

# PTA Meeting October 16, 2025

## Meeting Attendees

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## TL;DR

The PTA reviewed its financial status, noting a need to meet fundraising goals to match the previous year's performance and avoid using surplus funds. The group approved a budget adjustment for the yearbook, planned logistics for the upcoming bake sale and holiday shop, and discussed future initiatives including a potential partnership with FDC and organizing coat drives.

## Key Topics:

- **Financial Review and Fundraising Outlook**
  - financial comparison was presented showing current income is trailing last year.
    - We have \$1,465 in dues as opposed to \$3,000 in dues this time last year, so we're halfway there.
  - Meeting fundraising goals is critical to avoid dipping into last year's surplus.
  - Recent donations for bake sales are helping to close this gap.
  - The goal is to match last year's spending profile and trend.
- **Update from the School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting**
  - morning programs will start soon, both through the school and through FDC. This will run from October through April.
  - Picnic tables in the front of the school were donated by naturebase.
  - The school budget has been affected by the loss of 25 international students.

- Waiting to hear if paraprofessional training is something the PTA can assist with
- **General PTA Updates**
  - School Picture Day on October 10 was a success with photographer Irvin Simon.
    - Makeup day is **January 9<sup>th</sup>**
    - Irving Simon will send proofs out to parents in 4 weeks
  - President Council meeting was held on October 15
    - Most of the meeting was spent reaffirming the President Council bylaws
    - Each PTA/PA pays \$75 towards the President Council for due
    - A new logo committee was formed
  - The application for middle school is open with a deadline of December 12.
- **Fundraising Event Planning: Bake Sale & Holiday Shop**
  - confirmed volunteers for the bake sale on October 24.
  - A call for volunteers for the December Holiday Shop was issued.
    - Holiday Shop will take place **12/8-12/11**, with 12/8 being a setup day
    - Shopping days will be 12/9-12/11
  - The deadline for Holiday Shop volunteer sign-ups is November 7.
- **Budget Vote and Board Member Roles**
  - The group unanimously voted to increase the yearbook budget by \$700.
    - the increase was to correct a previous clerical error.
  - We need to elect a surrogate for PTA leadership.
    - This will be an alternate when the PTA co-chairs cannot attend.
    - Members were asked to consider volunteering for the surrogate role.
- **Open Discussion and New Initiatives**
  - The long-term status of the FDC after-school program was discussed.
  - PTA is exploring potential partnerships with FDC.
  - Teacher suggested we organize a coat and toy drives for the school community.

## **Key Decisions:**

- **Increase 5th grade yearbook budget by \$700:**

- The team unanimously voted to raise the PTA-funded 5th grade yearbook budget from \$1800 to \$2500 to correct a previous clerical error and align with historical spending.
- **Maintain FDC aftercare and morning program partnership:**
  - The team agreed to continue fostering the relationship with FDC for aftercare and morning programs, aiming for long-term stability following the loss of NIA, with ongoing communication to ensure consistent student attendance and explore collaborative opportunities.
- **Elect a surrogate for PTA meeting coverage:**
  - The team decided to identify and elect a surrogate at the next PTA meeting to cover essential meetings when primary representatives are unavailable, ensuring continuity in PTA participation and decision-making.