



Van Raub Elementary PTO
8776 Dietz Elkhorn Road
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

**Van Raub Elementary School
2025 - 2026 PTO Board Meeting
May 6, 2026 10am – 12pm
VRES Campus**

1. Call to Order: 10:10 am

2. Roll Call:

(y) Summer Gault, Principal
(y) Krista Kimball, Staff Rep.
(y) Sam Cooke, Co-President
(y) Erika Johnson, Co-President
(y) Tia Flournoy, Treasurer
(y) Avery Harmon, Secretary
(y) Katrina Doran, VP Sponsorships
() Elizabeth Duenckel, VP Membership
() Hannah Bowers, VP Campus Improvements

(y) Laine Beatty, VP Merchandise
(y) Brandi Wright, VP Volunteers
(y) Erica Cepeda, VP Communications
(y) Natalie Samson, VP Fundraising
() Carissa Huertz, VP Events
(y) Lauren Tijerina, VP Staff Appr

Additional Attendees:

(y) Mara Berry, Sponsorship
(y) Maureen Hensley, SA
(y) Lisa Hernandez, Merch
() Miranda Ramirez, Events
Lexi Garcia
Laurie Wolf
Valerie Gomez
Kiere Wilkey

3. President Update - Sam Cooke

- a. Welcome new board members and introduction of all board members
 - a. We are still actively recruiting for the Secretary role
 - i. VP of Volunteers is also open
 - a. Received emails from [REDACTED] who is interested and also [REDACTED]
 - b. Board structure changes from previous year – removed VP of Campus Improvements and associated committee

Board or Committee	Role	Name
Board	Co-President	Sam Cooke
Board	Co-President	Laine Beatty
Board	VP of Sponsorships	Mara Berry
Board	VP of Staff Appreciation	Maureen Hensley
Board	Treasurer	Tia Flournoy
Board	VP of Communications	Erica Cepeda

Board	VP of Merchandise	Lisa Hernandez
Board	Secretary	OPEN
Board	VP of Volunteers	OPEN
Board	VP of Fundraising	Natalie Samson
Board	VP of Events	Miranda Ramirez
Board	VP of Membership	Elizabeth Duenckel
Board	Fiesta Friday Chair	Laine Beatty
Board	Fiesta Friday Co-Chair	Natalie Samson
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Hilda Garza
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Alyssa Conklin
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Rachell Baca
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Lauren Tijerina
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Carolyn Kearns
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Lexi Garcia
Committee	Staff Appreciation - Committee	Lara Neal
Committee	Events Committee	Carissa Heuertz
Committee	Events Committee	Vivianne Sigler
Committee	Events Committee	Ashley Sawicki
Committee	Events Committee	Kiere Wilkey
Committee	Events Committee	Valerie Gomez
Committee	Fundraising Committee	Elizabeth Duenckel
Committee	Merchandise Committee	Laurie Wolfe
Committee	Merchandise Committee	Vanessa Gold
Committee	Merchandise Committee	Natalie Pakala
Committee	Blessings in a Backpack	Shauna Tressler

- b. Roles officially transition July 1 – Ideally transition meetings between the current VPs and the incoming VPs would take place prior to the end of the school year so that we can transition e-mail accounts and begin planning for next year. If this isn't possible, just let us know so we can work around it.
 - a. Sam will transfer all e-mail accounts after the school year ends and once transition meetings have taken place (ideally no later than June 1st).
 - b. GroupMe
 - i. 26/27 Board and Committee Members (Sam/Laine)
 - a. Contact list attached. Please review and let me know if we need to make changes/corrections.
 - ii. 26/27 Friends of Board (Sam/Laine)
 - iii. 26/27 Committees - All VPs with committees should create group chat for team communication – Each VP should meet with their committee members at least once/month ahead of the board meeting. This will allow them to come to the board meeting prepared to discuss ideas for their areas of responsibility.
 - c. Frost bank signing authority and debit cards – Sam will take the lead with the bank and show Laine the process. All signers will be required to go in and sign

the new form in order to get cards. Remaining board members with cards shouldn't have to update their cards, but will need a new signature on file.

