



JACKSON ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: Jackson Elementary School Library

Facilitator: Hanna Calleri, PTO President

Hanna motions to call meeting to order at 6:09pm

IN ATTENDANCE

PTO President- Hanna Calleri

VP Fundraising- Allyssa Leon

VP Marketing- Stephanie Hall

VP Volunteering- Stacie Roberts

Treasurer- Shawna Hook

Financial Secretary- Meredith Ravano

School Principal- Molly Griffin

Teacher Representative- Megan Wojan

Julie Carruth

Amy Hadden

Carrie Stafford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2025 minutes were read by Hanna Calleri

Motion Approved by Stacie Roberts

Second by Molly Griffin

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN: Amy Hadden and Julie Carruth

- GOALS- Creative native plant garden on campus. Restore local habitat and support pollinators. Provide hands-on environmental education for Jackson students.
- LOCATION: Original plan of grassy area which is full sun at upper blacktop area. Approx 2,000sq ft. The site has now moved to the lower blacktop area with an existing blue oak tree. On a hillside which would act as natural drainage. In addition to plants, a proposed bench around the tree. Irrigation costs- asking for the district to cover.
- NATURE BOWL STUDENTS: made presentations for Nature Bowl which ended up going to finals against 14 other schools.
- ESTIMATE: \$2,400-4,500.
- Hanna asked- who keeps up with the maintenance?
 - Amy: Nature Nerds and Nature Bowl students- 4th and 5th grades.
 - Can fund a need cover the other side of costs?
 - Need a general idea of the budget by January for the Gala to add to Fund A Need.
- Molly- meeting with the district for soil testing.
 - The district architect needs to come out. Needs to be accessible for all abilities, level part of the grounds.
 - The area under the new solar panels doesn't have irrigation yet.
 - Also wants to see what the district is willing to fund.
 - The school is collaborating with Martha Hutchinson, District Garden coordinator and Gina Johnson from CA Plant Native Society.



PRESIDENT REPORT: Hanna Calleri

- POWER THE PAW- record breaking year. Just under \$54,000 (10k more than last year)
- 30 business sponsors, 78% school participation (LY 66%), TK and Kinder business sponsorships interest upped from previous years.
 - Alyssa- asked if the timing had always been September and proposed moving back to August further from the Fall Festival.
 - Hanna responded- Last year was the first time we moved to September from August.
- Gala planning committee meeting to occur before the holidays.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Hanna Calleri on behalf of Shawna Hook

Total to date \$262,404

PRINCIPAL REPORT Molly Griffin

- Shade structure- Jackson parent to work up a plan on a structure
 - Plans are moving forward slowly.
 - Goal- install during a student break. Spring Break most likely.
- Fall Festival- Three yard supervisors on the playground during the event. Feedback was there were a lot of middle schoolers on ebikes and scooters causing problems and riding around campus not listening to them or other adults.
- Garden lessons- parents are signing up
- Dance performances next week
- Art started this week- art show in early november
- Gem of the month celebration occurred in each classroom. Teachers got to nominate each student for each category. Gives kids the opportunity to be recognized in front of peers. The kids were genuinely surprised.
- This Friday is the fire safety assembly
- Halloween parade end of the month
- JAG, book fair and conferences coming up
- Morning routines change- students are asking good questions.
 - Jackson students have a lot more freedom than other schools in the districts.
 - Still an option to move around by walking the track.
 - The play before school change occurred when the new playground was installed. Students are being dropped off too early and we dont have supervision for students. Teachers x2 and Molly on duty at the track now.
- Week At A Glance messages to families- new format has been well received and appreciated by families.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY: Carrie Stafford

- Friday, November 7th
- Flyer and stars went out two weeks ago
- Biel AFB confirmed they will be there for Honor Guard. Only way to cancel if there is a funeral they need to attend.
- Megan is doing handwritten invitations again
- As of yesterday only 7 new responses.
- Aaron Sanford to help with setup
- Signup genius for parent volunteer support
- Brunch for veterans and families- consider having brunch before instead of after
- 5th graders will be doing the performances

GALA: Hanna Calleri

Kick off meeting before winter break

POWER THE PAW: Alyssa Leon

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DINING FOR DOLLARS: Alyssa Leon

All dates booked for the year:

- 10/29- El Favorito
- 11/19- Sellands
- 12/17- Mendocino Farms/Crumbl Cookies
- 1/28- Viscusos (Gala kick off)
- 2/25- Letherbys

SPIRIT WEAR: Meredith Ravano

- Still waiting on numbers from A4
- Set up a table before end of 2025 and again in early Spring 2026

ROOM PARENTS: Stacie Roberts

- The baskets were amazing.
- Working on Halloween parties.
- Do we assign grades for school events to volunteer?
 - Hanna- start with an organic sign up from PTO. Then reach out to room parents if needed.

SANTA RUN: Hanna Calleri on behalf of Chelsea Bassett

- 12/11 at 7:10pm. Starts at 6:30.
- Folsom Cookie Shop again- needs more cookies.



FALL FESTIVAL: Hanna Calleri & Meredith Ravano

- 1k last in ticket sales, 2.2k went up because we raised the price of pizza, came un in expenses.
- Activities-
 - Added button making by EDH party rentals at no cost to us
 - Hair tinsel by Tiffany a huge hit
 - Face painting- need to simplify designs- line still really long
 - Ditch hairspray its a mess and a \$300 cost to put elsewhere
 - Establish how many tickets per game can be won/given out. It was unclear to volunteers.
- Taking away the dance and cheer routines created a far less chaotic environment than years past.
- The new DJ did a great job. Hanna proposed moving him to the grass area for visibility and for the music to be heard throughout the event.
- Prizes and games- removed a few games that were beyond repair and remaining will need a refresh before the next event.
- Game signs have been sent to the garbage. Need to make vinyl banners with grommets for remaining games.
- Prizes- lean more to candy and glow items.
- Volunteering- Meredith proposed not hiring back Jr High teens. Problems with staying at assigned stations and hanging out with friends/ignoring students, phones and choice of clothing have increasingly become problematic.
- Hanna proposed hiring a dedicated security officer to monitor and support.

NEW BUSINESS

- NEW 2026 DATES
 - Room Parent Meeting 8/24
 - PTP 8/31-9/11
 - Fall Festival 10/9
- Alyssa to put together a budget for the end of year color run.
- Hanna proposed putting a limit on asking parents for classroom related donations for the year from Room Parents. PTO to fund baskets at a \$250 stipend. Goal is to ask less often for money.
- Alyssa proposed creating an infographic detailing where PTO funds go for families to have a broader understanding: TK/Kinder packets, PTO website, poster for bulletin area by library, flyer in Friday folders.

Meeting adjourned by Hanna at 8:06pm

