

Gunderson PTSA Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM (Board) and 7:00 PM (General Meeting) - Zoom Meeting

Presiding Officer: Irene Bernardino

Attendees:

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

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- The Board Meeting was called to order at **6:33 PM** by **Irene Bernardino**.
- The minutes from the **October 8, 2025** meeting were reviewed.

Amendments made:

- Multicultural Fair is scheduled for **March 27, 2025** (both section 4 and 7).
- Corrected spelling for **Lorena Beattie** (section 6).

Motion: Irene Bernardino moved to approve the minutes with amendments.

- Decision made to post minutes on the PTSA website.
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2. Financial Report

Lisa Schader presented the current financial status and proposed budget for 2025-2026 year.

Motion: Irene Bernardino moved to approve the budget

Second: Serena Earwicker seconded the motion.

Decision: The Board approved the budget as presented.

Discussion included donations and new memberships from the homecoming event, and clarification on line items in the budget. Lisa also updated us that she has filed the IRS Forms and the California 190n Form. There are two more charitable trust forms to file with California, but not until next year. Lisa is also working on the insurance and workers comp forms.

3. Officer Changes

Lisa Schader accepted the resignations of the Interim President, Irene Bernardino, Vice President, Lydia Wallace, and Secretary, Serena Earwicker.

Due to recent office adjustments, the Board approved new officer roles as follows:

President, Serena Earwicker

Vice President, Irene Bernardino

Secretary, Lydia Wallace.

Let the record show, approval was unanimous.

4. Calendar and Upcoming Events

- **Multicultural Fair:** Friday, **March 27, 2026**
 - Planning begins in **November** under the direction of **Mr. Headley**.
 - **Andrea C. and Harrison Nguyen** are serving as the **PTSA representative** on the planning committee.
- **Pizza My Heart Night:** TBD (Early December)
 - It was suggested by Lisa for the PTSA to have a table at the Pizza My Heart Night so families can meet the PTSA Board. We will look for a date in early December for this.

Discussion included the possibility of using social media (Instagram) in order to get the message out for the PTSA (connect with Justin Pors).

5. Principal's Report

- **New Counselor, Ms. Hernandez**, starting 11/6/25. (Responsible for the beginning of the alphabet.)
- **Guest Speaker** from San Jose State is coming to sharing multicultural perspectives planned
- **Applying to CSU Workshop for seniors**
- **Field Trips:** Teachers have taken/scheduled many field trips
- **Harrison Nguyen** was awarded the Seal of Biliteracy and represented Gunderson at a County event, along with Stephanie.
- **Last Football game** of the season is tomorrow, Thursday 11/6 at Gilroy High School.

- **Multicultural Fair:** March 27, 2026

Discussion included student involvement, club participation, and cultural performance groups as ways to bring the community together for the multicultural event. Looking for connections within the community, possibly with local elementary and middle schools.

6. Community Connection

Dr. Dalal brought up the snap benefits expiring and the possible impact on students/families. She planted the seed to see if there were any ways in which the PTSA could help with support.

- **Lisa Schader** shared a link for the **Second Food Harvest locations**.
- **Andrea and Harrison** suggested working together with the **Green Team**.

Conversation included ways to support families during the holiday season through awareness of local food resources.

Second Harvest Food Bank resource map will be shared, including distribution location near Gunderson.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was **adjourned at 7:32 PM**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00pm via Zoom