- i. President/Co-President (Samantha Cooke, Laine Beatty)
 - ii. Events (Miranda Ramirez)
 - iii. Staff Appreciation (Maureen Hensley)
 - a. Hilda Garza (long-standing committee members) also has a card
 - b. May want to consider keeping Lauren as a card holder given the level of activity for this area of spend
 - iv. Merchandise (Lisa Hernandez)
 - v. Treasurer (Tia Flournoy)
 - vi. Katrina (Sponsorship) currently has a card, but it's really only utilized to pay for banners
 - vii. Carrisa (Events) currently has a card that is utilized multiple times throughout the year.
- c. Outgoing members are responsible for documenting their role and scheduling a meeting with incoming members prior to June 30th. Ideally this would take place no later than June 1st. Please let Sam and/or Laine know when your transition meeting is complete.
- d. Budget Transition – Over the summer, Sam/Tia/Laine will work together to develop 2026/2027 recommended budget. Will review with Board in August meeting (will review with Summer prior to board meeting).
- a. We may schedule quick meetings with each VP over the summer to get thoughts on what they'd like to accomplish during the 26/27 school year and associated cost.
 - i. Open for feedback/discussion (would be a new process), helpful for prioritizing spend prior to creating and approving annual budget.
- e. Meeting Expectations
- a. Board Meetings will be recurring – will determine day of the week based on what works best for the majority of Board Members. Will vote via GroupMe near the end of the summer. If there's a day of the week that does NOT work for you, please let us know as soon as possible.
 - i. Each VP will work with their committee members to establish recurring meetings. These meetings should take place ahead of the monthly board meetings. Each VP will be responsible for providing monthly updates to Sam & Laine (for inclusion in the board meeting agendas).
 - b. It's important for Board Members to attend as many board meetings as possible. This is where we discuss all ideas/projects, give updates, get feedback and make decisions. They are most effective if everyone can attend.
 - i. If you are unable to make a meeting, you are responsible for reviewing meeting notes and action items and following up as needed.
 - ii. The secretary will follow up on status of action items weekly.
 - c. Committee members will be invited, but are not required to attend board meetings. Committee members should make every effort to attend the VP's monthly meetings for the same reasons stated above.
- f. We are All Volunteers / We are a Team

- a. Please take ownership on your areas of responsibility
- b. Ask for help, if needed. If you are unable to fulfil your tasks, action items or responsibilities, please reach out to the entire team so we can get a plan in place so that responsibilities don't go unfulfilled. Reach out sooner rather than later! This allows us to fill the gap more easily so that no one is left in a major bind.
- c. Communicate what is going on in board meetings and GroupMe so that we are all aware.

4. Treasurer Update – Tia Flournoy

- a. Copies of the latest financial report are being passed around. If you have any questions, please ask during the meeting or reach out to Tia or Sam individually.
- b. Art Show – helping Mrs. Kindred with payments (pass-through)
- c. Budget Variances (positive or negative) to Date (for awareness):

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) budget by	
4110 Fall Fundraiser Revenue	54,596	49,400	5,196	
4230 Ticket Revenue	17,685	16,300	1,385	
4250 Silent Auction Revenue	40,068	28,000	12,068	
4300 PTO Sponsorship Revenue	18,000	15,750	2,250	
4400 PTO Membership Revenue	16,440	14,400	2,040	
4630 Cash Back Night Proceeds	2,476	2,100	376	
4661 Spirit Wear Revenue	9,598	10,050	(452)	
4662 Spirit Sticks Revenue	1,626	1,200	426	
Total for Income	160,490	137,200	23,290	
FINALIZED EXPENSES	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) budget by	
5110 RR Dash Expenses (T-Shirts, Banner, Misc.)	4,746	5,950	(1,204)	
5130 Fall Fundraiser VRES donation (classroom passback)	9,996	10,300	(304)	
5200 Fiesta Friday Expenses (All Combined)	30,823	26,770	4,053	Board voted to increase rides & games
5310 PTO Sponsor Banners Expense	1,255	1,500	(245)	
5560 Staff Campus Support	301	0	301	
5660 VRES Family Event Expense (Glow Dance)	4,958	4,750	208	
5860 Educational Grants	11,829	15,000	(3,171)	
5920 Bank Charges & Fees	4,334	4,000	334	Increased revenue on auction
5941 Quickbook Expense	1,140	1,000	140	
5944 Canva Subscription Expense	0	125	(125)	
5951 State Sales Tax Expense	592	1,000	(408)	
Total for Expenses	69,973	70,395	(422)	

