

Phoebe A Hearst Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Meeting (CLOSED)  
May 14, 2025  
PHE Cafeteria



## May 2025 Agenda (Closed Meeting)

**Our Organizations Agreements:** Individuals agree to be respectful of others, engage in collaboration and communication, and listen to who is speaking without interrupting.

### Attendance:

Present:

President: Erica Clayton

VP: Lorry Marvin

Secretary: Nichole St. Germain

Treasurer: Anastasia Dolotov

Co Treasurer: Denae Pruner

Communications Chair: Amanda Panton

Enrichment Coordinator: Rebecca Frazee

Parliamentarian: Isaac Gonzalez

MAL: Jason Hechtkopf, Serra Klunk, Melissa Pennel, and Allison Dorsey

Spelling Bee: Rachel Connor

Teacher Representative: Jeanne Chasko

Garden: Melissa Miller

Assistant/Permits: Sarah Zorn

President of the SCUSD Board of Education, Area 2 – Jasjit Singh

Deputy Superintendent – Mary Hardin Young

### Call to Order - President called the meeting called to order at 5:35pm.

- **Approval of Draft Agendas (Closed/Open)** - Anastasia motioned. Allison seconded. Ayes carried the vote.
- **Approval of April 9th Minutes** - Melissa motioned. Anastasia seconded. Ayes carried the vote.
- **President Report:** Erica Clayton

- Welcome & Reflection - What are you looking forward to this summer or at the end of the school year? Members shared their thoughts.
- General Updates:
- Open House – Earlier this spring, Mr. Martin said we could introduce the PTO at the Open House. Mr. Martin will not be addressing the community at Open House. Jen and Jason will work to have a PTO table for us that evening. We are working on a map as well for families to be able to tour the campus easily. This will, hopefully, guide families to visit the Stem and Art rooms so they can really experience those enriching areas of our campus. Member question: How will we present Mr. Ghoul with his retirement gift? Answer: All staff retirement gifts were presented at The Event. Mr. Ghoul left early so he did not receive his retirement gift. Mr. Martin said morning announcements would be a great time to present Mr. Ghoul his gift and acknowledge his time at Phoebe.
- Calendar for next year – The Movie Night committee asked about moving Movie Night back to September. The calendar is something I will be working on this summer, along with the new admin. If this is something you would like to participate in, zoning time and events on the calendar, please reach out to me directly at [ptophoebeahearst@gmail.com](mailto:ptophoebeahearst@gmail.com) with the title 2025/2026 Calendar. Member question: Can all minimum days be scheduled before the start of the school year? We are hopeful there will be more collaboration and that, at the start of the year, there will be a general calendar set up to plug dates into. We are hoping that the calendar process will improve this next school year for everyone.
- Website – During the summer, I hope to be looking at updating the website. If you would like to participate in helping update the Phoebe website, please reach out to our webmaster. We both have access and will be working on the website together.
- New Admin- How can we work in partnership with the new admin, collaborate, and walk in grace together for the community? This might mean stepping back from areas we should not occupy. The

spaces we work in and jobs we have might be shifting with this transition. Ask that all of us collectively be flexible and open those changes, move into areas of change with curiosity and grace through possible growing pains. You can always come to me to discuss anything during this time; this is a safe place for those conversations. There is a lot of curiosity around who the new admin will be. We as leaders prioritize leadership and want to have an open, welcoming, and collaborative environment. We will give space for what is best for the person walking into this position and trust the process.

