

PTA Meeting January 15, 2026

Key Topics:

- **Approved Last Month's Minutes**
- **Treasurer Report**
 - We net \$495 from the January bake sale
 - Chase now charges a \$3.50 fee for deposits at the window greater than \$5k.
 - Big expenses we are anticipating include the yearbook and graduation
 - Also expect to receive around \$900 from the picture day event.
- **Winter Festival**
 - Received positive feedback
- **Friendship Concert**
 - Will be similar to the winter festival.
 - All parents should have received a link inviting them to the Friendship Concert from Hina
 - **If you did not receive the link please reach out to Hina directly**
- **General Updates**
 - SLT discussed the curriculum for next year. Partnerships with:
 - [HMH into Reading](#) for English Language Arts
 - [IM](#) (Illustrative Math) will be the Math Program
 - [Amplify Education](#) for Social Studies
 - Assessments for CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plans) and I-Ready
 - This week students completed the i-Ready assessment
 - Students will receive progress reports by the end of the month
 - Waiting for students to complete the ELA assessment to see the growth percentage
 - Comprehensive Educational goal is to see 10% growth annually.
 - School Budget
 - School had full enrollment, so received it's full budget
 - As part of participatory budgeting, students will be asked to vote on different projects part of the budget can go towards including:
 - Décor
 - Upgrading indoor/outdoor play
 - Gym equipment

- We also receive \$5000 in title I funding
 - **Hina sent out a survey asking parents how they would like that money spent. If you did not receive the survey link, reach out to Hina.**
 - **For the last 5 years, the money was spent on Elevate Workshops**
- Parent Feedback on this year's Elevate Workshops
 - 300 student participants; around 10 parent participants
 - Some felt these were geared towards older children (3rd grade and up).
- Other possible uses for the title I funding could include:
 - Book club
 - Parent workshops
 - PTA reached out to Heather to hear other ideas and Jotham will ask at the President Council's Meeting what other programs other schools eligible for this funding use.
- Picture day
 - Students completed the makeup picture day.
 - If parents would like a retake they can travel to Irving Simon's location for a retake.
- No FDC afterschool this Friday, January 16, 2026
- January 30th is school spirit day
- New School start time next year of: **8:10am** instead of 8:20 am
- **FDC after school program ends on June 12, 2026.**
- **Fundraising Event Planning: Bake Sale & Holiday Shop**

Key Decisions:

- **Increase School Bus Toll for \$150 budgeted to a total budget of \$300:**
 - 9 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 nays
- **PTA sponsored movie night**
 - 7 in favor, 2 nay, 0 abstention voted to organize the movie night in the Spring rather than in the winter.
 - Movie night should not be scheduled April 20th.