Givens PTO 2025-2026
Monday, April 6, 2026
6:00 pm / Llywelyns

1. Presidents (Betsy/Hannah)
    a. Teacher Grants
        i. Holding until next year; will need to look at increasing budget by at least $2k
    b. Parent Resources
        i. Anxious Generation Book discussion workshop by Amy Maus
            1. Partnered with all elementary schools; split cost of $425 w/ all schools; held Tuesday, 3/3 at 6pm at Givens
            2. 50 attendees
    c. PTO Board for 2026-2027

Position	2026-2027
Sr. President	Betsy Hedrick
Jr. President	
VP Community	Erin Grzesiowski
VP Administration	Madeline Campise
VP Fundraising	Audrey Nemeth
Sr. Treasurer	Mitch Lorenz
Jr. Treasurer	Natasha Garcia
Sr. Communications	*Alex Guffey*
Jr. Communications	Nicole Tache
Equity	*Brooke Pate*
Equity	Cloris King

        i. Hannah, Alex, and Brooke are happy to stay on in their current roles in 26-27 IF their positions aren't filled – we'll open these positions up to the Givens community.
        ii. Betsy will stay on as Sr. Pres in 26-27, but not beyond. Ideally, the onboarding Sr. Pres will be shadowing her.
        iii. We will vote on the 2026-2027 board at the 5/4 meeting
    d. 2026-2027 Calendar
        i. Anything to consider?

1. Yorba will collect and share list of Givens traditions we've lost over the years.

ii. Goal is to create a tentative calendar for next year to review over the summer with Dr. Givens

e. Trivia Night
   i. Tickets: 141/180 (including 1 teacher table)
   ii. Silent Auction
   iii. Treasurers (Mitch and Natasha will be there to collect $$)
   iv. 2027 Date - Betsy to see what's available; Brentwood Comm Center could be another option.

2. VP Administration (Madeline)
   a. Staff meals - all done except teacher appreciation
   b. Staff birthdays
      i. $75 is the monthly budget for stocking lounge - March and April are done; we have 3 sign-ups for May.
3. VP Community (Erin)
   a. How do we bring more community building into the school?
4. VP Fundraising (Audrey)
   a. Dine Outs
      i. Snarfs ($100 sent to school)
      ii. Chicken Scratch Tue April 14th
      iii. Vanilla Sugar Bake Shoppe (sent email beginning of Jan & Feb)
      iv. Kilwins (end of school/last day) - sent inquiry
      v. Cyranos (they do % of entire evening sales, not just people who mention your school) Plan for next year
   b. Progressive Dinner
      i. 9/19
      ii. Jessica Hughes created Save the Date flyer and host sign-up to announce at trivia
      iii. Goal: sell 50 tickets
      iv. Kelly Iffrig partnering with Erin and Megan on host house (apps); Jamie can be dessert house if nobody signs up; need dinner houses.
   c. Wine Night
      i. Total raised: $1,670
      ii. Profit $990.55
      iii. Additional $135 in sales…need to pick up check – Mitch will check to see if it was deposited.
   d. Lava island

i. Awaiting check

5. Treasurers (Mitch/Natasha)
    a. Net Fundraising This Year (so far): $9267.7
        i. Goal - $27,425 ($16,983.43 to go)
            1. Last year - trivia night net - $19,839.20
    b. 2025-26 budget
    c. Current Summary:
        i. Previous Month Closing Balance: $46,237.82
        ii. Current Balance: $50,108.47 (note: all incoming bball tix will be pulled out of this amount, but they're included now)
        iii. March Expenses/Deposits:
            1. Trivia night (net $2372.37)
            2. Anxious Generation (net -$283.34 (only 2 schools paid)
            3. Stock the lounge ($80.30)
            4. 5th Grade donations ($320)
            5. Cardinals Tickets ($1150)
            6. Flowers & soda 2/3rd concert ($53.92)
        iv. Budget for next year: district projections for school enrollment; we need to know that bc it affects the budget/donations
            1. Assuming the same as prior year (around 50) but Givens is hard to predict given nature of family sign-ups (mostly later sign-ups)
    d. 501(c)(3)
        i. Spoke with Joshua Brinkley (last person running the umbrella org - will help once we decide direction)
        ii. Also in communication with an individual who helped other schools.
        iii. Plan to decide between 1) re-file as a new nonprofit vs. 2) recategorizing as independent (outside of umbrella) with the same EIN.
6. Communications (Alex/Nicole)
    a. Posting monthly minutes publically (Nicole will do)
    b. Teacher communications: This will be done by head room parent per grade level. This will be a new "position" in 26-27.
7. Equity (Brooke/Cloris)
    a. Black Rep to perform "Sleeping Beauty" – Tentatively scheduled for 5/8 at 1pm ($500)
8. Upcoming Dates & To Dos
    a. 4/11: Trivia Night
    b. 4/22: Choir performance-Stephanie will get flowers
    c. 4/24: School Dance

