



Minutes



Harney Middle School

School Organization Team Meeting

Meeting in person: HMS Room 602

May 21, 2026, 2026

Meeting Start Time 3:03 p.m.

Meeting Dismissal 3:17 p.m.

HMS SOT Google Meet Link:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wjr-qeuo-hkg>

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Jessica Cox, Parent member

Bertha Luna, Parent member

Ashlee Merback, Parent member

Darrell Shakespear, Parent member

Tara Bunker, Teacher

Tod Young, Teacher

Kathy Banegas, Support Professional

Eli Merback, Student

Phongsavanh Skvarek, Principal

Also in Attendance:

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.

Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may call 702-799-3240 or register in person immediately prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered. No one may register for another person or give up their time to another person. Generally, a person wishing to speak during the comment period will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the School Organization Team. Speakers may also submit additional comments in writing.

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: Jessica Cox (Parent Member), Darrell Shakespear (Parent Member), Tara Bunker (Teacher), Tod Young (Teacher), Kathy Benegas (Support Professional), Eli Merback (Student), Phongsavanh Skvarek (Principal), Sue Thurman (Asst. Principal), Shira Wise (Asst. Principal).

2.0 Previous Meeting

2.1 Approval of minutes for **April 16, 2026**: Minutes Approved by unanimous vote.

2.2 Follow-up on action/outstanding items: No Outstanding Item from prior meeting to review or discuss

3.0 New Items

3.1 Plan of Operations – Budget (Skvarek): Budget is still the same. We believe there will be another 25-30 Students who will enroll between now count day for the 2026-2027 school year.

3.2 Staffing Update (Skvarek): We are fully staffed. We hired a SEIF (He is currently a Resource Teacher at White Middle School). We also have an opportunity for the new SEIF to receive additional training from the SEIF at Las Vegas High School, which is beneficial for the students because Harney M.S., is a feeder school for Las Vegas High School.

3.3 Facilities (Brown): No updates at this time.

3.4 Athletics (Brown): End of Year Sports Banquet was a huge success, Boys Volleyball achieved Division Championship, Next year we will have two new sports; Table Tennis and Cross Country. Note: Volleyball, Table Tennis, and Cross Country are all sanctioned sports throughout the district.

3.5 Communications (Wise): We will be updating the Harney M.S. website and digital communications company to "Finalsite." The expected timeline to go live will be the end of June, 2026. Ms. Bunker, our School Librarian, is assisting Ms. Wise with this transition.

3.6 Testing (Wise): All Testing is complete. Shout out to Mr. Shakespear and additional staff for completing testing with students who were not present on testing days. Per Mr. Shakespear, Harney M.S. achieved 99.97% Testing Completion Rate.

3.7 Activities (Wise): 8th Grade Dance tonight (5/21/26), terrific turn out and student participation for the "Color Run," fun time for the 8th Grade Student vs Staff Basketball Game. The word "annihilate" was used to describe the Students' scoring success over the Staff's scoring performance.

3.8 Curriculum/Title I Parent Engagement/SEL (Thurman): The Master Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year is almost complete. The Parent Engagement funds of \$700,000 will primarily be used for staffing, with left over dollars to fund Parent Engagement Events, and supplies (such as paper and ink) for Parent Engagement activity flyers that are sent home

3.9 SSC Initiatives/Discipline Updates (Coronado): Per Mr. Shakespear, The SSC Office is creating time slots and agendas for the 2026-2027 Fall and Winter Discipline Assemblies.

4.0 Information

4.1 Next meeting Date: **August 20, 2026**

4.2 By way of information: Eli Merback (Student) reported hearing that students will not be allowed to take Chromebooks home for the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Skvarek (Principal) stated the importance of this decision is based on budget shortage, and the number of Chromebooks that have been damaged or abused due to improper student use. Each Chromebook is \$400 to replace, and the replacement expenditure is now placed on the school as an expense, and is no longer a budgeted item for The District.

5.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes allocated per person): No Public Commentors at this meeting.