

Meeting Minutes

Akins ECHS PTSA Meeting

April 2, 2025

5:30 – 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Trudy Richards (Treasurer), Beth Pasko (Delegate), Nikki Hempe, Jessica Rest (Secretary), Melissa Contreras, Paula Hawn, Connie Miralrio, Michael Herbin, Jeff Greene, Carin Greene, Elsey Gomez (A+FTCU), Marquell Williams, Symi Valenzuela, Brennan West, Breelyn West, Thomas loving, Caelyn Dansby, Madison Avila, Joshua Taylor.

Minutes Review/Approval –

General Meeting: March 5, 2025 - Attendees reviewed minutes from the previous meeting (March 5, 2025) with no corrections. The minutes were approved by motion. Melissa Contreras motions, Beth Pasko 2nds, motion passes.

Old Business

A. Nomination Committee Update / Election - Trudy Richards & Beth Pasko

Elections were held for 2025–2026 PTSA officers. Only one nominee per position, so all were elected by acclamation:

President: Trudy Richards

Vice President: Connie Miralrio

Secretary: Ceci Vasquez

Treasurer: Melissa Contreras

All nominees had previously served on the board. Next steps include required training for any new roles.

B. Teacher Appreciation Update - Trust Richards

The recent 'Water Talk' Pride Week event was well-received and low-cost.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5–9): 4 of 5 days are planned. PTSA may cover two days. Ideas include personalized thank-you cards for ~300 staff.

Main event: giant charcuterie and dessert boards; donations requested via SignUpGenius.

So far, \$1,225 in cash donations have been received, but there have been no sign-ups for supplies.

Reports - Various

A. Treasurer – Trudy Richards - [03.31.25.pdf](#)

Income: \$82.20 (2 memberships, clothes bin, etc.)

Expenses: \$439.65 (mini-grant to Color Guard, newsletter software, Water Talk supplies). Some unused supplies were refunded but retained for future use. Clothes bin income is down due to vendor change but is now receiving payments that are more consistent.

B. Membership Update - Trudy Richards

No new members this month; the current total is 83.

C. Fundraising Update - Nikki Hempe

Donations requested from local businesses (HEB, Target, Walmart, Sprouts) for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Exploring Earth Day-related partnerships (e.g., Sonic token giveaways).

D. Advocacy Update – Beth Pasko

State voucher bill remains in committee; public opposition strong.

Upcoming Capitol rally on April 5 to support public school funding.

E. Principal Report – Michael Herbin

Celebrations: Orchestra, theater, mock trial, and certification programs have earned honors.

STAR Testing: April is packed with state tests and academic events. Admin ensuring class time balance.

Upcoming Events: April 18: No school, April 26: Prom, May 6: Trustee Awards, May 6–15: AP Testing, May 19–22: Senior finals.

F. Academy Coordinator Update

Many student certifications completed (medical, Adobe, biotechnology).

Notable student recognitions and field trips, including visits to Texas State and a real estate work-based learning event.

Robotics students to job shadow with Antennina GTA.

G. STUCO Update

Prom ticket sales started.

Senior field trip to Six Flags approved (May 15).

First-time recognitions at state student council conference.

H. A+FCU – Esley Gomez

New tap-to-pay student debit cards are available; we are still finalizing Akins-branded versions.

New Business

A. Earth Day - Trust Richards

Earth Day activities are limited this year due to calendar conflicts.

Plans to expand next year with a community drop-off and student volunteers.

Announcements

Butterfly Fest & Plant Sale: April 5

Menchaca Mustang Roundup: April 12 (silent auction includes orthodontic packages and gift cards) - Volunteer opportunities and student involvement encouraged.

Adjourn

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