- d. Outstanding Receipts
- e. Outstanding Purchases (to be made prior to June 30th)
 - a. Spirit Sticks (Natalie) – purchase complete
 - b. Merchandise (Lisa)
 - c. Membership (Elizabeth)
 - d. New Podium for the School (Sam/Laine/Summer)

5. Sponsorship Update – Katrina Doran

- Katrina recommends using a new vendor for banners next year - Graphix House or Sign O'rama are possible options. Graphix House was used previously and we were happy with their work, but the timing may have been a challenge.
- No new information to report for 2025 - 2026

LEVEL	2025 - 2026	Businesses
Bronze	\$ 2,000	Little Gym, Robin Saunders, Belden Automotive, Cooke Pet Crematorium, Little Stem, Will Johnson Atty, Gray Realty Group, Wildey Pediatric Dentistry
Silver	\$ 5,000	Enrich, Ancira, Bricks & Mini Figs, Cleo Talos, Ford of Boerne, Ferris Ortho, Edward Jones, Renewal by Anderson, Liverpool Academy Texas, Greet Fair Oaks Ranch
Gold	\$ 2,000	Raising Cane's, Alamo City Law Firm
Platinum	\$ 9,000	Fair Oaks ER, VV Orthodontics, Sunburst Gymnastics, Halo Contractors, Randall Dowdle CPA, Frost Bank
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 18,000	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 15,750	
VAR TO BUDGET	\$ 2,250	
TRADE LEVEL	2025 - 2026	Businesses
Bronze	\$ 500	Snowflake Donuts, Blume Haus
Silver	\$ -	
Gold	\$ -	
Platinum	\$ 3,000	TXRH, Card My Yard
TOTAL	\$ 3,500	
Combined TOTAL	\$ 21,500	

- For 2026 – 2027 – Review sponsorship levels to determine if changes/updates should be made.

6. Membership Update - Elizabeth Duenckel

- No new information to report for 2025 – 2026

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	COUNT			DOLLAR VALUE		
	24 - 25	25 - 26	YOY VAR	24 - 25	25 - 26	YOY VAR
BEEP - BEEP	167	150	(17)	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,725	(\$450)
ROADRUNNER	64	70	6	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,500	\$300
RAUBIE	36	20	(16)	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,000	(\$1,600)
MARATHON	20	18	(2)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,700	(\$300)
ONE & DONE	5	4	(1)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	(\$500)
STAFF	55	60	5	\$ 870	\$ 985	\$115
GIFTED (added on to family membership)	9	10	1	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$0
SPONSORED (separate transaction)	42	38	(4)	\$ 1,025	\$ 1,025	\$0
	398	370	(28)	\$ 18,620	\$ 16,185	(\$2,435)
					\$ 1,785	Amount Earned Exceeding Budget

- For 2026 – 2027 – Review membership levels and associated swag to determine if changes/updates should be made. Any remaining membership budget from this year can be used toward the purchase of swag for next year's membership drive. This will

allow us to have the merchandise on hand when the school year starts, prior to the budget being approved. Spend will need to occur/clear prior to June 30th.

- a. Add one additional level - \$300

\$25 Membership Level
\$75 Membership Level
\$150 Membership Level
\$300 Membership Leel
\$500 Membership Level

- b. Considering a school-wide prize if we can get to 100% membership. Last year we had 305 families that didn't "join", which would equate to an additional \$7.6k in revenue. This was discussed and the board thought it was a good idea and that the prize would have to be something larger and exciting.

NUMBER REPRESENTED	COUNT			% POPULATION		
	24 - 25	25 - 26	YOY VAR	24 - 25	25 - 26	YOY VAR
STUDENTS (752 Students)	470	447	(23)	62%	59%	-3%
HOMEROOM TEACHERS (39 Teachers)	38	36	(2)	97%	92%	-5%
TOTAL STAFF (84 total staff, inc admin, support staff, CAMP)	55	60	5	63%	71%	9%

