



**Harney Middle School (HMS)
School Organizational Team Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2025
3:00 pm**

The Harney Middle School - School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm on May 15, 2025. The meeting was held in the PLC Room (room 602).

Voting members attending in-person or virtual:

Licensed Staff: Tara Bunker, Zachary Edwards
Parents: Megan Farnsworth, Ashlee Merback
Support Professional: Kim Hawthorne

Non-voting attendees in-person or virtual:

HMS Admin/Staff: Ms. Thurman, Mr. Shakespear

Voting members absent:

Principal: Phongsavanh Skvarek
Parents: Natasha Williams, Jasmine Durham
Student: Nic Roskelley

Agenda Items

- Welcome, Roll Call and Previous Meeting
 - The minutes from the April 2025 meeting were presented.
 - Motion by Bunker, second by Hawthorne, unanimously approved.
- New Items
 - Plan of Operations/Staffing Updates (Thurman)
 - Shared several new hires coming on board for 25-26 school year
 - This includes a second art teacher, several Resource teachers, and more.
 - Discussed opportunities to support long-term subs with alternative route to licensure
 - Facilities/Athletics (Thurman)
 - Lighting replacement project has concluded – discussion regarding benefits and challenges
 - **ACTION:** Brown to follow-up on if emergency lights are functioning appropriately.
 - Athletic banquets to be held next week
 - Testing (Thurman)
 - Review YoY MAP testing results – celebrated progress
 - Curriculum/Parent Engagement (Thurman)
 - Discussed proposed Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement Policy for 25-26, minor edits were suggested
 - Reviewed school feedback survey responses
 - Discussion ensued regarding ideas on how to help students feel safer at school
 - **ACTION:** Thurman to look at incorporating increasing club offerings and participation into policy
 - SSC Initiatives/Discipline (Coronado)
 - Cell phone pouches will be assigned to each student next year, similarly to Chromebooks
 - Activities (Thurman)
 - 8th grade dance TONIGHT
 - Fine Arts has a trip to Knotts Berry Farm this weekend
 - Student vs Staff game and other 8th grade activities
 - Choir Concert
 - Teachers having an EOY potluck

- Other group discussion
 - Ms. Merback asked about scholarship awarded at this year's 8th Grade Awards night
 - Discussion ensued on source of monies for award and clearly communicating awards when students start in 6th grade so it can be used as motivation to achieve.

Information

- Next meeting August 21 at 3pm in room 602.

Public Comment Period

- No comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.