



General Meeting Minutes August 25, 2026 Lakewood Media Center, 6:00pm

Attendees: Andrea McNelis, Cassi Peterson, Christina Rodriguez, Stacy Phelan, Ashley Cherry, Jordan Berry, Eleni Kordazakis, Liz Beard, Jenee Knudson, Jennifer McDermott, Christina DeLuca, Corrie Toste, Magdalena Garcia, Raquel Ramirez, Denise Powell, Carrie Ridenour-Jones, Julie Scherer, Richard Jones, Amy Hughes

Call to Order: 6:12pm

- Greetings and Introductions of 2026-2027 board members
- Approval of Special General Meeting Minutes-May 19th, 2026: 1st Ashley Cherry, 2nd Eleni Kordazakis. Motion carries, minutes are adopted.

Comments from Principal Denise Powell

- Expressed appreciation for parent support and PTA's help organizing a successful Round Up.
- Back to School Night will be 9/3.
- School Site Council (SSC) opportunity to join: parents vote for parents, staff vote for staff.
- Lakewood is now a targeted Title 1 school. An informational meeting will be 9/1, 2:00pm in the media center.
- ELAC: invite English learners to join and attend meetings.
- Update: 3-4 combo class was dissolved. 3rd graders transitioned back to 3rd grade classrooms.

Financial Reports (Amy Hughes)

- Treasurer's Report-July 1 and Treasurer's Report-August 1 reviewed: June expenses = \$16,373.72. August income=\$249.90. Balance on hand August 1 = \$128,205.00.
- Budget: Current bank balance as of 8/21/26 is \$127,227.22.
 - Motion to ratify 2026-2027 Budget: 1st Julie Scherer, 2nd Magdalena Garcia. Motion carries, 2026-2027 Budget adopted.
- Financial Review for 1/1/26 - 6/30/26 was performed by Laura Toste, and shared by Cassi Peterson.
 - Motion to adopt Financial Review 1/1/26-6/30/26: 1st Julie Scherer, 2nd Magdalena Garcia. Motion carries, Financial Review adopted.

Payment Authorization Forms: none

Release of Funds: none

Officer/Committee Updates

- **President Updates** (Cassi Peterson)
 - PTA Packets went out Monday, are due back 9/4
 - 5th Grade Chair - Flyer and Google Survey sent via Parent Square. Need a 5th grade parent to chair.
 - Assembly updates -
 - Lakewood Reads: began in August w/a school-wide read of *This is a School*. Handmade Lion Mural to go up soon. There will be an assembly on September 10 (Librarian visit).
 - Star Lab: reserved for week of Sept 21-25, more info to come.
 - ASL w/Kaye in the classrooms starts in September.
 - School Beautification Funds - New umbrellas were purchased and are outside on lunch tables. In addition, Lakewood ordered one large shade covering, PTA to order a second (~\$6,700).
 - Field Trip updates - Field trip requests are due from teachers 8/26, will then need approval by Mrs. Powell. We will share at the next general meeting.
 - PTA Website is LIVE! Check it out at: www.lakewoodblueandwhite.com. An announcement will be sent via Parent Square and on PTA socials soon.
- **VP of Membership** (Christina Rodriguez): 86 Members to date. Membership Contest ends 9/4. Room Parents and Teachers will be contacted mid/late Sept.

- **Yearbook** (Christina Rodriguez): Send classroom and student activity photos to lakewoodlionsyearbook@gmail.com for inclusion in yearbook, they are collected all yearlong.
- **VP of Fundraising** (Julie Scherer)
 - Super Hero Jog-a-thon is 9/18. Fundraising incentives for students and classrooms (extra recess, pizza party). Fitness component incorporated. Packets will go out next week. School-wide assembly on 9/4. Utilizing 99Pledges again. Received \$3,950 in sponsorships, which will help with incentives.
 - Dine Out Nights: every 1st Monday at Round Table in Century Center
 - Magical Holidays: brochure and more info in November.
- **6th Grade Chair** (Cassi for Kristi Campbell): Fall Carnival 10/23, 8/31 = 6th grade planning meeting
- **Spiritwear** (Amy Hughes): New items, check them out. Spirit Socks will be sold at BTSN (limited quantity).
- **Love Lakewood** (Amy Hughes): As part of school beautification (give back) we will be enhancing the front of school. Proposal currently w/district. This project is slated for October, more info coming.
- **Book Fair Coordinator** (Cassi for Janelle Gibbons): Fall Book Fair is 8/28-9/3. We need a new Coordinator. Please reach out to ptalakewoodlions@gmail.com if you can fill the role. Volunteers needed also - see QR code below to sign up.
- **Teacher Appreciation** (Cassi for Joanna Beaver): Teacher Luncheon was the day before school starts.
- **Theater** (Cassi for Kaye Osborn): This year's play is *Shakespeare Comes to Calamity Creek*, offered for 1st through 6th grades. Auditions will be in Dec, everyone will receive a role/included. Practices start in January, with performances in early March. More info to come (rehearsals times will not interfere w/RISE).
- **Reflections** (Cassi for Jacqueline Byler-Westen): Theme: "What My Culture Means to Me".
- **Parliamentarian** (Stacy Phelan): updated bylaws distributed to board, if anyone would like a copy reach out.
- **Financial Reviewer** (Ashley Cherry): will review financials next in January (for 7/1/26-12/31/26).

Unfinished Business/Items too late for the Agenda: none

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Book Fair: 8/28-9/3
- Back to School Night: Sept 3rd @ 6pm
- Round Table Night Out: Sept 7th @ 4pm-8pm
- Super Hero Jog-a-thon: 9/18

Next meeting dates:

- Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 1 @ 7:45am
- General Meeting - Tuesday, September 15th @ 6pm

Adjourn: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McNelis

Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- 1) General Meeting Agenda - August 25, 2026
- 2) Special General Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2026
- 3) Treasurer's Report - July 1, 2026
- 4) Treasurer's Report - August 1, 2026
- 5) Lakewood PTA Budget (dated 8/21/2026)

QR code for Fall Book Fair Volunteer SignUp →