7. Fundraising Update - Natalie Samson

- a. Apex (next year): October 26, 2026 – November 6, 2026 (Summer notified BOA director so they could schedule VRES around these dates.)
 - a. Contract Signed
- b. Spirit Nights: Received payment from Cane's and Arrows.
 - a. UPDATE on Arrows: Viola Wilson received their Arrows check and did not believe it was accurate. In good faith, it was returned to Arrows and both PTO's agreed to split the total results 50/50. Natalie to review this "spirit night" to determine how she wants to handle for next year. The VRES portion was \$100. The check was received and deposited. Next year Natalie will work to ensure Arrows doesn't double book this day.
 - b. McSpirit Night – Tuesday, May 5th 5:00 – 7:30 pm The teachers gave great feedback, seemed very busy, hoping for great results! Natalie received positive responses/feedback from several teachers via e-mail. Mrs. Kimball gave great feedback that all the teachers loved it and loved serving in that capacity. They would definitely do it again! The face painting was a big hit. Maybe McDonald's can give a little more training or direction next time.
 - c. Valerie suggested a possible spa type experience (hair or nails) around mothers day for next year. Natalie will look into this idea further.

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EARNED
MARCH 2025	RECEIVED LATE	(EARNED PRIOR YEAR)	RAISING CANE'S	\$ 260
AUGUST	8/7/2025	Meet the Teacher	Kona Ice	\$ 137
AUGUST	8/20/2025	3pm - 10pm	TXRH	\$ 450
SEPTEMBER	9/26/2025	4pm - 10pm	MIKEY'S CHICKEN & TAVERN	\$ 265
OCTOBER	10/23/2025	11am - 10pm	WILLIE'S	\$ 160
OCTOBER	9/29/25 - 10/3/25	Online*	BULVERDE PUMPKIN PATCH	\$ 55
NOVEMBER	11/21/2025	6pm - 8pm	KENDRA SCOTT	\$ 311
DECEMBER	12/12/2025	4pm - 8pm	RAISING CANE'S	\$ 340
JANUARY	1/27/2026	3pm - 10pm	TXRH	\$ 250
FEBRUARY	2/22/2025	4pm - 8pm	PANERA BREAD	\$ 38
MARCH	3/26/2025	5pm - 9pm	RAISING CANE'S	\$ 111
APRIL	4/3/2026	2pm - 6pm	ARROWS ACTIVE PLAY PARK	\$ 100
MAY	5/5/2026	5pm - 7:30pm	McDONALDS	\$ -
YTD TOTAL				\$ 2,476
*Purchase pass online now through October 3rd. Pass can be used any weekday in the month of October.				
Annual Budget				\$ 2,100
LTG				\$ (376)

- c. Spirit Stick Sales (**Good Practice:** Volunteers selling spirit sticks should ask the cafeteria monitor to announce pre-sale names first so there is less confusion and less opportunity to over-look those students.)
 - a. Reached out to FORES about trading older spirit sticks. They showed interest, but also offered to purchase at a discounted rate. Can work with them on this more on the over the summer. *This could still be a possibility. We need to let them know what we have or what we'd like to trade.*

			SALES \$\$		
DATE	VOLUNTEERS		CASH	ONLINE	TOTAL
MEET THE TEACHER SALES				\$ 37	\$ 37
GRANDPARENTS DAY SALES				\$ 16	\$ 16
	10am - 12pm	12pm - 1:30pm			
AUGUST 29th	NATALIE LAINE	NATALIE LAINE	\$ 159	\$ 90	\$ 249
SEPTEMBER 26th	TIA CATALINA VALDES	TIA SOFIA COUTTOLENC	\$ 162	\$ 60	\$ 222
OCTOBER 31st	NATALIE ADA ZIMMERMAN	NATALIE LAINE BEATTY	\$ 81	\$ 150	\$ 231
DECEMBER 5th	NATALIE LAINE	NATALIE LAINE	\$ 115	\$ 70	\$ 185
JANUARY 30th	LAUREN AVERY	TIA VIRY URDIALES	\$ 169	\$ 59	\$ 228
FEBRUARY 27th	TIA FLORISON MCQUEENY	TIA BRANDI	\$ 175	\$ 25	\$ 200
MARCH 27th	LAUREN ADA ZIMMERMAN	AVERY OPEN	\$ 81	\$ 45	\$ 126
APRIL 24th	NATALIE SAM	NATALIE SAM	\$ 65	\$ 70	\$ 135
YTD TOTAL			\$ 1,007	\$ 622	\$ 1,629
			62%	38%	100%
- 11/28 is Thanksgiving Break					
- 11/20 is Roadrunner Dash Day					
- Board decided to skip November sales and add Friday, December 5th					
				Annual Budget	\$ 1,200
				LTG	\$ (429)

