

Royal Pride PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday September 4, 2026

Attendees:

Bethany Tozer
Tamara Bove
Abby Howe
Beth Anderson
Jen White
Rachel Anderson
Rachael Barry
Holly O'Neal
Dr. McCaffrey
Sara Weinberger
Steve Guenin
Jen Low

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.

Approve Meeting Minutes - Tamara

Abby Howe motioned to approve the August minutes as presented, Beth Anderson seconded: motion approved.

Treasurer's Report- Rachel Anderson

- Cheddar up \$175
- Additional Shirts for teachers: \$515.00
- Breakfast (1964 Catering): \$2,996.00

Current Accounts
Checking \$12,514.44
Savings \$103,836.54

Principal's Report - Dr. McCaffrey

The decision was made to go with Herf Jones for cap and gowns, now they are working on lowering the cost more. Currently, the parking lot is moving ahead of

schedule. Yearbook and photography students are taking student pictures for the first time this year and are doing a great job. We had the NHS Induction. We have been struggling with the heat and making adjustments to athletic practices and games accordingly. They are making various refreshes around the school, especially in athletics. There will be PSAT practice on 9/23 and 9/25. This provides students the chance to practice before taking the PSAT. Results show that if a student does 3 practice tests, their scores increase by an average of 80 points. There will only be 4 home football games this year instead of 5. The cafeteria is currently being repainted and updated now. The turf being installed at each high school is being paid for by the town and not by the schools. Sports Media did all the athletic banners. There was a size discrepancy between the teams and he is currently working to make the banners all the same size. The track is currently in bad shape and needs to be replaced. We the People is being taken over by Dr. White and Annie Pucillo.

Requisitions

\$400- Esports help getting a few computers- Approved via text

Needs voting on:

\$600- Guenin wants for T-Shirts (student government) Abbey Howe motioned to approve, Rachel Anderson seconded: motion approved.

\$825- Baker (world language) Training on AI in teaching methods Jen White motioned to approve, Holly O'Neal seconded: motion approved.

\$?? – Fan Stand (new vending machine) We are requesting more information and then we will decide from there.

\$3,000 Band trailer Abbey Howe motioned to approve, Jen White seconded: motion approved.

Committee Reports

Concessions - Rachael Barry

There have been a lot of canceled games due to the weather; most of these games were JV. The cancellations only caused a very small amount of food waste. She will need help next Friday morning to prep for the Mudsock game. Please let her know if you can make it. 12/15 we will be doing free popcorn for the teachers at the football game. She has a game open on 12/5 for volunteers to work concessions; Jen White said the band will work that game. If anyone wants to help with concessions for the Freshman Mudsock game at 5 pm, please let her know.

Steve Guenin- Homecoming

Steve came in to discuss Homecoming plans with us. He provided handouts with information, a map, and a coloring sheet. Homecoming will be 9/23 and will start at 6 pm. The route will be altered this year due to parking lot issues. They will have 5 food trucks, a live band from the schools, all the teams will be marching in the parade (except 1 that has a game.), some clubs will also be marching. They will be having a coloring contest for all of the feeder elementary schools and Roary will visit the winners of the contest. Homecoming is a Student Government project with 40-50 students working to organize it. The students have said they would like to have a grand marshal for the parade. Please let him know if you have any suggestions for who that could be. There will be a Student Leadership Conference at Grace Church. They are working to incorporate student voice more at school. Steve put in a requisition for 60 t-shirts.

Staff Appreciation –

September- T-Shirts paid for and given at before school breakfast

Abby has some suggestions for future months

While Abbey is not taking over Staff Appreciation, she will be helping to organize it.

10/14 Jen White is looking into possibly doing pretzels.

10/30 Lucky Duck, Bethany is getting gift cards.

11/13 Cornucopias and bushels of snack

December will be a catered breakfast by 1964 Catering.

January is currently open, please try to think of ideas.

Beautification Committee – Jen

- Looking at adding some flowers to pots

SAC Report

- Next meeting is Sept 15th @10am Jen White will join Bethany for this meeting. Subsequent SAC meetings will be:

11/17/26 1 pm

1/19/27 10 am

3/16/27 1 pm

New Business

- Focus during teacher appreciation week help?
- Bring back coupons for Honor Roll students- We will look into doing a Pride Perk coupon after speaking to Dr. McCaffrey
- Free Popcorn for Staff with showing badge during Football game on 12/15.
- How can we (Royal Pride) be more seen from the students and parents? (want some ideas)
- Offer to from Levia Herx for custom signs if needed for \$35. Thinking maybe for a Teacher Appreciation event?

Old Business

- Correct info has been loaded onto HSE website

2026-2027 Meeting Dates

- August 7, 2026
- September 4, 2026
- October 9, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 11, 2026
- January 15, 2027
- February 19, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 16, 2027
- May 7, 2027

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will begin at 9am and will take place in the HSE Media Center Conference Room. All meeting dates are on Fridays.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.