

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2026

Time: 3:04 p.m.

Location: Pinnacle Peak Preparatory School (virtual meeting)

Facilitator: Dr. Aaron Freed, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Dianne Orr (absent) and Tracy Conrad, Teachers
- **Principal Representative** – Dr. Aaron Freed, Principal
- **Assistant Principal Representative** - Kimberly Bauer, TOA
- **Support Staff Representative** – Cheryl Welch, Administrative Assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Lauren Cortinas (called in), Parent
- **Prospective Parent Representative** - Jessica Ahl, Parent

Purpose: The PPPS School Council will engage in those activities and programs that encourage and enhance the growth, development and well being of all students at Pinnacle Peak Preparatory School.

Outcomes: The PPPS School Council will obtain information on activities and programs, provide input, discuss action, and make recommendations and/or decisions.

Agenda

- I. **Review and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes**
- II. **Update on Tax Credit Balance and Expenditures**
- III. **Review of PTO Program Ideas for Current School Year**

Review and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: Dr. Freed greeted everyone virtually and was able to include Lauren Cortinas via a phone call. The Council was informed that Jessica Ahl is now an official member of the School Council, as she was approved by the PTO at their General Assembly Meeting on 09/03/2026. Dr. Freed then reviewed the minutes from the 08/11/2026 School Council meeting and put it up for an approval vote. Tracy Conrad made the motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Kimberly Bauer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Update on Tax Credit Balance and Expenditures: Dr. Freed asked Cheryl Welch to give an update on the Tax Credit Budget. Cheryl Welch presented the following:

\$14,350.49 - Beginning of the school year balance
-\$ 6,210.00 - Leader In Me annual membership fee
-\$ 1,000.00 - Approved by School Council for Field Trip Scholarships 08/11/2026
\$ 7,140.49
+\$ 400.00 - Deposit to TC account by PPPS family
\$ 7,540.00 - Current Balance as of 09/08/2026

There is a virtual meeting tonight for the 5th grade CampWay Field Trip taking place in October. 6th grade will go to Catalina in February and Mr. Abbott is planning the Middle School Disney Field Trip for April. Dr. Freed told the Council to expect additional scholarship requests as the more costly field trips begin collecting money.

Review of PTO Program Ideas for Current School Year: Dr. Freed was in attendance at the PTO General Assembly Meeting on 09/03/2026, and presented the PTO Projected Budget for the 26/27 school year. Turkey Trot and Read-A-thon are the two big fundraisers - projected to earn about \$60,000 this year. All Community Night/Family Events are free, with the exception of Movie Night, in which the PTO projects to make about \$1,250 on food sales. Total earnings this year are projected at \$98,500, with total expenditures of \$141,300. The PTO is projected to carry over a balance of \$50,000 - \$100,000 to next year's budget. A copy of the 26/27 PTO Projected Budget is attached. If Council members ever have questions about the PTO budget, they can reach out to Aaron Gillam, PTO Treasurer.

Good To Order: Dr. Freed mentioned that parents seem to be liking the transition to ParentSquare. We will continue to embrace the format, and will probably send out conference sign-ups on ParentSquare this year.

Food Truck Friday, a community event, is on 09/25/2026. Fall conferences will be held the week of October 26th, with late night conferences happening on Tuesday, October 27th.

Tracy Conrad asked if we will be continuing to work on the School Success Plan in the future. Dr. Freed tabled the discussion for today, but agreed to continue discussions at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. / Next meeting November 10, 2026. If agenda items arise in October, they will be sent out to School Council members as needed.

