

August 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2:45pm

Members Present: Jeremy Richards, Priscilla Traynor, Alison Moore, Kelly Mcinerney,, Marisa O'Connor, Pat Hurley, Ryder Trkula, Joseph Libman

Members Absent: Kelly Mcinerney, Julianne Robinson

Visitors: None

Welcome & Introductions - Mr. Richards welcomed all members present and thanked them for their participation in the PHS School Council. All returning members in attendance introduced themselves. Kelly Mcinerney was unable to be present today. Our new Parent Member, Julianne Robison, was unable to attend due to a conflict. Mr. Richards also announced that Patrick Hurley is now serving as Athletic Director and will oversee PE and Fine Arts Departments. Mr. Hurley is passing responsibility for student parking and graduation to our new Assistant Principal, Matt Brady.

Purpose of School Council/Meeting Dates - Quick updates made

School councils will be involved with school-based decision-making, a process whereby representatives from staff, parents, community, administration and students (at the high school level only) work together to arrive at decisions, which are effective for the school. The primary focus of school based decision making is directed toward the benefit of the students in general and organization as a whole. The principal will identify topics appropriate for school council consideration.

Decisions made by the school councils must be within the areas designated as appropriate and must be within a series of parameters established by Governing Board policies CFD and CFD-R. Additionally, the decisions must be consistent with the District's Philosophy and Board Educational Goals, be focused on the enhancement of student learning, and must be approved by the principal.

Members may submit items for inclusion on the meeting agenda. Guests are welcome to our School Council meetings and/or to present an issue. The Agenda is posted 24 hours in advance for the public to see. The Agenda and Minutes are also available on the website. Meeting dates will be shared with the members the following day.

By-Laws 2026-2027 - A copy of the updated District By-Laws, revised last fall, was distributed to committee members for review. Proposed changes and revisions to the 2026–2027 School Council By-Laws will be made and presented at the next meeting for final review and a vote.

Tax Credit Expenditures: We hold monthly financial meetings with our Bookstore Manager, Bertha Muniz, to review our school's finances. Mr. Richards and Mr. Hurley met with Bertha Muniz today. The current tax credit balance is \$48,930. Last year, we did a Tax Credit push through social media as well as Pinnacle's newsletter. We plan to explore this again before the end of the year (December).

The School Council is responsible for authorizing all general expenditures for tax credit. Mr. Richards presented the expenditures to the School Council. Once the council discusses and votes on expenditures, the principal will authorize the expenses, following the same process as in the past.

- **Students Fees - \$2500**
Student fees are requested from families that need assistance with athletic fees and other fees. Students who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch are eligible. This allows them to participate in the activity. Mr. Richards would like these fees to be part of the approval and will provide updates throughout the year.
 - Motion made by Joe Libman to use tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. Marissa O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- **After School Activities - \$2500**
After school activities serve as a broad umbrella under which after-school tutoring is included. We have focused on Math, Project A right around final exams and other subject areas.
 - Motion made by Alison Moore to use tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. Joe Libman seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- **General After School Activities - \$2500**
This is for extracurricular activities after school supporting items for clubs, band, choir, and robotics at principal's discretion.
 - Motion made by Marissa O'Connor to use the tax credit expenditures. Alison Moore seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- **Athletic Uniforms - \$3844**
- We have a uniform schedule on a three-year rotation. The only team not included in this rotation is Football due to the high cost of uniforms. Fortunately, our booster club has been successful in raising funds to help cover those costs. We do, however, currently have a need for practice jerseys for Varsity and JV teams.
 - Motion made by Alison Moore to use tax credit expenditures as listed above. Marissa O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.

Start of Year Review and Upcoming Date:

- Open House/Meet the Teacher Night was held on Tuesday, August 11. During the first hour, Mr. Richards shared a brief video update with families highlighting ongoing campus projects.
- The ITC remodel project, which began approximately one year ago, has been a slow process. The district and our team met with architects to develop a design for the project. We are currently working to determine the overall cost and what funds the district will approve for the project budget. The ITC will be retrofitted to become an innovation and creation center. The traditional library books will be there as well along with a space primarily for our engineering class as we build the program out. We will have pathways where they will be focused on CTE offerings. Our team has a planned visit to Westmac in the West Valley to tour a similar space and gather ideas for our project. More information will come soon.
- Gym Lobby - Mr. Richards and Mr. Hurley are working on refreshing this space. Our Auditorium lobby was renovated approximately two years ago, and we are now working on obtaining quotes to give the Gym Lobby a fresh, updated look.
- Athletic Hall of Fame - We have had a history of athletic successes in our community and it is time to begin recognizing those individuals. We have formed a committee consisting of former coaches, players, our former superintendent, Dr. Reynolds. The committee held its first meeting this week, and we will begin gathering community feedback. We will discuss a timeline to recognize those individuals and plan a luncheon potentially during basketball season (Hoopcoming). Our hope is to dedicate some space within the Gym Lobby project for an Athletic Hall of Fame. As part of the first phase, we hope to fund an updated trophy case with lights featuring a flat-panel Touchscreen TV inside to look up Hall of Fame information.
- We are also overdue for an updated scoreboard on our football field. Our long-term vision is to partner with alumni and community partners who may be interested in supporting specific projects, such as the ITC, Gym Lobby, or football scoreboard.
- Visitor bleachers - The new bleachers for the football field have finally been approved. The project is scheduled to take place over winter break. The new bleachers will provide additional seating and allow visiting schools to bring more spectators and their bands to our games.
- Campus beautification - Mr. Richards and the faculty are emphasizing the importance of taking pride in our campus and encouraging student clubs to participate in community service hours. Some projects have already been completed including, carpets and painting in the C, D and F Buildings. Gravel has

been delivered and spread throughout the campus, helping to refresh and improve the overall appearance of the grounds in the entry areas. We are also working with GCU on a graphics project to enhance the appearance of our buildings.

Junior Parking Lottery

- Mr. Hurley gathered frequently asked questions (FAQs) at the end of the school year and launched a campaign with last year's sophomores, who are now juniors, for the parking lottery. Juniors were required to have a current Drivers License to be entered into the lottery and answer five verification questions. Mr. Hurley invited the Junior Class President and Vice President to explain the parking lottery process as recommended by the School Council. The students were present to witness the lottery when Mr. Hurley conducted the drawing.

UPC Meeting Update

- UPC has a new president and new marketing material this year. UPC shared the entire schedule of meetings and topics for the year. August 19th is the first "Opening Bell" meeting of the year with the Superintendent, Dr. Dan Courson. The September meeting is a discussion of what's on the ballot with regards to Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and District Additional Assistance (DAA). Every school has two representatives and alternates as members of UPC.

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