

# Gunderson PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM (Zoom Meeting)

**Presiding Officer:** Irene Bernardino

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## Attendees:

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

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## 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.

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## 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.
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## 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.

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## 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.
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## 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.
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## 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**.

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## 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
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## 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.