8. Merchandise Update – Laine Beatty & Lisa Hernandez

- a. 5th Grade Yard Signs (Laine / Lisa)
 - a. Sold nearly 60 yard signs
 - b. All signs were delivered to the classrooms and the front office (for parent pick up) on Friday, May 1st.
- b. School supplies contract for next year. [Orders can be placed through July 1st.](#)
 - a. Sales are live, e-mails are going out, some sales received
 - b. Sam sent Summer flyer and link – Summer included in the last 2 newsletters
 - c. Summer confirmed she will send an e-mail to all kinder families that are currently registered for the 26/27 school year, not just those that attended Kinder Round Up.
 - d. Need plan and timeline for distribution to grade level pods – [Laine will work with Lisa on this. Will follow similar process to last year as it seemed to work very well. Laine has already given the vendor the dates for delivery window to ensure kits are distributed in time for meet the teacher.](#)
- c. Sales – YTD Spirit Store Revenue is about \$450 short compared to budget for the year, but we also sold \$490 more in 5th grade yard signs than anticipated. (Margins aren't the same, though.)

- a. About \$3,215 in the Cost of Goods Budget remaining to be spent this year - to be spent on new merchandise for meet the teacher 26/27 school year.
 - i. Tia and Sam reviewed and do not think we need to adjust the amount to be spent by the revenue variance, assuming the new merchandise makes sense
 - ii. Spend should be timed appropriately to take advantage of summer discounts. Lisa is working on this and will meet with Sam and Laine in the near future.

9. Campus Improvement Update – Sam Cooke

- a. Total approved budget for the current year is \$62k, which includes \$32k in unspent Campus Improvement funds rolled forward from prior budget, plus an additional \$30k allocated from this year's budget/fundraising goals.
- b. In April meeting we voted to remove the pavers from the courtyard (will work toward a better solution in the future) and move forward with all other projects included in the bids. We also voted/agreed that once the jobs have been awarded to a contractor, we will issue a change order to extend the length of the sidewalk to include the grassy area in front of the annual reserved parking spots. This will create a more finished look vs what is currently in the bid.
 - a. Summer notified BISD that we would like to remove the pavers. Updated information received brought the Geofill bid closer to appx. \$29k and Waterman bid to appx. \$32k. Spawglass was still significantly more expensive. Summer will notify BISD we are ready to move forward with the sidewalk and butter blocks.
- c. Next year's Apex fundraiser can be focused on raising the remaining funds needed to add a shade structure to the playground.

\$54,596.22	Funds Raised with Apex
-\$9,995.70	Classroom/Teacher Passback
\$44,600.52	Total banked toward sunshade

- d. Possible future campus improvement projects (notes for next year, after shade structure completion):
 - a. Additional (shaded) benches for the playground – revisit once new Sunshade is installed.
 - b. Additional (safety) window coverings for classrooms that face the drop-off / pick up loop in the front of the school.
 - c. Installing privacy fencing (similar to what we did with the PK playground fence) along the back field / walking path to Front Gate. Tia mentioned this idea in the December board meeting on behalf of Krista Kimball. Need more details from Krista to evaluate further.
 - d. Other possible ideas (not yet reviewed):
 - a. Filtered water (hot & cold) station for teacher's lounge
 - b. New refrigerator/freezer for teacher's lounge

10. Staff Appreciation Update – Lauren Tijerina

- a. May 4th – 8th – Teacher Appreciation – Distributed flyer with theme for each days for students/families if they choose to participate with something small.
 - i. Monday, May 4th – Fiesta Breakfast: breakfast and Summer Moon beverages Summer moon provided coffee, Moonmilk and refreshers, all refreshers were gone! The teachers were really happy with that as they do not all drink coffee
 - ii. Tuesday, May 5th – Baked Potato Bar (TXRH) We ran out of bacon and sour cream in one hour! If we do this again next year, we will need to be sure they provide more toppings.
 - iii. Wednesday, May 6th – Mrs. Gault's Treat and Jerky & Great American Cookie Company (provided by the district)
 - iv. Thursday, May 7th - Raising Cane's Lunch and raffle for give aways (4 wrapped teacher-themed baskets, target gift card and remaining VV Ortho certificate from Fiesta Auction), Recess Coverage.
 - v. Friday, May 8th - Chair Massages and Recess Coverage Teachers LOVE this one! Blake will be doing fajitas this day. There are still concerns over portion sizes and ensuring everyone gets a reasonable size lunch. Maybe Summer can send out an email to be aware of portion size and have signs posted as well. Blake asked if we could have someone on-sight to help with serving.
- b. Monthly Recognition Days
 - i. May 6th – School Nurse Appreciation Yard Sign in front of school and gave Nurse Ashton a gift card and some of her favorite snacks.

