

Meeting Minutes

Akins ECHS PTSA Meeting

March 5, 2025

5:30 – 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Trudy Richards (Treasurer), Beth Pasko (Delegate), Nikki Hempe, Natascha Barreto Romero, Robin Sanchez, Melissa Contreras (VP), Cecilia Gutierrez, Anne Hartsfield (Teacher), Connie Miralrio (VP), Paula Hawn, Angelica Ancira (President), Jessica Rest (Secretary), Jessica Cortez, Jonathan Smith, Carin Greene, Ceci Vazquez (Chair), Michael Herbin (Principal), Melinda Van Horn (AP), Symi Valenzuela, Dana John, Elisa Pena-Kim

5:30 pm Welcome, Introductions, and Comments

Angelica Ancira

5:40 pm Minutes Review/Approval – Paula H motioned to approve PTSA Meeting Minutes from Feb 5, 2025, Melissa C 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

General Meeting: February 5, 2025

5:45 pm Old Business

A. Teacher Appreciation Week Plans:

Theme: Long charcuterie and dessert boards for staff.

Discussion on sweet vs savory or both.

Donations: Admin covering a day; A+ and NCI likely covering others.

Desserts may be easier to collect as drop-offs.

Approx. 280 staff members to be included.

Gift bag donations and Amazon wishlist to be linked in the April newsletter

B. Nomination Committee - Angelica Ancira: Beth Pasko volunteered to lead committee.

6:00 pm Reports -

A. Treasurer – Trudy Richards - [02.28.25.pdf](#)

Income: \$675.90 (includes Blue & Gold Night contributions and clothing bin revenue).

Current balance: \$8,267.60, No expenses this month. Budget sufficient for upcoming appreciation events.

The sales tax for January (\$3) has been filed.

B. Membership Update – Trudy Richards: 2024-25 membership Chair resigned from her position. PTSA has 83 members. Gained 2 new members (one student, one parent).

C. Fundraising Update – Nikki Hempe: Kam's Tux - \$300 donation for 50 tuxes rented. Flyers are made and will be sent out to students and families.

- D. Advocacy Update – Beth Pasko: Updates on the advocacy meeting. Voucher bill and funding bill updates were shared from ACPTA. Public education funding discrepancies were discussed. ACPTA blog available for ongoing updates.
- E. Campus Update - Principal Michael Herbin: Celebrations: Librarian Theresa Grumbles is a district finalist for Librarian of the Year. Correctional Services and Diamond Dazzlers won state competitions. Full symphonic orchestra received sweepstakes at UIL. Multiple students advancing to nationals in various competitions. A successful American Heritage celebration was hosted on campus.

School Safety Incident:

Addressed the recent shooting near campus. Extensive support was provided to students and staff. Concerns were raised about students being asked to wait outside during dismissal. Clarified that no official directive was given to force students outside. Teachers were under limited communication during the hold. The administration committed to reviewing and improving protocols and communication in future emergencies.

- F. Academies – Academy Coordinator: Highlights from all academies, including competitions, student recognitions, and upcoming events.
 - Blood drive scheduled.
 - Disney-themed dinner event by AHA Academy announced.
- G. STUCO – Student Council Member - Officers attending state trip after successful fundraising. Recognized for community service and patriotism at the state level. Prom planning is ongoing; flyers for Cam's Tuxedos are to be distributed.
- H. A+FCU – Esley Gomez: A+ will support popcorn tins for teacher appreciation

6:25 pm Announcements

Various

- Event hosted by Dove Springs Proud: an opportunity for senior girls to talk to students from UT to discuss college life.
- Butterfly Fest and Native Plant Sale on April 5 at Bailey MS.
- PTSA provided a gift for Akins HS Parent Support Specialist Connie Miralrio in recognition of Parent Support Specialist's Week.

6:30 pm Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:46p

Angelica Ancira