

Benjamin D. Foulois PTO | SY25-26

General Body Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025

Meeting called to order: 6:05 PM by Sharice Vickery (PTO Delegate, presiding in absence of President)

Attendance: 81 participants

Opening

- Introductions of PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs.
- Meeting agenda overview shared; disclaimer that meeting was recorded
- President Christopher Randolph was unable to attend.

Finance Committee

Treasurer Report – April

- **Account Balance (as of Aug 29, 2025):** \$28,911
- **Principal's Account:** \$11,263
- **Proposed PTO Budget for SY25-26:** \$17,649
- Deficit shown (-\$3,289) expected to be offset through fundraising.
- Annual budget built to “zero-balance” approach, spending based on prior year trends.
- All budgeting reports are retained on file for three years.

Questions/Discussion:

- Clarification provided on budget shortfalls and fundraising needs.

Budget Proposals

- **Field Day:** Request to increase budget from \$3,500 to \$5,000 to cover vendors, hydration, inflatables.
- **VITS (Special Events/Dances):** Proposed increase to \$4,000 (to include Kiss Dance, Sneaker Ball, social events).
- **Appreciation (Teachers/Staff):** Monthly recognition events, budget increase requested.
- **PTO Administration:** Increase to cover compliance costs, technology (Zoom), socials, and parent engagement events.

Vote: 30 “Yes” votes – Budget approved for SY25-26.

Membership Committee

- Chair: Lynn Frazier (not present, update shared).
 - Membership drive underway; pizza party incentive for highest homeroom participation.
 - Reminder: Only paid members for SY25-26 may vote.
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Delegate Committee

- Theme for year: **Engagement & Transparency**.
- Focus on community partnerships, in-person events, and advocacy at BOE as needed.
- Ongoing issues: Transportation coordination for families.

Action Item: Follow up on LaKeisha’s transportation issue; escalate to BOE if unresolved.

Fundraising Committee

Report – VP Fundraising, Janay Brown

- Upcoming **Read-a-Thon** begins Sept 22, aligned with Back-to-School Nights.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Sept 24 – Oct 3. Parent volunteers needed.
- **Holiday Shop:** Students can purchase gifts (items starting at \$0.25).

Action Item: Create and circulate SignUpGenius for volunteers (Books on the Ground, Book Fair).

Principal’s Report – Dr. Keshia Hogue

- **Enrollment Update:** 560+ students.
- **Technology:** Chromebooks no longer provided by county; families must secure devices for home use.
- **Events:**
 - Pep Rally celebrated Kindergartners & 8th graders.

- Third & Fourth grade “Freestyle Friday” dance battle.
- **Trips:**
 - Camp Schmidt (5th grade) – overnight legacy trip.
 - JA Finance Park (7th grade). Parent chaperones required.
- **Communications:** Weekly parent newsletter via Smore; ensure ParentVue info is accurate.

Questions:

- Clarified volunteer fingerprint/background requirements.
 - Addressed parent concerns on lunch procedures, teacher communication, TAG program, and academic field trips.
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Upcoming Events

- **Books on the Ground** – Friday, Sept 8 (DJ, food trucks, face painting, fingerprinting station).
 - Action: Coordinate additional food trucks with Kenny Smith.
 - **Back-to-School Nights** – Sept 24 (Elementary) & Sept 25 (Middle).
 - **Scholastic Book Fair** – Sept 24 – Oct 3.
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Action Items

1. Follow up on LaKeisha’s transportation issue (email details → escalate if unresolved).
 2. Compile & share PTO grade liaison list in GroupMe.
 3. Create/send SignUpGenius links for Book Fair and Books on the Ground volunteers.
 4. Coordinate food trucks for Books on the Ground with Kenny Smith.
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Next PTO General Body Meeting: **September 28, 2025.**

- Net Assets (Unrestricted)