

Pine Island Academy PTO

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date September 16, 2026	Location PIA Café	Call to Order 8:15 AM
Presiding Taylor Bettencourt, PTO President	Adjourned 8:40 AM	Prepared By Megan Durmic, Recording Secretary

PTO Board Attendance at Call to Order — 6 of 6 Present (100%)

Board Member	Title
Taylor Bettencourt	President
Carrie Kelly	Vice President, Fundraising
Lisa Velez Walters	Vice President, Upper School
Megan Durmic	Recording Secretary
Rachel Morgan Cautero	Media Secretary
Amber Taylor	Treasurer

All six seated PTO Board members were present at call to order; a quorum was established.

1. Call to Order & Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by PTO President Taylor Bettencourt. A quorum was met.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Lisa Walters
- Second: Carrie Kelly
- Previous meeting minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer's Update was presented to attendees.

4. Fundraising Update

- Apparel: \$692.77 raised toward the \$4,000 goal.
- Membership: \$23,310 raised toward the \$30,000 goal.
- Partners: \$63,640 raised, exceeding the \$50,000 goal by \$13,640.
- Believe Holiday Fundraiser: \$0 toward the \$15,000 goal; planned for late October.
- Total raised to date across the reported fundraising categories: \$87,642.77.

5. Board Vacancy & Election

Amber Taylor announced the open Vice President, Lower School position. Brittney Cabler was voted into the position by unanimous decision on September 16, 2026.

6. Book Fair Update

- Thank you to everyone who participated in and shopped the Book Fair.
- \$150 per classroom will be provided for classroom libraries through Scholastic Dollars.
- The next Book Fair is scheduled for March 2027.

7. Dolphin Dash

- Dolphin Dash shirt styles and colors were presented.

- Classroom-assigned shirt colors were reviewed.

8. Classroom & Teacher Support

- Classroom start-up gift cards: PTO provided \$75, with additional support from Village Extended Day.
- Welcome Back Breakfast provided by Coffee Peddler & PTO.
- Welcome Back Lunch provided by Bronx House.
- Treasure Boxes provided for K–5 classrooms.
- \$150 in Scholastic Dollars per classroom for classroom libraries.
- Support provided for the Middle School PBIS online system.
- PTO support for technology subscriptions.

9. Classroom & Teacher Support – Upcoming Programs

- Wonderful Wednesday begins September 16.
- K–5 Curriculum Chat Dinner provided by Bronx House.
- Middle School Curriculum Chat Dinner provided by Bronx House.
- Middle School Dolphin of the Month begins September 2026.
- PTO support for the Middle School Quarterly Raffle.
- Continued teacher grant support.

10. Grants

- Refresh playground carts.
- Clay for K–5.
- Stock the school clinic with needed supplies.
- Media Center support for an author visit later this school year.

11. K–5 Resource Wish Lists

K–5 Resource Wish Lists are available for families wishing to support resource classrooms.

- Wish lists include Computer Lab, Music, PE, Art, STEM, Media, and TECS.
- Links to the wish lists are available in Family News.

12. Dolphin Force

- First gift due Monday, September 28.
- Participants should provide their assigned teacher with a \$25–\$30 gift card to the teacher’s favorite restaurant or store.
- Participants whose assigned teacher has a September birthday were reminded to recognize the teacher on their special day.

13. Classroom & Teacher Support – Questions

The floor was opened for questions regarding Classroom & Teacher Support. No questions were raised.

14. Upcoming Event – Middle School Glow Dance

- Friday, September 18, 5:30–7:30 PM.
- Open to PIA students only.
- Students should arrive by 6:00 PM; no re-entry after leaving.
- Parents are responsible for drop-off and pick-up.
- Students are expected to follow the SJCS Code of Conduct.
- Music, dancing, snacks, and activities will be provided.

15. Trunk-or-Treat

- October 16, 5:30–7:00 PM.
- Open to all PIA families.
- Papa John's Pizza will be available for pre-order.
- Online pre-order form coming soon.
- The evening will include candy, costumes, decorated trunks, and community fun.

16. Volunteers

- Volunteer opportunities are available for the Middle School Dance and Trunk-or-Treat.
- Volunteers must have the appropriate clearance and school access requirements completed.
- Sign-ups will be shared through SignUpGenius and WhatsApp committees.
- Check Family News, Facebook, and Instagram for volunteer opportunities, sign-ups, and updates.

17. Additional Questions, Comments & Concerns

The floor was opened for additional questions, comments, or concerns from attendees.

18. Next General PTO Meeting

- Date: October 21, 2026
- Time: 8:15 AM
- Location: PIA Café

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM by Taylor Bettencourt, PTO President.

Minutes prepared by: Megan Durmic, Recording Secretary