i. Mr. Kirksey is taking care of this; will let us know if he needs help
ii. PTO has $1k budget for this event.

d. 4/30: Kindergarten and 1st Grade Concert - Erin will take care of 12-pack of Pepsi/flowers
e. 5/4: PTO Meeting @ Givens
    i. Dr. Givens will be attending and we'll discuss future improvement plans/ school upgrades for Givens, as well as voting on 26-27 budget and board members, and scheduling summer meeting.
f. 5/4 - 5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week
    i. Coffee truck booked 5/7 from 10-12p (add pastries)
    ii. Build-a-bouquet 5/5 - Madeline is getting vases, flowers, ribbons
g. MAP Party (3-5 graders)
    i. Already have games, nacho bar; Mrs. Whistler will let Betsy know what she needs
h. 5/15: Field Day
    i. Nothing needed from PTO
i. 5/21: Trimester Parties - Erin to communicate to room parents after trivia.
j. 5/21: 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony ($1500 budgeted already; goal is to raise $500 more)
    i. SkyZone needs to be funded.
    ii. Yorba/Stephanie want to use QR code for 4th and 5th grade families to donate or volunteer; will distribute at trivia; will send a sign-up with more specifics soon
    iii. PTO agrees we're NOT covering the cost of yearbooks for 5th graders this year

9. Committees
    a. Large Initiatives – table till Betsy and Dr. Givens meet.
        i. Ideas with Current Money
            1. $5k on Staff: split $4k lounge, $1k staff grants
            2. $5k- $10K: Building Updates
    b. Welcome Committee
        i. Budget? Need to order Givens bags, water bottles and mugs, decorations
            1. This year, we had $400 budgeted, $170 has been spent so far.
        ii. Currently have 17 people helping out, Flyer to go out after Trivia for anyone who wants to join the effort over the summer
        iii. Current Plan: Kindergarten Welcome/Orientation, Kindergarten Summer Playdates, Grade Level Summer Meet Ups, Kindergarten Yard Signs, New Family Bags (include Givens decal), Staff Welcome Gifts, Boohoo Woohoo

Breakfast (New location?), First Day of School Decorations, *Caregiver Meet Ups (new, looking to get one person at each grade level to sign up)

1. Mitch to separate these into various line items in 26-27 budget.

c. Cardinals Game (Amy)
    i. 9/20/26 vs. Nationals; Take me out to the ballgame
    ii. Spirit week the week of opening day
    iii. For the first two weeks, each ticket you buy gets you one voucher to see a summer game of your choosing.
    iv. Ticket Sales Process Update (GiveButter?)
        1. Mitch may be able to make a second website through square (goal is to have people pay at time of purchase)
    v. Ticket Price ($25), we will be on lower level
    vi. Transportation to the game
    vii. Shirts - use spiritwear from BTS Bash?

10. Opens
    a. Bobo's Fundraising: school profit 40%
        i. Betsy will keep talking to the rep; maybe do this next year.
            1. Would need someone to collect order forms and money. Bobo's would deliver items, kids distribute.
    b. Do Good Popcorn is another idea for fundraising – it's easy, they deliver everything to customers.