

Meeting Date

Meeting Location:

Members present	Rhonda Burnett, Ashley Rosenthal, Aaron Ramos Ochoa, Patricia Hurley, Melissa Slade, Melissa Martinez, Lisa Wirtz (by phone)
Members absent	Linda Lyon, Juan Rojas, Lora Nastase
Constituency group represented	Admin, certificated, student, parent

I. Called to order at 3:48 pm by Melissa Martinez

II. Approval of Minutes for 11/18/2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	n/a
CONCLUSIONS	n/a
ACTION ITEMS	
Approval moved by Slade. Seconded by Burnett. Minutes approved.	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	n/a
CONCLUSIONS	n/a
ACTION ITEMS	
n/a	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal, Office Manager, Student Council
DISCUSSION	<p>Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had one December graduate. A class of 2026 graduate finished one semester early.6 We have had a strong start to Semester 2: class assemblies were held 1/6-1/7 to explain expectations, goals, and MTSS. During the assemblies for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, our JTED counselor – Mrs. Hackett – previewed JTED’s 2026-2027 programs. 1/12-1/15: Principals Hurley and Rojas and 4 teachers attended the Project Based Learning Design Camp at High Tech High in San Diego,

	<p>CA. Project Based Learning (PBL) is the foundation of our school’s instructional model. The 4 teachers who attended PBL design camp will serve as mentors to colleagues as they design and implement their projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 20, 2026: We restarted after school tutoring from 3:20 pm to 4:20 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday each week. So far, we have seen an increase in attendance. All students are encouraged to attend tutoring for academic support or for a quiet place to study after school. • January 24, 2026: The community was invited to the JTED Showcase. ITHS Student Council members helped to lead tours. Innovation Tech manned a table to speak with prospective day students. • January 30, 2026: School was open as normal. All classes for absent teachers were covered by substitutes. Many students were out. From Superintendent Trujillo: school stance and TUSD policy will be reviewed by all staff. • 2026-2027 Enrollment is on-going. So far, 50% of our students have completed online enrollment. We need freshman for next year. In early March, we will host students interested in enrolling at ITHS. • February 3, 2026: Mr. Hernandez launched Freshman Science class projects with the help of Mrs. Hurley’s niece who demonstrated her real-life drag-racing car. • 2026-2027: Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Hackett have begun visiting classes to present course registration. Parents are encourage to discuss options with their students. • February 5, 2026: English 11 & English 12 students will attend a school matinee of “Ain’t Misbehavin”. • February 6, 2026: ITHS will host the inaugural ITHS Induction ceremony for our newly formed chapter at 5:30 in the Event Center. • February 2-6, 2026: Quarter 3 Benchmark testing will take place in Math, Science, and English classes for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. • AZELLA testing will commence soon. Mrs. Hurley has met with ELD students to encourage them. Progress on the AZELLA supports our school letter grade. • Mrs. Hurley is also meeting with Seniors to discuss graduation and their credit status. • February 6, 2026: Progress Report grades are due. Progress Reports will be available next week. • February 9-13, 2026: Valentine’s Spirit Week. Monday: Twin Day. Tuesday: show your status. Wednesday: wear pink. Thursday: Valentine’s vs. Anti-Valentine’s. Friday: Cupid’s day. • February 13, 2026: Valentine after school mixer in the Event Center between 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. • February 19, 2026: Parent Conferences will be held in the Event Center between 6 pm – 8 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend! • February 20, 2026: Half-day schedule. Early dismissal at 11:55 am. No lunches will be served. • February 20, 2026: students will complete the Arizona Youth Survey in their English classes. Parents can “opt out” their students. • The School Quality Survey is still open. We need a 25% response rate. Please respond soon! • February 26-27, 2026: Rodeo Break • March 4, 2026: Middle School night at ITHS • March 12, 2026: end of Q3
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 13, 2026: Grading Day • March 16-20, 2026: Spring Break • March 31, 2026: Test Day. Testing from 8 am – 12:30 pm with 1 lunch period for all students. 9th graders take ACT Aspire. 10th graders take ASVAB. 11th graders take the AZScience. 12th graders will participate in a capstone activity. • April 6-10, 2026: ACT for all 11th graders. Students will test in small groups of up to 25 with Ms. Martinez <p>From Ms. Lyon: the beginning of the year balance for undesignated tax credit funds was \$6760.47. Current balance of available funds is \$3130.47 of which \$1800 has already been approved to spend during previous meetings. Please donate!</p> <p>Student Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for approving funds for StuCo to attend their first AIT! Members enjoyed learning about leadership, student involvement and communication strategies. Keynote speakers detailed overcoming social isolation and stepping outside of one’s comfort zone, and new icebreakers. We were able to introduce our school to this statewide gathering of student leaders! • February 9-13, 2026: Spirit Week • February 13, 2026: after-school mixer
CONCLUSIONS	n/a
ACTION ITEMS	
n/a	

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Pay for Advanced Placement tests for AP Seminar and AP US History students
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Projected cost: \$2279 for 43 students. AP Seminar exam costs \$99 per student. There is a fee reduction per exam for students demonstrating significant financial need.</p> <p>AP will assess a \$40 cancellation fee on top of the exam fee for students who back out.</p> <p>APUSH students are “gung ho” to take the exam.</p> <p>Ms. Burnett will visit AP Seminar students to remind them of their pledge to take the exam and encourage students to stay on track.</p> <p>Ms. Burnett attended an AP Coordinators meeting at University High and learned that other TUSD high schools struggle with students backing out of taking the exams.</p>
RESOLUTION	
Slade moved to approve. Rosenthal seconded. Motion approved.	

ITEM TITLE	American Government classes field trip to Ben’s Bells: \$9 per student and the cost of 2 buses
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Students would visit Ben’s Bells to make charms and view civic action in progress.</p> <p>There is a limit of 30 students per field trip. We would need 2 separate days and buses for all seniors to attend.</p> <p>Fully funding every student would deplete our funds and preclude us from funding other requests. Could we cover the cost of the buses and ask students to pay the \$9 fee?</p>
RESOLUTION	

Slade moved to approve \$300 to pay for buses, providing students pay their individual fees. Burnett seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	
RESOLUTION	

VI. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	National Honor Society
DISCUSSION NOTES	Inaugural year! Growing number of members. Flexible deadline to accommodate all interested students. Members will need to complete 15 service hours. Planning a group service project and peer tutoring. Possible MTSS matching with a peer? February 6, 2026: New member Induction ceremony 5:30-7:00 pm. Donated candles. Looking forward to establishing a strong tradition: make NHS cool and support Student Council! Graduation cords: \$9/each. We expect 11 NHS seniors to graduate this year.
RESOLUTION	

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VII. Submission of items for next agenda.

- a. Summer School and Freshman Academy
- b. Graduation (May 20, 2026) at Kino Event Center in lieu of the stadium (thanks to a FIFA event)
- c. End of year business

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by Hurley, Slade, and Martinez