

Meeting Minutes

Akins ECHS PTSA Meeting

September 4, 2024

5:30 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Trudy Richards (parent/treasurer), Sarah Billingsley-Carson (parent), Melissa Contreras (staff), Jeff Greene (parent), Carun Greene (parent), Lorraine Tijenham, Mariah Parker (student), Laci Saldana (student), Cecilia Gutierrez (teacher/parent), Carmen Murcia (parent), Amy West (parent), Estilita Hernandez (parent), Yudeyles Fonsera (parent), Rosa Cervantes (parent), Joe Barnes (parent), Elisa Barnes (parent), Esley Gomez (A+FCU), Taylor Mena (A+FCU), Christie Huggins (parent), Jamie Huggins (parent), Robin Sanchez (parent), Paula Hawn (parent), Tammy Santoro (parent), Yunesti Garcia Perez (parent), Victoria Reyes (parent), Ceci Vazquez (student), Connie Miralrio (staff/parent), Jess Rest (Secretary), Angelica Ancira (parent/president), Elisa Kim (parent), Michael Herbin (principal)

5:36 pm - Meeting called to order.

Topic: Welcome, Introductions, and Comments - Angelica Ancira - PTSA President, opens meeting and introduces board.

Topic: UIL Academic Presentation - David Doerr, journalism teacher

Needs: Staffing (5 coaches), funding was cut for UIL coordinator and coaches.

Proposal: They would like to host districts at Akins, to use as fundraiser. Campus finds funding, looking for sponsorships, Campus UIL academic coordinator sets up crowdfunding. Trudy - discussed ways for UIL academics to become self funding and PTSA will help find funding.

Action: None Taken

Topic: May 2024 Minutes Review/Approval - Angelica Ancira

Review of minutes from May 1, 2024 board meeting. No questions, no amendments.

Action: Ceci Vazquez made a motion to approve May 1, 2024, PTSA meeting minutes, Melissa Contreras seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Topic: Financial Reconciliation Committee - Angelica Ancira - Presented report from the committee.

Action: None Taken

Topic: Board positions needed. - Angelica Ancira

Fundraising Chair Position is open - Carmen Murcia volunteered

Membership Chair Position is open - Sarah Billingsley-Carlson volunteered

Action: None taken.

Topic: Treasurer Report - Trudy Richards - [08.31.24 Treasurer Report.pdf](#)

Action: None taken.

Topic: Membership Update – Trudy Richards
Currently 49 members, goal 120 members
2023/2024 - 114 members

Action: None taken.

Topic: Fundraising Update – Trudy Richards - Left over donations from last year's gift cards donations and money received from "fill the box".

Action: Working on spirit night fundraiser and other ideas for fundraisers.

Topic: Principal Update – Michael Herbin - Campus student projections, staffing updates, fall event and sports updates. 9/24 - first parent coffee (title 1 programming information).

Action: None taken.

Topic: Academies – Academy Coordinator - Loraine T. - Update on academy activities and successes

Action: None taken.

Topic: STUCO – Student Council Member - Simi (student council president) - Update on first meeting.

Action: None taken.

Topic: A+FCU – Esley Gomez - Updates on senior scholarships and cash-back fundraising for Akins based on Eagle debit cards usage.

Action: None taken.

Topic: PTSA Advocacy Priorities 2024-25 - Trudy Richards - Discussed huge budget deficit that is a problem for all Texas public schools, as well as issues with school state redistribution of funds. Priority for 2024-25 increase funding to public schools. Change is needed to how public schools are funded, the best thing community members can do is vote in local elections and for people that value the importance of public schools.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Support for Prop A - Trudy Richards - Discussed pros and cons for Prop A and said there would be additional district informational meetings for the community to attend prior to the election.

Action: None taken. PTSA will vote on a position at the October meeting.

Topic: 2024-25 Budget - Trudy Richards - [Draft Amended Budget Sept 2024.pdf](#) Presented by Trudy, no questions.

Action: Melissa Contreras motioned to approve Amended 2024-25 Budget, Ceci Vazquez seconded motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Topic: Bylaws Amendments (meeting notice posted 07/22/24) - Trudy Richards - Presented bylaws currently on file with Texas PTSA, which state:

Local Dues: Your PTA should charge each member National dues + State Dues + the Local Dues amount of \$10.50 (adult); \$5.50 (student).

Proposed amendment:

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Action: Paula Hawn motioned to approve the proposed amendment to bylaws, Ceci Vazquez seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Topic: Blue and Gold Night - Angelica Ancira - Date TBD, but likely October 30. HS Fall Festival, student's biggest fundraising event.

Action: None Taken

Topic: Parent Involvement Survey - Angelica Ancira - Announced survey that will be sent out to all parents, results from the survey will help PTSA plan for monthly sessions to connect parents with campus and district support services.

Action: None Taken

Announcements - Trudy Richards

For helpful information about campus events and happenings. Follow the **Akins Eagles Parent Support Specialist** and **Akins PTSA** on Facebook.

Dove Springs Youth Summit - Free to register for any high school students in 78744, any seniors that go can apply for a scholarship.

Angelica Ancira adjourned meeting at 6:44 pm