11. Principal Update – Summer Gault – Thanks for everything this year!

12. Events Update – Sam

- a. Nothing to discuss for this school year. See you next year!

13. Volunteer Update – Brandi Wright

- a. Volunteer appreciation – distribution of thank you notes, feedback There was as little confusion from the teachers as to if the cards were for the students or their parents. The thank you notes were distributed at the same time as STAAR cards from parents.
- b. Upcoming SUGs Needed:
 - i. Teacher Appreciation – Dad's on Duty Playground Duty missing a few volunteers for each spot so hoping they will be filled, but we should be ok with 5 spots filled vs 7 spots
 - ii. Paletas distribution for Field Day – would prefer this to be board and committee members.
 - iii. Reminders went out to room parents about end of year parties

14. Communications Update – Erica Cepeda

- a. SUG for Dad's on Duty – recess coverage (tomorrow and Friday!) Posted to social media again this morning (Wednesday)
- b. All remaining Fiesta Silent Auction Experiences – this is important! Erica will get these all posted.

- c. TAW Days: 5/4 – 5/8 - we should highlight as much as possible Erica has been posting daily!
- d. 5/5 – Spirit Night at McDonald's 5 – 8pm – Summer posted. Natalie sent pictures to Erica that night.
- e. 5/6 – School Nurse Appreciation Day - posted
- f. 5/6 – School Art Show (to help Mrs. Kindred) - posted
- g. Announce next year's PTO Board – just posted about VP of volunteers
 - a. Announce secretary for 26/27 school year
- h. School Supply Sales (throughout summer) will post once/week through the July 1st deadline
- i. Will create a post for Field Day with SUG

15. All Other Business

- a. May 6th – **TODAY** - Decorating for Art Show (to help Mrs. Kindred)
- b. May 15th - Paletas for Field Day – Sam will order and Tia's husband will pick up for us (or we will have delivered)
 - a. One per student, staff member and volunteer. Can work with check-in desk to give each volunteer a wristband. When they receive their paleta, we will remove the wristband. Pre-k has requested traditional popsicles.
 - b. Need approximately 930 paletas (plus 35 traditional popsicles).
 - i. Strawberry, Mango, Cherry, Chocolate, Vanilla, Oreos & Cream (most popular flavors from last year)
 - a. Confirm one of the fruit options is dairy free – email to Nurse Ashton for other dietary concerns
- c. May 18th – Senior Walk – does anyone want to help with set up in the morning?
 - a. Photo Backdrop (set Friday afternoon after school?)
 - b. Photos, Yearbook
 - c. Coffee, Juice, Water, Donuts
- d. STAAR Snacks – next year we should consider providing a certain number of snacks/teacher for those that don't have one, not one per student. Next year we could have a central tub of snacks teachers can grab from instead of having a bag go to every class room
- e. 2026 – 2027 Executive Board Recruiting
 - i. Need to fill Secretary role and VP of volunteers
- f. New Podium for School – needs ordered
 - a. Student Council has committed \$1,000 toward this purchase. Amount will be deducted from unspent campus budgets.
- g. Review grant request received from Lyndsey Williams for appx. \$1,300 – possible other options for payment first. Board is concerned about setting a precedent.
 - a. Gifted and Talented Educators Conference
 - i. December 1- 4, 2026 - Houston, TX
 - a. Early Discounted Registration \$400 (discount ends in September)
 - b. Hotel \$717 (3 nights at \$230/night)
 - c. Food & Gas \$200

- h. FYI – Effective next school year, PTOs are no longer permitted to pay for technology subscriptions per BISD. This school year we spent:

Generation Genius	\$1,795	
Pebble Go	\$1,799	
Brain Pop	<u>\$4,095</u>	
Total	\$7,689	(65% of Total grant spend of \$11,829)

For Budgeting purposes (from Krista) BOA will be relying on PTO again, cost will probably about \$75 a student. Summer can help identify how many students would qualify for the assistance.

