



FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

JANUARY 20, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING

PTSO Executive Board Attendees

Elected Officers	Yes	No	Elected Officers	Yes	No	Non-Elected Officers and Administration	Yes	No
Deborah Parillo, Co-President	X		Wendy Riga, Co-President	X		Genesi Miles, FHS Principal	X	
Sue Lyons, VP Fundraising	X		Jonathan White and Montese Anderson, Co-Vice President	X		Arohiben Madura, Teacher Liaison	X	
Nathisha Washington, Corresponding Sec. & Membership	X		Crystal Charles and Danielle Keens, Co-Treasurer	X		Leslie Cherette, Board Liaison to PTSO	X	
Lisa Budesheim and Eusebio Pires, Co-VP Communications & Media	X		Nancy Zumbana, Recording Sec.	X				

First Meeting of the New Year

Other Attendees:

Welcome- Meeting began at 7:01pm

Minutes – November minutes will be approved at February meeting, there was no December meeting.

President's Report - Deborah Parillo and Wendy Riga –

- First meeting of 2026.
- Agenda includes a data night presentation and a CTE presentation.
- November meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- Board of Ed liaisons are Laurie and Nick D'Meglio introduced
- Laurie had a conflict with another Board of Ed meeting therefore not present
- PTSO membership drive closes January 31st.



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Communications – Lisa Budesheim -all notifications posted to facebook

Membership Report- Nathisha Washington – membership is low

Fundraising Report – Sue Lyons - Designer Bag Bingo in February- Tickets on sale now!!!

- The PTSO is trying to set up a cookie pretzel/pizza fundraiser for late winter/early spring.
- Debbie mentioned a shoe drive as a possible fundraiser.
The PTSO will research the shoe drive advertisement to see if it is cost effective.
- The PTSO is planning a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser closer to Easter or Mother's Day.

Treasures Report- Crystal –

- The current balance is \$23,809.24.
- Membership is about \$900 short of the goal.
- The PTSO has spent \$665.79 so far for the designer bag bingo event
- \$250 was donated to student support for the young men's retreat luncheon as requested by the SAC Dept
- The budget is currently negative \$620.97.

Board of Education Update – Leslie is the Board of Ed parent PTSO liaison, but she is sick and unable to present.

Student Liaisons- Emma 11th Grade / Peyton 10th Grade

Emma represents the 11th grade.

- The theater production is doing the musical "In the Heights" in March.
- Tickets are \$15 and show dates are March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15.
- SATs are happening March 14, and you're still able to register until February 27.
- The class of 2027 is raising money for their senior year.

Jonathan is representing Peyton, the 10th grade representative.

- There is a pretzel sale and students are designing apparel.
- They want to come up with an activity for the class.

Teacher and Staff Information- Arohi Madura – will email the staff and report back any feedback.

Principal's Report – Ms. Miles –

- Ms. Miles' Presentation
- January is Muslim Heritage Month.
- There will be activities during lunch to learn about Muslim culture

Attendance policy reminder:

- If a child is absent, a note should be emailed or a phone call made within five days.
- Absences must be verified to avoid negative consequences like losing credit.
- Winter Cabaret is this weekend.



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- Rising freshmen class of 2030 orientation is on January 29th from 6 to 8pm.
- Future Business Leaders of America have a talent show on the 30th at 6 o'clock.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Second annual VEX Robotics Competition
- Access testing:

State testing for multilingual students.

Measures English acquisition in speaking, listening, writing, and reading.

Testing takes about six weeks starting in February.

Bells will be turned off on some days during testing due to noise concerns.

Community check-in:

- February 5th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, virtual.
- Registration link available to ask questions or suggest topics.
- Guest speaker and Q&A session.
- Second check-in of the year, with the first in November and the next in April

Designer Bag Bingo:

- February 7th.
- Tickets available.

End of Semester One:

- Grade level assemblies on February 10th and February 11th.
- Led by vice principals and deans to discuss grades, honor roll, discipline, and upcoming events.

Black History Month showcase:

- February 17th and February 18th.
- Led by Dr. Nelson, the club advisor for Black Youth Awareness.
- No school on February 16th for President's Day.
- Ms. Miles to drop the community check-in link in the chat.

- **CTE Presentation- Ms. Mondoro** – *links to presentations will be posted on website*
- **Data Presentation- Thayer Jennings – literacy coach** *links to presentations will be posted on website*
- **Math- Jennifer Toscano-** *links to presentations will be posted on website*
- **Science Data- Ms. Miles-** *links to presentations will be posted on website*

Board of Ed Member and FHS Liaison – Nick DiMeglio

Nick DiMeglio - Board of Ed Liaison

- Nick DiMeglio and Laurie Merris are the Franklin High School Board of Ed liaisons.
- The search for a new superintendent will start next week.
- Two search firms will be interviewed.
- Matthew Rodriguez, who attended Hillcrest School, is doing a book signing on February 27.

Adjournment at 8:27pm



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