



MINUTES for Jessie Beck PFA Board and General Meeting
February 4, 2026, 4:30 PM Reno Public Market

c/o Jessie Beck
Elementary School

1. Call to Order / Attendance
 - a. Brandi, Lauren, Betsy, Scott, Erin, Virginia, and Jillian
 - b. Beth Smith, Washoe County School Board Trustee joined us for General Meeting
2. Principal's Report
 - a. Compared data to assess proficiency of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
 - i. High performing, high growth school.
 - b. Access Testing
 - c. Nape Testing
 - d. PE
 - i. Sub has been doing very well
 - e. Katie Jones on maternity leave
 - i. Long term sub Mr. Jack is doing well
 - f. Dr. Brock's replacement 5th Grade Teacher hired
 - i. Coming to us from Lemmon Valley Elementary
 - g. Special Education hired
 - h. 27 hour aide for Strategies hired
 - i. Incoming Kinder Kick Off
 - i. May 12th 5pm
 - ii. Kinder will start with all students so plan to do a form of testing/background screen
 - iii. Not district funded this year so contacted Karissa about room for budget
3. Dean's Report
 - a. Bear Paw Parties
 - i. 4th graders helping run a BINGO game next week
 - b. Working on bullying
 - i. Will write article for newsletter that will state law perspective and how Beck handles it
 - ii. Going to classrooms to talk about being part of the community
4. Presidents Report
 1. Newsletter
 - i. Need to get content to Amanda by Wednesday 2/11/26 as she is going out of town 2/16/26.
 - ii. Can start sending over content now
 2. Website
5. VP Report - Vacant
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Account is very comfortable right now
7. Committee Reports
 1. Beck Boosters
 - i. \$9100 behind budget
 - ii. Brandi has been putting in FTA sponsorship requests that if businesses would like to be a corporate sponsor they can as well

2. Art to Grow
 - i. Jillian installed carbon monoxide detectors in art room
 - ii. Sink had a smell, and Samuel looked into it. Seems to be better at the moment.
 - iii. Moving balls and playground equipment out of space
 - iv. May look into allowing people to use kiln for a fee for personal use.
3. Fund The Arts - 3/13
 - i. Peppermill walk through 2/13/26
 - ii. Ticket sales are going great.
 1. Dr. Brock was the winner of the first free faculty ticket
 - iii. PFA doing a Wine Wagon
 1. Turn in bottles to Brandi
 - iv. Jillian and Lauren are working on sign up sheets for art transportation, set up/break down and making floral arrangements
8. Beth Smith, Washoe County School Board Trustee
 - a. District has banned swings from new playground builds
 - i. Deemed too dangerous
 - ii. Decision made by a previous group
 - iii. All new builds do not include swings on playgrounds
 - iv. District D schools that are being updated are not being allowed put in swings
 - v. Beth feels this decision was not made with accurate assessment
 1. Feels it is a time to re-assess the outdoor spaces and playday
 2. Hoping to bring to the agenda to see if it can be reviewed and overturned
 3. Will be asking for parents, faculty to speak at hearing
 - vi. Shade structures being requested as well
 - b. Overall concerns with outdoor play spaces being restricted too much and how is that affecting students in the long run
 - c. Recruiting new parents/volunteers/PFA board
 - i. Power of the Invitation
 1. Recommend each member inviting a friend to come
 2. Reach out to teachers to see if there are parent volunteers that they would recommend as well
9. Open Forum
 - a. Slate for next year
 - i. Putting ad in newsletter, connect ed and social media
 - ii. Need to impress upon parents that a lot of the board is aging out next year, and we need new members!
9. Next PFA Meetings
 1. Board Meeting -3/4 4:30PM (Public Market)
 2. General Meeting -4/8 5:30PM (Public Market)
10. Adjourn