

Fruchthendler School Council

Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date August 25, 2025 Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Tim Eriksson, Deborah Brooks, Carmen Villarreal, Michelle Garmon, Jen Noble, Emilee Hardt, Korrine Tinsley, Catherine Gale, Beverly Secoy, Sarah Love, Mike Romanowski,
Members absent	John Russo
Constituency group represented	

I. Called to order at by Deborah Brooks @2:45p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Michelle Second: Jen All in favor.

III. Call to audience n/a

Site Council Facilitator, Debbie Brooks, welcomed new members to School Council.

Korrine Tinsley 5th Grade Teacher

Beverly Secoy parent

Sarah Love parent

Mike Romanowski parent

John Russo Community Rep

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal, PTA, Family Engagement
	Principal-Tim Eriksson
	New Staff
	Emily Bowling 4 th Grade
	Adriana Christianson SPED
	Willie Flores PE
DISCUSSION	Lisa Cabrera librarian
	Korrina Martinez monitor
	 We hired Discovery Lab, but after a week, decided that she
	was not the right fit for the position. It is a challenging
	position to fill at \$15/hr. part-time, no benefits, and applicant
	must have a science background. The job is posted again with



new STEM/Technology description.

Fire Alarm

• The system was approved by the board last night. The \$262,000 is paid out of state funds.

School Safety

- New fencing is being put up around the perimeter of the school to enclose the campus. Aside from aesthetics, it would be difficult to put fencing around the front of the school due to the nature of after school programs & Community Schools having to have access to a gate.
- Our school has a choice between 8-foot chain link or wrought iron.

Discussion: Debbie inquired about fencing to enclose the north/east patio near room 16A and Mrs. Lattimore's room. There are two doors and glass windows. It's a vulnerable area as it's tucked in. If someone were to try to access the doors, nobody would see.

Fire Alarm

• The new fire alarm system is almost completed. The Fire Marshall will visit the school over fall break for inspection.

Targeted Title 1 School

• Every school in TUSD is now a "Targeted Title 1 School". This means our school will receive approximately \$57,000 in federal money to support students who are falling below the grade expectations. Mr. Eriksson budgeted the money for reading tutor and substitutes for teachers to take a day to meet as a team each quarter to analyze data and identify the Title 1 students. Once students are identified, there will be a ZOOM meeting for the parents to disperse information. The date is TBA.

Furniture

 New desks were ordered to fill both 3rd grade classrooms as well as one 4th grade classroom. The desks match the 5th grade classroom desks.

Budget

 The school has almost \$180,800 in Tax Credit funds. Last year, the Tax Credit revenue of \$41,124 fell short of the previous years' goals. We will do a big push this year. School Council approves of all expenditures that fall under the "Undesignated Funds" portion of Tax Credit.

PTA-Jen Noble

- This year's PTA goal is to build community through family engagement and transparency.
- The Executive Board met over the summer and set the calendar of events as well as discussed budget items.
- The first general meeting is 8/29/25 @ 7:45 a.m.
- Instead of the Back to School BBQ, the PTA hosted an event at



- Peter Piper Pizza due to the heat and extreme weather.
- PTA tables have been available at both Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Night.
- Packet of information such as Calendar of Events went home with students the first week of school.
- There will be no Fall Carnival this year. Nobody signed up to chair the event and we need more volunteers to run the event than we have.
- There will be no Spooky Spell-a-thon. Instead, there will be a push for Direct Giving.
- President Jen Noble and Secretary Tamaki Layman are meeting with staff to communicate events, reimbursements, and grants.
- Preorders to t-shirts ends soon. Extra shirts and hoodies in limited sizes will be order to cash only purchase. T-shirts \$15 and hoodies \$35 youth, \$45 adult.
- Direct Giving campaign has currently raised \$3,000 of the \$15,000 goal.
- Many committees need volunteers for this year. The PTA hopes to have all events, but if we don't get the volunteers, some events such as Winer Dance and Rodeo Breakfast may need to be cancelled.
- The Chess Club has 32 members but registration is still open.
- The first movie night is 10/24 @ 5:15 p.m. It will be a free event if we meet the Direct Giving goal of \$15,000, otherwise there will be a charge.
- Friends of Kirk Bear Canyon donated \$2,000 towards books at the end of last year. Mrs. Cabrera, the new librarian, will be working with staff to purchase new titles.
- All classes, except Ms. Helen, has an art enrichment parent.

Family Engagement- Catherine Gale

- Catherine has been updating the school website documenting family involvement, calendar dates, and School Council agenda and minutes.
- The Family engagement survey will go out soon and is due 10/31.
- Curriculum night was held on August 19th offering two sessions to parents after a welcome by Mr. Eriksson.

Discussion: Michelle asked how Parent Square was being used and if this will be teacher's main source of communication. Debbie explained that teachers have had no district training despite coming back two days early for PD at the University of Arizona. Teachers need to use their own time to train themselves so it's a bit slow going with school in full swing. Mr. Eriksson has been using it to communicate to parents.



V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Extra Curriculum Stipends
DISCUSSION NOTES	Club sponsors will be reimbursed for their time sponsoring after school clubs. Each club can have two sponsors at \$25/hr. each up to \$500 for a bimonthly club, \$1,000 weekly club. In the case a club has more sponsors than 2, the total will be divided among the sponsors.
RESOLUTION	
Emilee Motion: I motion to approve not to exceed \$6000 for club and sports sponsors. Jen second All in favor. Motion passes.	

ITEM TITLE	Wright Flight
DISCUSSION NOTES	The Wright Flight program charges \$1800 for curriculum students much learn before taking flight. The $5^{\rm th}$ grade teachers are asking for School Council to use undesignated funds to cover the cost.
	Discussion: Jen asked about the additional \$75 fee families have to pay to Wright Flight. Korrine explained that costs of fuel and air time have gone up and the Wright Flight program needs to charge the fee. Korrine paid for two students last year, and asked if PTA may be able to help with scholarships in the future.
RESOLUTION	
Michelle Motion: I motion to approve \$1800 for the Wright Flight curriculum for 5^{th} grade. Korrine second. All in favor. Motion passes.	

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	
RESOLUTION	



V. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Meeting Dates
DISCUSSION NOTES	Future meetings; 10/27, 1/26, 4/20
ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	

- VII. Future meeting in person, October 27 @ 2:45 p.m.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by Deborah Brooks