

PTA Association Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2026  
Spreckels Elementary – Spreckels Elementary, 6:30pm

**Board Members:** Anna Belle Snider, Kathleen Amaya, Karla Orsa, Erin Schumacher, Kaitlin Nadal, Kristen Ojeil, Norane Lange, Benjamin Eastman, Lindsay King, Anna Sun, Karin Mente, Lauren Gites, Sharon Yavrom, Jen Gertz, Tracie Audifferen, Kamilah Abdul-Alim, Lisa Alessio, Noelle Wojdowski

*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**

Anna Belle  
Snider

Erin  
Schumacher

Karla Orsa

**Item**

**Welcome / Meeting called to Order at 6:27 pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** I move to approve the minutes from the association meeting on October 16, 2025.
  - **1st motion - Erin ; 2nd motion - Kathleen**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Cal Coast Credit Union Checking**

Balance as of 10/16/25: \$ 32,042.71

Deposits – \$ 92,670.40

Expenses – \$ 29,740.83

Balance as of 1/15/26: \$ 94,972.28

- **Motion:** I move to increase the 2025-2026 Spreckels PTA Budget line items Grown Up Gathering income and expenses categories by \$3,000 to reflect increased ticket sales and associated expenses.
  - **1st motion - Anna Belle; 2nd motion - Karin**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to ratify check #1520 to #1559 in the amount of \$29,740.83. A list of the checks can be found on the Treasurer's Report.
  - **1st motion - Anna Belle ; 2nd motion - Erin**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to pay all necessary bills between January 15, 2026 to March 19, 2026 not to exceed the budgeted line item.
  - **1st motion - Anna Belle; 2nd motion - Lauren**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to open a Savings Account at Cal Coast Credit Union to reduce the insurance liability, maintaining a balance of \$49,999 in the checking account.
  - **1st motion - Anna Belle; 2nd motion - Lindsay**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**

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Kamilah  
Abdul-Alim

**Principal's Report**

- State of Spreckels - grateful to family support and partnership, 96% attendance, please complete surveys including Leadership survey
- Finishing iReady assessments, preliminary data shows growth
- Discussing budget options with staff for 2026-27, including results from needs survey

Anna Belle  
Snider

**President's Report**

- Snack Shack - second grade for January, first grade in February
- DeeDee Love on the Teacher's Strike February 26
  - SDEA negotiating team is still meeting with SDUSD to try reach resolution
  - 90% of SDUSD voted to authorize a 1-day unfair labor practice strike
  - Strike is about chronic understaffing and underfunding of special education; it is not about teacher pay
  - Teachers do not take a strike lightly, but this has been an ongoing issue for 7 years and is not improving, but getting worse
  - District repeatedly violates contract issues around contract special education funding
  - While the strike is about special education, it affects the entire school site
  - Parents can help at the federal level by signing a petition asking congress to follow through on federal funding
  - Parents can also help by joining an upcoming school board meeting on Jan 27, 2026 from 4-6pm and join teachers at the Strike on February 26 (more information to be shared)

Kathleen Amaya

**Executive Vice President**

- Astronomy Night, Tuesday, January 20, 5:30 - 7:30pm
  - Enter through large blue gate
  - 5th grade selling food & beverages, but keep food/drink away from telescopes
  - Play structure off limits
- Budget Poll & future vision - We will send out a polling option before our next meeting. What do we want to prioritize funding for next year and the future? Teacher salaries to avoid combo classes, spanish teacher, augment VAPA funding, science labs, etc

Sharon Yavrom

**Parliamentarian Report**

- Election nominating committee meeting to fill positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Vice President, and President
- **Motion:** I move to approve the nominating committee of Norane Lange, Kathleen Amaya and Kristen Ojeil with alternates Sharon Yavrom and Bree Soellner.
  - **1st motion - Sharon ; 2nd motion - Maria**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**

Kristen Ojeil &  
Norane Lange

**Ways & Means Chair**

- Grown-up Gathering February 7, 2026
  - <https://givebutter.com/c/GrownUpGathering26>
  - We are capping the tickets at 150 for the event
  - Currently at about 115 tickets sold
  - 40+ donations, valuing over \$7,000, items ranging from show tickets, vacation rental, private wine tastings, classes for kids and adults, grade level baskets, and many other items
  - We are still collecting, so please reach out to Anna Belle

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Benjamin  
Eastman

**Programs Chair**

- Run Club is successful, ~100 students registered and 1500+ miles logged
- Field Day coordinator needed 5/22
  - Coordinator will make a decision about parent volunteers vs. spectator viewing

Noelle  
Wojdowski

**Hospitality**

- Teacher Appreciation Week 5/4 - 8
  - See Noelle if you'd like to help on a committee

Lindsay King

**Membership Chair**

- Wildcat Run Incentives update
  - Patches going home
  - Speakers pick up TBD
- Spring Book Fair 4/13 - 17
  - Science Night on 4/15
  - See Lindsay if you would like to help lead
  - Waiting on Scholastic dollars from previous fair

Anna Sun &  
Karin Mente

**DEI Co-Chairs**

- Spreckels Campus Clean Up
  - Monday, January 19, 9 - 11am for MLK Day of Service
  - link to RSVP and items needed
  - Meet at the blue gate

Jen Gertz

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Chair**

- 5th Grade Talent Show & Art Gallery
  - March 18, 5:30-7 pm
  - All welcome to come and watch
  - Sign up for participation for 5th graders only starts January 20th with Ms. Ericson
  - Food sales
- **Motion:** I move to approve a 5th Grade Parent meeting on January 15 6-6:30pm in the multipurpose room on campus.
  - **1st motion - Jen; 2nd motion - Noelle**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to approve the 5th Grade Talent Show on Wednesday, March 18 from 6-7pm in the auditorium, hosting an Art Gallery with silent auction in the multipurpose room, selling food 5:30-6pm in the lunch arbor, and having 2 rehearsals in March and tryouts in February.
  - **1st motion - Jen; 2nd motion - Anna Belle**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**
- **Motion:** I move to approve additional pages for the Class of 2026 Yearbook.
  - **1st motion - Jen; 2nd motion - Noelle**
  - **None opposed; All in favor; motion passes**

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Snider

**Adjournment at 7:38 pm**

**Upcoming PTA Dates:**

1/20: Astronomy Night 5:30-7:30  
1/26-1/30: Kindness Week  
1/30: BMX Assembly  
2/7: Grown Up Gathering 5:30-9:30  
3/18: 5th Grade Talent Show  
3/19: PTA Election Meeting  
4/13-4/17: Spring Book Fair  
4/15: Science Night  
5/22: Field Day