

February 2026 Meeting Notes:

Meeting opening and administrative notes

The meeting opened with logistical remarks, an early start to respect attendees' time, and the decision to skip approval of minutes because they were not emailed in advance and quorum was not present. The chair welcomed attendees and introduced the principal's report.

Principal's report — February activities and operational notes

The principal summarized February highlights including Black History Month classroom activities, Pink Shirt Day displays, and monthly principal/VP board training with a new focus on AI in education and ethics; staff are experimenting with co-pilot and chat tools. The principal also reminded parents about outdoor recess clothing and monitoring cold-weather conditions.

- The principal highlighted February events: Black History Month activities, Pink Shirt Day displays, and training on AI ethics for school leaders.
- Recess procedures remain active; parents should send mitts, snow pants, and boots for outdoor play during cold weather.

Q&A and Home & School status

The floor opened for questions with no immediate concerns; Home & School representation was limited due to members attending a French-as-a-second-language (FASL) meeting, so that update was deferred. The meeting confirmed absence of key Home & School members and postponed detailed discussion.

Accounting and ProGrant planning

Financials were reviewed: account balance and deposits were reported, and the Valentine's Day dance yielded a modest net profit due partly to lost receipts and unusable returns; inventory will cover future costs. ProGrant planning discussed two parent evenings (literacy and STEM/math), possible use of funds for kits or tutors, allowable food spending up to 10%, and the need for volunteers and subcommittee coordination.

- Financial report: current balance ballparked at \$4,497 with a recent deposit near \$1,500 and a small net profit (~\$190–\$200) from the Valentine's Day dance.
- Damaged receipts (inventory) from the dance will reduce immediate returns and shift inventory costs to the next dance.
- ProGrant funding of about \$890 was approved for two parent evenings focused on literacy and STEM/math, with the possibility of purchasing kits or hiring tutors and spending up to 10% on food.
- Jimmy agreed to support the STEM/math night and Carithana volunteered for STEM activities.

Read-a-thon planning

Michaela reported progress on materials and proposed digitizing tracking via MS Forms for older grades while keeping paper for JK–Grade 1; she proposed moving the Read-a-thon to April to avoid March break and planned a volunteer meeting to finalize handouts, logistics, and linkage to School Cash Online for fundraising.

- Read-a-thon planning will move to April to avoid March break and will use MS Forms for older students, with hard copies for JK–Grade 1; Michaela will organize a volunteer meeting and set up forms.

Volunteering, special days, and meeting close

The council reviewed upcoming volunteer opportunities (book fair, another dance, movie night, Mother's/Father's Day campaigns) and discussed marking World Autism Day with classroom activities and student-written announcements; volunteers with personal stories are welcomed and must have police-record checks. The meeting concluded with a call for outreach and thanks to attendees.

- The school will continue to mark World Autism Day with classroom-level activities and student-written announcements rather than a full assembly.
- Volunteers must have a police-record check to participate in classroom activities.