

PPA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13, 2026

Time: 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

Location: Dining Hall

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order by **President Alison Diana** at 8:30 AM. Attendees were welcomed and thanked for joining for a morning of coffee, connection, and community.

2. Attendance

PPA Executive Board Members Present:

- Alison Diana – President
- Alyssa Whitfield – Vice President

Not in Attendance:

- Yulia Lupu – Secretary
- Trey Gallardo – Treasurer

Parents and community members were also in attendance.

3. Finance Report

The **current PPA balance is \$6,225.01.**

Recent expenditures included **PPA support for food and beverages at the Winter Carnival and student dances**, helping make these events enjoyable for the students and school community.

4. Announcements & Community Events

Parent's Night Out – Rationale's

The PPA announced that **Parent's Night Out at Rationale's** was on February 27, 2026 from 5pm - 7pm

5. Committee Updates

- **DEIB Committee** – Jade Thacker
- **Sunshine Committee** – Alyssa Whitfield
- **Education Committee** – Chirag Desai

- **Athletics Committee** – Position currently TBD

Parents interested in joining any committee are encouraged to email ppa@theparkschool.org with the subject line:

“**Attention [Committee Name]**”

6. Open Forum Discussion

School Zone Sign on Harlem Road

Parents discussed the possibility of adding a **school zone sign along Harlem Road** to increase awareness that a school is nearby and encourage reduced speeds for improved safety.

It was noted that Alison Diana would speak with Lisa Conrad about this. Follow up email will be sent.

Food Allergy Awareness & Safety

Additional feedback from recent parent conversations was shared regarding **food allergies**, particularly concerns related to **severe nut allergies**. Parents noted that even small amounts of residue or dust left on surfaces could potentially trigger a reaction for highly sensitive students.

Ideas raised for consideration included:

- Exploring whether the school might consider **expanding a nut-free policy beyond classrooms** to include common areas such as the lunchroom or other shared spaces.
- Opening a broader discussion about **student access to EpiPens**. While it is understood that some students may be too young to carry them independently, parents expressed interest in exploring options that would allow for **quicker access and administration during an allergic reaction**, rather than needing to go to the nurse’s office first.

These comments were shared as part of the ongoing conversation around **student health and safety**.

Future Fundraiser Idea

Parents discussed the possibility of organizing another **PPA fundraiser**, with **BINGO Night** suggested as a fun community event that could bring families together while raising funds.

7. Upcoming Events

- February 16–17 – February Break (No School)
- February 20 – Upper School Winter Wonderland Dance
- February 27 – Middle School Dance
- February 27 – Parent’s Night Out
- March 6 – Middle School Career Exploration Fair
- March 12 – Middle School History Bee
- March 13 – No School (Professional Development Day)

- March 19–22 – Park Players Spring Production

8. Next Meeting

The Meeting on Friday, March 20, 2026 will be cancelled.

Next In-Person Meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2026 in the Dining Hall at 8:15am

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately **10:15 AM**. Attendees were thanked for their continued support of the PPA and the school community.