



PTA Association Meeting Minutes  
 Thursday, January 16, 2025  
 Spreckels Elementary – 6:30pm Auditorium

**Board Members:** Kathleen Amaya, Karla Orsa; Dana Spaccarotella; Erin Schumacher; Jerry Beers; Andrea Townsend; Kaitlin Nadal; Lilla Keresztely; Lindsay King; Maria Fowlks; Jessie Towne-Cardenas; Kristen Ojeil; Lisa Alessio; Kamilah Abdul-Alim, Lauren Gites

*The Mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. By making every child’s potential a reality by engaging & empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.*

**Presenter    Item**

Kathleen Amaya

**Welcome / Meeting called to Order 6:33pm**

- Meeting Rules: honor start/end time, no raised voices, polite decorum

Erin Schumacher

**Approval of Minutes**

- Shared minutes from October 17, 2024 meeting
- **Motion:** I move to approve the minutes of the association board meeting from October 17, 2024.
  - **1st motion - Erin ; 2nd motion - Lauren**
  - **None oppose, All in Favor; motion passes**

Jerry Beers

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Cal Coast Credit Union Checking**

Balance as of 10/17/24 was \$19,238.75

Deposits – \$94,739.89

Expenses – \$20,331.74

Balance as of 1/16/25 is \$93,646.90

- **Motion:** I move to allow payment of ordinary and necessary bills during January 16, 2025 to March 18, 2025 not to exceed the preliminary budget expense line item.
  - **1st motion - Kathleen ; 2nd motion - Benjamin Eastman**
  - **None oppose, All in Favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to ratify checks #301-346 from Cal Coast Credit Union for a total disbursement of \$10,813.91 (list of checks can be found on Treasurer’s Report).
  - **1st motion - Kathleen; 2nd motion - Cory Anderson**
  - **None oppose, All in Favor; motion passes**

Kamilah Abdul-Alim

**Principal’s Report**

- District Budget decisions in progress through March 15
- iReady scores increased overall, but unsure if the program will continue in following years since Kindergarten will be getting a new district K-2 early reading screening program
- Enrollment: new TK class for 2025-26 in Room 52
- 2 retirements: Mr. French & Ms. Deanna Sharghi

Kathleen Amaya

**President’s Report**

- Budget adjustments updated from initial estimates
  - Stuff-a-buddy → eliminate line items (Is anyone willing to run this fundraiser?)
  - Healthy Spreckels Week → \$63.34 (was \$500)
  - Running Club budget → \$600 (was \$700)
  - Superstar Assemblies Expense → \$1,051.58 (was \$1,200)
  - Family Photo Opportunity Expense → \$0 (was \$100)
  - Wildcat Socks Expense → \$0 (was \$25)
  - Wildcat t-shirts/bags → \$0 (was \$25)



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- Budget Input Survey Results
  - Top choice is science lab followed by classroom funds then reinstating funds - Hard to prioritize when we don't know what spending is for.
  - Parents REALLY want less computer time for their kids
  - Currently \$26,000 in budget for online programs at principal discretion, school site discussing how to reduce screen time and which programs to eliminate; online program vs youth science budget; should the PTA save money to renew licenses for online programs 2025-26 or spend money for youth science
  - All of silent auction funds will go towards classroom funds
- Budget adjustments - proposed additions
  - San Diego Youth Science \$8,970
  - Health office \$250
  - Office funds
    - Psychologist (50%) \$75
    - Counselor \$150
    - Speech & Language Pathologist \$150
    - Occupational Therapist \$150
    - Principal \$150
- **Motion:** I move to approve the budget adjustments as presented.
  - **1st motion - Kathleen ; 2nd motion - Benjamin Eastman**
  - **None oppose, All in Favor; motion passes**
- Science/STEAM Night - email [info@spreckelspta.org](mailto:info@spreckelspta.org) if you want to help plan or host a booth

Karla Orsa

### Executive Vice President

- Grown-up Gathering
  - At Vino + Vinyasa on Balboa, 6-8:30pm, buffet dinner and cash bar
    - Give Butter - for ticket sales and silent auction funding
    - Contact \$5720.31, tickets \$50
    - **Motion:** I move to ratify the contract with Vino & Vinya for \$5720.31 for the grown-up Gathering and selling tickets for \$50.
      - **1st motion - Karla ; 2nd motion - Ericka**
      - **None oppose, All in Favor; motion passes**
  - Silent auction: donations & committee members - Benjamin
    - Contacting past connections, businesses, and seeking parent support

Lauren Gites

### Parliamentarian Report

- Seeking President; will receive support from Kathleen & Karla
- Nominating Committee
  - Maria Fowlks
  - Anna Belle Snider
  - Stephanie Jones
  - Alternate #1: Lauren Gites
  - Alternate #2: Lan Hoang
- Committee is appointed by Kathleen

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Wodjowski

**Hospitality**

- Staff Snack Shack: 2nd grade families

Kathleen for  
Lindsay King

**Membership Chair**

- Membership Update - 335 active members
- Wildcat Run Incentives in progress
- Superstar Breakfast

Anna Sun for  
Maria Fowlks  
Jessie  
Towne-Carde  
nas

**DEI Co-Chairs**

- MLK Jr. Service Events
  - Saturday - Garden work
  - Sunday - 5K
  - Monday - Spreckels Clean up; there is still room to participate!
- School Assembly March 11: Hosting María Dolores Águila, author of "Barrio Rising"
- Painting school murals: January 27 - Feb. 13
  - Creating a "large highway pillar" with help from parent artist
  - Please sign up to help volunteer, collecting donation items
  - Mural unveiling March 6 for students and parent-teacher conference week for families
- Save the Date: Parent Roundtable Feb. 12 on "How to talk with your kids about bullying"

Kathleen  
Amaya

**Update from Interim-Superintendent Fabiola Bagula**

- School board seeking to update guidance on Title IX, cell phone policy, & online registration.
  - Scan QR code to complete the survey



- School board updating LCAP (identifying specific goals) according to specific areas
  - Listening Session: February 5th Mission Bay High School 5pm (tentatively)
- Strengthening district communication: Communication preferences survey:



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**UC Educate**

- Support 5 schools in UC cluster
- Raises money for classroom teacher grants, books, spanish textbooks, 5th grade Biztown, etc
- Need volunteers, auction items & sponsorships



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**Upcoming Dates:**

1/18-20 DEI sponsored MLK Day of Service events

1/23 - Astronomy Night 5:30p - 7:30p

2/5 - Family FUNraiser at Chipotle 4- 8pm

3/15 - Grown-up Gathering 6 - 8:30pm Vino+Vinyasa

**3/18 - PTA Election meeting**

3/21 - UC EdUCate's Taste of the Triangle 7-10 pm at The Farmer and the Seahorse

4/14 - 4/18 - Spring Book Fair

4/16 - Family STEAM Night

5/5- 5/9 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/15 - 6:30pm PTA Meeting

5/23 - Field Day

5/30 - Last day of school

**Adjournment at 7:30 pm**