

Gunderson PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM (Zoom Meeting)

Presiding Officer: Irene Bernardino

Attendees:

Irene Bernardino, Lisa Schader, Harrison Nguyen (Student Representative), Lydia Wallace, Anisha Dalal, Andrea C. (Student Representative), Serena Earwicker.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at **7:03 PM** by **Irene Bernardino**.
- The minutes from the **September 24, 2025** meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Lydia Wallace moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Lisa Schader seconded the motion.

Decision: Motion carried. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. PTSA Overview for New Attendees

Irene Bernardino provided an overview of the PTSA's mission and role:

- The PTSA is a nonprofit organization that supports **students, staff, and parents**.
- Funds raised go toward **senior scholarships, teacher grants, and teacher appreciation events**.
- The PTSA also promotes **family and community engagement** throughout the school year.

3. Financial Report

Lisa Schader presented the current financial status:

- **PTSA Balance:** \$3,400
- **Ms. Dalal's Fund:** \$8,200

Discussion included recent deposits, pending reimbursements, and anticipated expenses. A detailed financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Calendar and Upcoming Events

- **Homecoming Football Game:** Friday, **October 24, 2025**
 - PTSA will host a **donation and membership table** from **3:45 PM – 8:00 PM**.
 - Volunteers will work in shifts; **student volunteers** can earn **community service hours**.
 - Donations will be accepted via **cash and QR code** (Venmo option under consideration).
- **Multicultural Fair:** Friday, **March 27, 2026**
 - Planning begins in **November** under the direction of **Mr. Headley**.
 - **Andrea C.** volunteered to serve as the **PTSA representative** on the planning committee.

5. Meeting Schedule

The board agreed to **combine the November board and general meetings**, which will include **budget review and approval** for the fiscal year.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**
 - *Board Meeting:* 6:30 PM
 - *General Meeting:* 7:00–8:00 PM
- **No December Meeting** – PTSA will focus on a **fundraiser** instead.
- **Monthly Meetings (2026):** First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 PM via Zoom**, January–May.

6. Fundraising Initiatives

Several fundraising ideas were discussed:

- **Restaurant Nights**
- **Corporate Matching via Benevity**
- **Raffles, Candy Grams, and Yard Signs**

Anisha Dalal suggested integrating **student wellness and school pride initiatives** into fundraising goals and collaborating with **PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)**, coordinated by **Ms. Lorena Beattie**.

7. Principal's Report – Upcoming Events

- **Senior Parent College Night:** Next week
- **DCAC (Destination College Advising Corps) workshops**
- **PSAT Testing:** Grade 10 students
- **Earthquake Drill:** October 16, 2025
- **Homecoming Week:** October 20–24, 2025
- **Halloween Night:** Final home football game of the season
- **Multicultural Fair:** March 27, 2026

8. Adjournment

Irene Bernardino thanked all attendees, including **Harrison Nguyen** and **Andrea C.**, for their participation and contributions.

The meeting was **adjourned at 7:58 PM**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **November 5, 2025**, via Zoom.