

Bio PAC Virtual Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST | Virtual Meeting

Meeting Type Virtual	Date September 24, 2026	Time 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST
Organization Bio PAC	Primary Focus School-year planning, fundraising, board recruitment	Status Planning / Coordination

Meeting Focus

The meeting focused on establishing the Bio PAC's goals, planning the school year's calendar of activities, and brainstorming fundraising strategies to help offset district budget cuts.

Discussion Summary

PAC Purpose and Budget

Ms. Parkin outlined the PAC's role in student advocacy, family outreach, and fundraising. Mr. Channer noted that the district has not yet provided the current year's budget, which was significantly cut last year.

Planned Activities

The group reviewed the school-year activity calendar, including academic, social, family, and community events.

Activity	Timing / Notes
FAFSA/Counselor Night	Second week of November (target)
Winter Dance	December 12
STEAM Night	January 14; overflow parking planned at PAL headquarters and Bridgeport Park and Rec, with possible shuttle bus use
Multicultural Night	March/April; proposal to include a public health symposium by students in the CT State Colleges Associate's Degree program
Health Professions Day	April/May; two-year rotation with Sacred Heart University
Spring Dance	April
Teacher Appreciation Week	May
Senior Night	Likely last week of May or first week of June
Graduation	Most likely first week of June
Tentative Last Day of School	June 11

Fundraising Ideas

Existing / Past Ideas: Flower sales, McDonald's nights, and Pi Day.

New Proposals: Restaurant take-overs (such as Panera and Chili's), sports center events, and Amazon / Stop and Shop affiliate links.

Local Business Sponsorships: Businesses could sponsor specific event nights, such as providing food, in exchange for advertising.

Clothing Drive: Ms. Parkin suggested a Savers clothing drive. Ms. Toro advised against it due to high volume requirements and bedbug risks.

Board Recruitment

The group discussed the urgent need to recruit new parents, particularly underclassmen parents, for roles such as Treasurer and members-at-large to support continuity for the PAC.

Key Takeaway

The PAC is transitioning into a new school year with a focus on maintaining last year's activity level despite budget uncertainty. Priorities include academic workshops, social dances, community-focused events, diversified fundraising, and recruiting new board members.

Action Items

Owner	Action	Status
Rajkumar	Research Amazon fundraising links and check with a dance school director for setup details.	Open
Milas	Contact a Stop and Shop director in Westport to inquire about fundraising options.	Open
Channer	Investigate the possibility of allowing local business advertisements / sponsorships within the school.	Open
Channer	Include a call for new PAC board members (Treasurer and members-at-large) in the Friday ParentSquare update.	Open