16. Fiesta Friday Review Updates

a. Updated Final Financials

a. Revenue (final)

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over budget by
4200 Spring Fundraiser (Fiesta Friday)			
4220 Food Truck Revenue	488.29	500.00	-11.71
4230 Ticket Revenue	17,685.00	16,300.00	1,385.00
4250 Silent Auction Revenue	40,068.00	28,000.00	12,068.00
Total for 4200 Spring Fundraiser (Fiesta Friday)	\$58,241.29	\$44,800.00	\$13,441.29

b. Expenses (not final)

	Actual	Budget	Over budget by
5200 Spring Fundraiser Expense (Fiesta Friday)			
5210 32 Auction Fee Expense	350.00	220.00	130.00 Paid for addit'l data to assist with tax reporting, paid to advertise multiple donor info on an individual auction listing
5220 Auction Items - Baskets & Teacher Experiences	1,719.37	2,000.00	-280.63 Not all experiences are complete. Still have minimal expenses to incur. Includes \$120 in expenses for prior year auction items (annual reserved parking signs & refund), \$655 for Kalahari auction item, \$125 refund for reserved Fiesta parking
5230 Raffle Items Expense	507.95	500.00	7.95 Fee for pre-paid visa
5240 Fiesta Supplies Expense	1,092.82	1,100.00	-7.18 Still have returns to be processed for some game prizes
5260 Vendor Expense	26,069.00	22,000.00	4,069.00 Added rides and games with board approval
5270 Security & Admin Costs	890.17	950.00	-59.83
Total for 5200 Spring Fundraiser Expense (Fiesta Friday)	\$30,629.31	\$26,770.00	\$3,859.31

17. Thank You!

- a. Thanks for a great year! To board members transitioning off of the board this year – thank you for the time that you have to volunteering!

18. Future Business

- a. Review/Update VRES PTO Bylaws – Over time things have evolved informally with only minor updates to the bylaw document.
- a. Recommend reviewing and updating to reflect current practices (example: timing of annual budget approval and spend that takes place from July 1st through early September).
- i. Believe this would strengthen financial oversight and accountability (To be clear, there are no concerns with spend that takes place during the school year, but spend does take place leading up to the school year before the budget is actually approved. (precedent set)

- ii. Would also like to provide more clarity and transparency of roles and responsibilities, both throughout the year and during leadership transition.
 - iii. And to be sure we are aligned with best practices of the school district
 - b. Consider adding further verbiage to clarify sponsor recognition vs commercial advertising. Be sure to consider BISD policies on social media, etc. with regards to the commercial advertising (monetizing our social media accounts).
 - b. Re-consider set up of SUG for Blessings next year:
 - a. Consider creating 2 SUGS – one for fall, another for spring so that you don't have to scroll as far to see the open volunteer spots?
 - c. Can we reconsider engraving bricks out front again?

Important Upcoming Dates:

5/4 – 5/8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
 5/5 – Spirit Night at McDonald's 5 – 8pm
 5/6 – School Nurse Appreciation Day
 5/6 – VRES Art Show
 5/6 – Monthly PTO Board Meeting 10am – 12pm
 5/15 – Field Day (providing popsicles)
 5/18 – Class of 2026 Senior Walk – 8am
 5/21 – Last Day of School

Action Items: Please ensure completion or conversation by due date. Secretary will follow up weekly.

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Distribute email with details for school supply purchases to registered incoming kinder parents	Summer		
Send photos to Erica from auction experiences so we can post those	Sam	On-going ASAP	
Continue to post for school supply sales over the summer.	Erica	On-going through ordering deadline	
Reach out to R&R about a possible spirit event/giveback	Natalie		
Create a post for Field Day with a SUG	Erica		
Outgoing VPs to host transition meeting with incoming VPs	Erika, Katrina, Carissa, Lauren	ASAP, no later than June 1st	

Finalize pizza cost for 5 th grade so we can distribute remaining campus funds to Summer	Tia	5/8/26	
Finalize social media posts for the year – refer to outstanding items in communications section of agenda	Erica		
Create SUG for Paletas distribution on field day (for board members)	Brandi	5/8/26	

Meeting Adjourned: 11:48 am