liaisons that connect with the boosters; teams decide how to spend the money
    - Meetings happen the first Sunday of the month
- Theater Boosters – Jenia Strom
    - Upcoming production Emma, March 27, 28, & 29
    - Three student productions a year
    - Boosters support by supplementing expenses beyond what the district can do
    - 106 students involved in the show, both on stage and back stage
    - Boosters meet regularly; next meeting March 17 at school, to get ready for the spring play
    - Tickets go on sale on March 13
    - More information on the Central website
- Music Boosters
    - Bowlero is the upcoming fundraiser; contact person Jen Roe
- Recognition of the Central Observers Group - Sunny Kase
    - Student organized mark and walkout in January; PAC supported student leaders; this was a student-led project
    - PAC: Supplied hand warmers and helped organize parents
    - Student-designed signs paid for by a separate parent group

- There were 60 adult volunteers for march in January
- Some of those same people stepped up to organize perimeter group to monitor beginning and end of day
- People are parents, neighbors, community members
- Had a community dinner last week to thank observers
- Has made a huge difference at the school and ensuring students feel safe
- They have been helping other schools and sharing knowledge

8:05 pm Board Renewal Strategy

- PAC will need volunteers in the coming years
- Would like people to shadow chair and treasurer next year
- Contact any PAC exec team member if interested

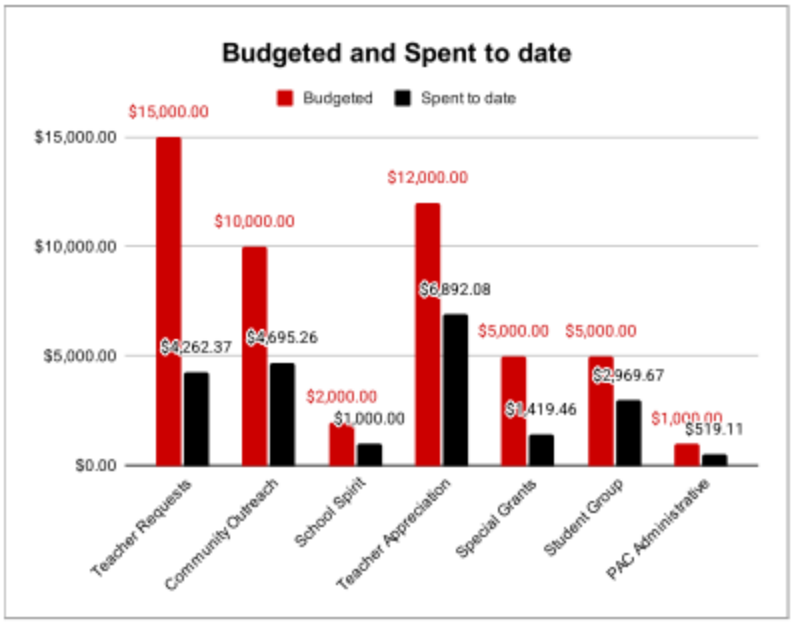
8:10 pm PAC Fundraising & Financial Report *— Heidi Van Schooten, PAC Treasurer*

- Fundraising so far: $41,951.96
  - Initial goal was $50,000; will stop at when we are at nearly $42,000
- Central Mutual Aid Relief Fund: $7,500
  - Approached by social workers at Central to fill small gaps; people raised $7,500 as a separate fundraiser
  - They are using existing resources but sometimes there are other needs
- Budget info graphics

2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)			
Budget Items	**Budgeted**	**Spent to date**	**Remaining**
Teacher Requests 2025-2026	$15,000.00	$4,262.37	$10,737.63
Community Outreach	$10,000.00	$4,695.26	$5,304.74
School Spirit	$2,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Teacher Appreciation	$12,000.00	$6,892.08	$5,107.92
Special Grants	$5,000.00	$1,419.46	$3,580.54
Student Group Grants	$5,000.00	$2,969.67	$2,030.33
PAC Administrative Costs	$1,000.00	$519.11	$480.89
Total	**$50,000.00**	**$21,757.95**	**$28,242.05**

Checking Account Balance 7/1/2025	$34,541.86
PayPal Balance 2/9/2026	$27,737.64
Carry Over Checks from 24-25 Budget	-$1,802.74
Expenses	-$22,074.03
Deposits	$14,214.32
Balance Less Unreconcilled Checks	$52,617.05
Current PAC Balance	$52,617.05

2024 - 2025 Fundraising			
	Goal	**Raised to Date**	**Remaining**
Individual Donations	$50,000.00	$41,951.96	$8,048.04
ACTUAL		**$41,951.96**	



8:30 pm Meeting ends