



MINUTES

Harney Middle School

School Organization Team Meeting

Meeting in person: HMS Room 602

March 26, 2026, Meeting

Start Time 3:05 PM

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Jessica Cox, Parent member - Present

Bertha Luna, Parent member – not in attendance

Ashlee Merback, Parent member - Present

Darrell Shakespear, Parent member - Present

Tara Bunker, Teacher - Present

Tod Young, Teacher - Present

Kathy Banegas, Support Professional - Present

Eli Merback, Student – not in attendance

Phongsavanh Skvarek, Principal – Present

Also in Attendance: Julie Brown, Sue Thurman, Kathleen Coronado, Ryan Fromoltz

The agenda for this meeting is posted publicly on the school website at harneymys.org.

The School Organization Team may rearrange agenda items, combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and remove an agenda item or delay discussion related to agenda items at any time.

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Speakers are asked to be respectful of each other, team members, the principal, and school district staff. Speakers who are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Member attendance – See Above

2.0 Previous Meeting

2.1 Approval of minutes for **February 3, 2026** – Minutes approved

2.2 Follow-up on action/outstanding items – None at this time

3.0 New Items

3.1 Plan of Operations – Budget (Skvarek) – Ms. Skvarek reports that staffing continues to control the budgeting process. Due to CCSD requirements, a Head Custodian position had to be filled.

3.2 Staffing Updates (Skvarek) – Ms. Skvarek reports our Head Custodian will start effective July 1, 2026; There has been other movement in our education assistance personnel, which has resulted in saving an SPTA position for the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Perez will move from Harney M.S., to a school closer to her home for the 2026-2027 school year. We also had another Math teacher resign mid-year. These two resignations will result in the elimination of these two positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

3.3 Facilities (Brown) – Ms. Brown reports the soccer field is complete and looks good. We continue with A/C issues, only one chiller is operating at this time. The intercom system will be updated for the 2026-2027 school year, with the objective of also correcting the overhead speakers in the gym for better play-by-play announcing during indoor sporting events, concerts, and activities.

3.4 Athletics (Brown) – According to Ms. Brown, our Girls and Boys soccer teams are in full play, as well as volleyball. There

was budget discussion for volleyball for the 2026-2027 school year – because volleyball is not a District recognized sport for Middle School, Harney M.S. will be responsible for volleyball funding next year (District will pay for the coaches). This continues to be a work in progress, due to the importance of the sport for our student population.

3.5 Communications (Wise) – It is reported that Ms. Wise has been sending out Parent/School Communication, and Parent link continues to be used by Administration and Staff to communicate with parents/guardians.

3.6 Testing (Wise) – Ms. Wise was not in attendance, Mr. Shakespear reports that SBAC Testing will start on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

3.7 Activities (Wise) – Ms. Brown reports there are two fieldtrips coming up soon, Special Education will visit the Neon Museum, and the Vegas Golden Knights will host 150 Harney M.S. students (50 from each grade) as a VGK Team Engagement opportunity for students to learn to ice skate. This experience will include skate rental, and lunch. VGK provides all expenses including the cost of transportation. There will be a Sports Banquet at the end of the year (additional information will be available in a few weeks). STUCO field trip to Disneyland on April 24, 2026.

3.8 Curriculum/Title I Parent Engagement/SEL (Thurman) Ms. Thurman reports that Scheduling for the 2026-2027 school year is underway and hoping to release the Master Schedule on April 6th at Staff Development Day. Tier 1 Parent Engagement is complete for the 2025-2026 school year with all reports turned in. In May, 2026, we will start inviting parents for Engagement opportunities for the 2026-2027 school year. Open House for the 2026-2027 school year will be on Friday evening, August 7, 2026. There was a brief discussion regarding Early Bird and possible Late Classes for the 2026-2027 school year, Ms. Skvarek and Ms. Thurman commented and report there will not be a decision until mid to late April, as budgeting is finalized.

3.9 SSC initiatives/Discipline Updates (Coronado) Ms. Coronado reports fewer behavioral incidents 2025-2026 school year in comparison to the 2024-2025 school year. Also, teachers are reporting classes are calmer. School badges continue to be a concern, however, Mr. Shakespear reports a much better ratio of students having badges getting off of the bus this past week, than the prior three weeks. On Thursday, March 26, there were only 17 students getting off of the bus without a badge on. Ms. Coronado also reports Dress Code continues to be an issue, even though she provides instruction daily during 1st and 2nd lunch.

4.0 Information

4.1 Next meeting: Thursday Date: April 16, 2026 Time: 3:00 p.m.

4.2 By way of information, Mr. Fromoltz reports we are 89 year books away from being sold out. The Yearbook was submitted during Spring Break to the printer. We will have the Yearbook signing sometime in May, after all testing is complete.

Shout out from Ms. Thurman regarding Ms. Brown creating an integrated outdoor lunch time for IEP Students, as the students who participate in outdoor activities during lunch include our IEP students in their play activities, and the IEP Students are also enjoying being outdoors instead of sitting in the Cafeteria, once they are done eating.

5.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes allocated per person)