

Whitney Ave Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Meeting
Thursday May 14, 2026 at 3:30-4:30 P.M. Room D6 or online

In Attendance: Julie Sagara, Chelsea Spier, Madina, Mary Cordoso, Nicole Santillian

Notes in purple text

Agenda

- **Whitney Ave Elementary Family Cookbook** (10 minutes). This was almost complete at the time of the meeting and was just waiting on one final translation. The final version was shared in the May 29th Whitney School Newsletter sent out to all families.
- **End of year funds overview**
 - After paying for the staff appreciation lunch the remaining cash funds were \$492. There is also \$1200 in funds from the garden grant that need to be spent no later than December 31, 2026 and \$856 in donations from restaurant fundraisers in a donation account.
- **General end of year overview**
 - Key goals and initiatives: raise funds for the school to support kids and teachers; provide volunteer opportunities; build community between parents and teachers
 - Projects from this year: fundraising; campus garden; whitney family cookbook; volunteering with family nights; supporting teacher appreciation week and a December holiday breakfast; provide granola bars for teacher to give kids (PBIS).
- **Schedule for next year's PTO meetings and other thoughts on this**
 - Next year all PTO meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2:30-3:30.
 - Nicole Santillian will be taking over as next year's PTO lead and her main goal is to work on increasing volunteerism on campus.
 - Amy from FACE mentioned they have funds that may be able to be used for the campus garden and has already purchased tables, shade structure, push mower, weed eater, clipboards, easel and flip chart paper, kids gloves, kneeling pad and watering cans for the garden!
- **Campus garden**
 - FACE team will be hosting a community care hub at Whitney June 12 from 10am-noon. The garden will be open for the community to check out during this event.
 - The garden will be open for families to visit during open house May 21st. The garden didn't end up being open during the event, but we had a garden and PTO table in the hallway near the cafeteria as families came through to visit classes.

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- Walk over to garden for everyone to check out and discuss
- **Adjournment**

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Photos of class visits to the campus garden