

Approved Meeting Minutes – January 21st, 2026
Annie Gale School Council Meeting

Attendees: Tammy, Rumina, Dan, Crystal, Hussain, Yeshi, Harshan, Kal, Laurel, Anisha, Sahib Nazar

1. Chair’s opening remarks and introductions

Rumina started the meeting at 6:04 pm.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting

Rumina passed motion about the last meeting minutes

Crystal seconded. All in favor.

3. Principal’s Report

- Difficult to express the level of gratitude I have for those who helped plan and volunteer for shifts and the casino.
 - Many volunteers take time off work and some shifts are in the wee hours of the night—it’s a significant ask.
 - Though we have 40 volunteer spots, many people take double shifts and some families send several representatives.
- Back in the swing of January
 - Four volleyball teams (many students came to try-outs; one had a group of almost 80).
- Junior high school is difficult for some because not everyone can make the team, so we work with students and families to support them.
- Report cards are coming soon but delayed because of labor action.
 - Check emails for dates.
- Modernization
 - The planning is ongoing though decisions haven’t been formalized.
 - We are advocating for the elevator to be done as soon as possible.
 - We expect official messaging from the CBE to families sometime after March, once timelines and scope of project become official.
- Miss Belanger new to staff; transitions with Mr. Wttewaall-Arteaga and Mrs. Donahue
- Social Emotional Learning work
 - Mrs. Donahue worked with system Learning Leader during first two weeks to go through our data and created a plan to address some needs present in the data
 - Students complete a variety of surveys in their time here and they sometimes report that we haven’t addressed their comments or concerns; this year we specifically stated that our work last Friday related to the survey results.
- Sometimes they ask for things which cannot be changed at the school level (locker sizes, bell times and longer breaks)
 - Last Friday, we asked students who wanted support from a teacher (because of our data) and then had staff identify “invisible” students to create plans to engage them within the school

- We will take in student feedback and respond and then check in with teachers to see how things are going.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kal – no statement from ATB yet.

Will get the balance on Friday, currently \$1,257, but will be more.

5. Old Business

- Fun lunch dates and Volunteers??
 - Jan 28th - Lunch Lady halal
 - Feb 25th- Subway
 - March – **Edo** (Crystal) – before or after spring break?
Dan/Tammy – last days before the break are not good.
Wednesday the 18 March would work.
- Laurel – ensure kids communicate with their parents and provide receipts as required.
30 copies of the messages?
Discussed if OPA could be the potential alternative option
Volunteer support – Crystal indicated she would be ok as orders from Annie Gale are small.
- Christmas basket Fundraiser successful.
- Valentines' Day chocolate candygram fundraiser & motion for money.
 - Chocolate will be used for the fundraiser
 - Crystal is checking Walmart for good deals
 - Kal suggested checking online options; Crystal will also check in Amazon
 - Distribution dates to be one of the following: February 4, 5, or 10
 - Fundraiser format: Candy grams
- Popcorn fundraiser-Grizzly Growler volleyball tournament March 6th/7th with new popcorn machine possibly.
 - Attendees: Total of 18 boys and girls (Tammy)
 - Guests: Family and friends will be invited
 - Timing: Later afternoon on Saturday (Dan)
 - Popcorn activity: Rumina suggested holding it on a single day
 - Date & Time: March 6 works for both Crystal and Rumina, starting around noon
 - Equipment: Popcorn machine availability is hopeful

6. New Business

- **Bullying Concerns & Discussion Summary**
- Laurel shared that she was approached by a grandmother on the first day of the casino event regarding an incident where her granddaughter was reportedly harassed on a city bus.
- Tammy described being approached by a student from another school who expressed concerns about negative behavior from peers at their school. When asked whether the incidents were reported, the student indicated they reported the first incident but not after that.

- Tammy also reflected on her experience from previous schools, noting that in a class of 17 students, 14 raised concerns with their parents—yet many parents advised their children to “mind their own business.”
- A key takeaway shared was that staff cannot provide support or intervene unless incidents are reported.
- Dan emphasized the importance of reporting **every incident**, noting that consistent reporting strengthens the ability to take action and follow through effectively.
- It was discussed that since the city bus is part of the broader community and not staffed by school personnel, direct intervention is limited. However, following up with the family is still important and encouraged.
- Laurel suggested designating a calendar date as a bullying follow-up day and confirmed she will continue communication with the grandmother, viewing this as an opportunity for proactive engagement
- Tammy stressed the importance of empowering students to speak up, teaching them about bullying prevention, kindness, racism awareness, and respect. She highlighted that stable and consistent staffing plays a key role in addressing these issues.
- Rumina shared an example from a field trip where students who initially appeared to be friends began engaging in negative talk. She intervened and explained that such behavior is a form of bullying, reinforcing awareness around less obvious forms of bullying.

8. Next meeting date and time

February 24, 6:30 pm

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rumina and seconded by Crystal, All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm