

School Council Meeting Minutes

Peter Howell Elementary School

Date of Meeting: February 24th, 2026

Members Present: Lona Chacon (Facilitator), Jaquetta Alexander (Principal), Nathalye Alvarado (Certified), Jeanne Dugan (Classified), Lucy Patterson (Certified), Kristin Ginter (Parent), Nancy Huff (Community), Kristen Buus (Classified)

Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:25 P.M. by Mrs. Chacon.

II. Call to Audience – No audience

III. Principal's Report –

We had budget meetings with district for title one waiting to see how everything falls into place before final decisions are made. Tonight, the governing board meets. They're looking at drastic shortfalls budget wise across TUSD so tonight's governing board meeting will be looking at budget cuts in various places the biggest one that's going to impact us is the attendance clerks / registrars for K-5 and K-8. They're looking at potentially either cutting them outright or looking at .5 where they are sharing positions. It is an action item on the agenda at the governing board meeting tonight so tomorrow we'll know what is happening with our attendance clerk.

Good news about override and staffing is that with the override we're getting a PE teacher It will be a part time PE teacher next year. Also, our counselor has always been full time because M&O pays for a part-time counselor and because we're under a certain number of students, we have always used title 1 to fund the other part of a counselor but with the override the district is taking over the counselor position so that doesn't have to come out of our title dollars.

Another couple of pieces of good news is that the employees are here every day. We know that there are a lot of work orders that have gone untouched we are starting to see work orders being completed so for example the locksmith was out today, and he completed almost all or did he get them all done from 24 down to 6 two of the six are pending he closed one of the six right away. These work orders have been sitting since 2024.

The irrigation in our courtyard is working now. Some big things have happened so we're hoping that that continues. There's only one irrigation person involved, there's supposed to be two, but the other one took a different position.

I have been trying for many years now to get trees planted along 5th St. and I had trees from Tucson organizations where you can get them for free in Tucson but the difficulty

was getting irrigation to them so I finally was told that if we put in a project that the district will figure out how they're going to get the irrigation to us, so that is a project that we will be trying to complete and getting trees.

Summer school the district is having summer school at selected hubs we are not a hub we're on the list of potentially becoming a hub if enrollment increases enough so right now our students would be bused to I think Davidson is our hub school so we are having summer school but they're only inviting the students that are the lowest achieving students to summer school.

Finally, our HVAC systems are going in. The bond monies have so far given us the marquee they've given us the safety films on the windows and now the HVACS. Kinder enrollment for next school year, the district is projecting us at 33 which would mean two classrooms we've been given 2 full time teachers for kindergarten and there aren't any other grades that would need to be reduced at this point with current numbers right now we were allotted 2 teachers per grade level for next year so that's what we're working under.

- IV. Community Report** – On April 11th we're having an event at the park I know Lucy and Kristin, and you have all come it's our spring get together. We're trying to come up with some clever names. I've gotten 2 food trucks and there's called special aids and they were rated number one food truck so they're bringing their grilled cheese sandwich food truck and their sweets with milkshakes and cookies and stuff so we're having the sweets and the foods from the special needs special eats food truck that are going to be there from 11:30 to 1:30 or 11:00 to 2:00 depending on who's coming to set up and how many. Some of the board members are bringing games and some board members are bringing a plant exchange somebody's coordinating that should be great fun we're hoping for a great turn out we're working now on sending postcard, I was picking up our Peter Howell banner at Duck Press over here on Broadway and met Josh the new pastor at First Brethren on Columbus. I let him know I am on the board, and I worked with Jaye at Peter Howell and he said he'd already been over to meet you and have had multiple meetings. They are now Haven church, he gave me his e-mail, and I let him know this is all about community and all of us connecting with each other.
- Tomorrow night there is a meeting that we have at the ward 6 office with Lieutenant Dave Ortiz and we will talk about what's going on so they'll be more tomorrow night because he's really trying. I was able to go and talk to his patrol officers about what just an average woman in the neighborhood encounters every day and he's trying to really emphasize the bus stops and the loitering and the scary behavior that some of us encounter so that'll be tomorrow night.

V. Discussion items –

- a. Budget - This is an overview of tax credit, notice our undesignated line and that is what we have received. Our revenues, I believe, the date is April 15th forward, so for almost a full year we've only brought in \$5,900 dollars. We

have two months left in the tax season we're worried, we're getting ready to send the postcard that you made last year we've prepped for that and we're getting ready to send that out. I think that that's our big thing is trying to get another push right now and it is tax season. Our current balance is \$5,931.00 so if you're looking at what we fund, our biggest piece is making sure that we can fund the enrichment instructor. to make sure that our learning space with our chickens and our garden is taken care of and we do have the funding for that in undesignated, it is \$19,000 after benefits for instructor we've got \$23,000.

- b. After school clubs - Other things that we utilized this year using undesignated was clubs, we don't even determine clubs until we get closer to next year because teachers and staff run clubs, so it really is determined by what they're willing to do. We will still want to continue with the kind squad club because we've had conversations about expanding. Theatre club is new, it is going well and everyone is excited to see how the stories will be acted out. Robotics and math club we would probably want to do at least one semester. I wonder, since Robotics is an art club the funding could come out of the OMA fund. I am not sure about math and kindness squad but if we can, we will. Otherwise, if we can collect enough the clubs don't cost much, it's just a couple of \$1000 per club
- c. Tax credit committee - We've talked about this issue before; do we continue with a tax committee to push for tax credit dollars. If we send out the postcard, I also have the OMA flyer, it is a digital flyer that our media department created for us last year that's beautiful and it is specifically for garden and chicken. I can start hitting social media with that also and reminding families
- d. Tax credit donations – The mailing list that we have for tax credit our neighborhood uses for sending the newsletter I just cut and paste, 954 mailing addresses to the boundaries it's pretty much single family residences and those addresses don't change as you told me you got about 100 kickbacks and there have been times when I've tried to cut trim and be a little cost observant about envelopes and letters and stamps. We've gotten more Air BNBs in the neighborhood but still the addresses shouldn't have changed. They are the Peter Howell area from Broadway/ Alvernon to Columbus. Poets Square, which is to the east side of Columbus which is Broadway to 5th, Columbus to Swan, they are their own neighborhood association, not part of the Peter Howell Neighborhood Association, which is what I just gave you for the boundaries, but they look like active neighborhood associates. I went to the Ward 6 open house last week to meet Miranda Schubert. I met Todd

Bonham, I have been reaching out to just their poets square neighborhood association e-mail to try to get somebody to respond to me and I've been getting nothing. I made conversation with him, and he said let's all get together so he might be able to retrieve a mailing list for Columbus to Swan, Broadway to 5th Poet Square from the city neighborhood resources people.

- e. Enrichment instructor – We want to make sure that our learning space with our chickens and our garden is taken care of. We do have the funding for that in undesignated, the position is \$19,000 after benefits we've got \$23,000. For the next meeting we will vote on the enrichment instructor, so they get paid when the year starts

V. Action items - None

- VI. Adjournment:** Mrs. Chacon adjourns meeting at 3:55 P.M. –
Next meeting is April 21st at 3:15 in Portable B.