- June Meeting – We are planning to gather earlier for our June meeting than is on our calendar. June 4<sup>th</sup> was agreed on in a previous meeting. If we can get 2-3 people to help find a space for us to meet. 3 members volunteered. Thank you! This meeting will be a farewell to those moving on and a welcome to those that would be joining us this next year.
- Sutter Lawn has implemented stricter rules for kids at their club, this is for members and non-members. For liability purposes, kids must be supervised and cannot run around unattended. If your children are at the club, please make sure they have an activity to keep them busy, so Sutter Lawn does not think we are impeding on them. We have always been welcome in their space, and we still are, and bringing our kids is still a viable option, we just want to be mindful of how they're moving through the space.
- **Teacher Report:** Jeanne Chasko – Huge Thank you for The Event! It was so incredible, and it just keeps getting better and better each year! I could not believe it! The outfits were amazing! Thank you for having the teachers together, the aides sat with us as well. It was so nice, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you, Rachel Conner, for all your hard work on the Phoebe Spelling Bee. Theodore Judah will be doing a spelling bee as well. We are looking forward to keeping Phoebe the best it can be because it is a gem! It really is a gem!
- **Principal Report:** Doyal Martin
- **School Board Report:** Jasjit Singh/Mary Hardin Young – I appreciate

Mary Hardin Young, Deputy Superintendent for joining us tonight. We would like to address where the district budget is at the federal and state level. I have been at the capital all day; the state budget came out at noon. If the proposed 10% federal budget cut takes place, the state budget cannot make up for the federal cuts. We did get a positive certification, due to our hard work with the budget, and now have the freedom to make financial decisions without county oversight telling us what to do. We were elected to make these decisions and do not want county oversight to make those decisions for us again. We hope you all can join us to rally at Cesar Chavez Park for our Fight for our Students campaign on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be joined by SCTA, CTA, SEIU and so many of our labor partners. These cuts are devastating to our students, especially our students with disabilities. These cuts will include our free lunch program, special education, and access for students to have the ability to succeed in the classroom. It will be detrimental to our community and our country. This has been where a lot of our focus has been the last few weeks. This does not mean I am not wanting to discuss the things that are happening at Phoebe, but we need to focus on the budget right now. I hope to attend your Open House and am happy to support you in that way. I cannot promise that the new admin will show up at your Open House, but I would like to find a way to bring them into that space for the community as well. I do not know who the new principal for Phoebe will be, all I know is that there are qualified candidates who can work with you as well as me. When something reaches me, it means it has failed to be communicated multiple times along the way, as we have seen recently. My hope is that with a new admin, we can have conversations regarding communication early and build a new relationship. We did review and pass your principal finalist list to all on the panel to cross reference your community needs in a principal when conducting finalist interviews. President comment: It is good that you will be mindful of what our community finds important when selecting the new admin. Discussion moved to the general meeting.

- **Treasurer Report:** Anastasia Dolotov/Denae Pruner– You can view the budget via the QR code, it is on the website as well. The year-to-date actual budget is at @ \$2,600K positive. We have deposits of \$8k from The Event, withdrawals of \$5k for field trips, and we added the biggest typical dividend deposit we have had from our new CDs of \$300 (typically we

would see \$30 dividend during the same timeframe). We would like to propose a vote to increase the Home Run Reader budget from \$5,000K to \$6,650K to cover the expenses for tickets on a Saturday versus a Friday and to cover all teacher and staff (plus one) tickets. Amanda motioned. Melissa seconded. Ayes carried the vote.

- **Enrichment Coordinator/Prop 28:** Becca Frazee – The hiring process for the Art Teacher is ongoing. We will be deciding on a candidate on Friday, 5/19. More information to come!
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **The Event:** Amanda Panton/Trevor Hinkley – The Event was successful. We landed right around \$65K, our goal was \$61K. Last year we raised \$72K. Overall, it was a good night!
  - **Teacher Appreciation:** Kearsten Shepherd – The week went well! I learned a lot and would appreciate any feedback or suggestions for next year. Member comment: It was a huge success, and everything included in the week was adorable! Well done, Kearsten!
  - **Homerun Reader:** Fonda Tremble
  - **Nominations/Elections:** Serra Klunk/Isaac Gonzalez – Voting has been good! We will close voting when the meeting is over. We have not had a lot of voters. If you have not voted, please do before the close of the meeting.
- **Adjournment** - Amanda motioned. Lorry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.