

**Waltrip High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Waltrip High School Library**

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- August General Meeting minutes approved (Motion: B. Randall, Second: M. Rasmussen).
- Clarification provided on budget timeline: PTO fiscal year begins July 1; approvals will be updated in fall Byline.

President's Report

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities: School Store (open 3–5 days/week with volunteers), Homecoming, Ram Festival, Snack Cart.
- Volunteers must be VIPS approved; signups posted on PTO site.
- Coffee with the Principal: Thursday (Spanish-language session).

1st VP – School Enrichment

- Reminder to sign up for committee volunteer opportunities.

2nd VP – Fundraising

- Updates deferred to committee chairs.

Treasurer

- Report shared; expenditures to date include Homecoming costs.
- Upcoming focus: Teacher Grants.

Committee Reports

- **Membership**
 - 161 members; swag items on order.
- **Events**
 - **Homecoming:** Carnival theme; food (pizza, popcorn, cotton candy); tickets \$15 online or cash; volunteer signups open; guest forms required
 - **Jazz on 34th (Nov.):** Social event with live auction; fundraising through ticket sales/socials.
 - **DJ Bingo (Jan. 31):** Focus on silent/online auction.
- **Staff Appreciation**
 - First Snack Cart successful; next on Oct. 13 (12:30–2:30).
- **School Store**
 - Run by Sonya (chair) and Sherri (co-chair).
 - Open Wed/Fri if volunteers available; shifts require 2 for A lunch, 3 for B lunch.
 - Strong sales history and positive student interaction.
- **Student Culture**
 - **Ram Fest:** Successful Hispanic Heritage event; positive student feedback.
 - **Victory Day:** Friday; winning grade/class receives popsicles.

- **Parent Engagement**
 - Event Thursday at Nettbar (food provided, beverages self-purchased).
- **Educational Support**
 - Teacher Grant applications closed: 23 submitted (\$8K requests, below budget).
 - Notifications by week's end; rubric to be updated for broader participation.
- **Scholarships**
 - Ten (10) scholarships for seniors; applications/timeline in development.
 - External review committee planned.
 - Scholarships will support four-year, trade, and technical programs.\
- **Community Partners**
 - Spirit Nights
 - Recent Fundraiser: Papa John's (\$105).
 - Upcoming: La Viva (9/24); Handel's Ice Cream (\$1K donation pending).
 - Exploring partnerships with Lifesavers ER and Urban Air.
- **Capital Improvements**
 - Campus cleanup Oct. 4 (focus: tennis courts).
 - Reviewing carryover projects from 2024–25 Wish Wall.
 - Committee seeking members; virtual meetings to research campus-wide improvements.
- **Legislative**
 - Regular attendance at HISD Board meetings; contact with questions.
- **Teacher Liaison**
 - New teachers adjusting; expressed gratitude for PTO support.
- **Class Reports**
 - **2026:** Senior parent meeting Oct. 6; weekly Abuela's Ice Cream fundraiser; senior dues noted.
 - **2027:** No update.
 - **2028:** New teacher rep recruited.
 - **2029:** Recruiting volunteers and teacher rep; Principal assisting.

New Business

- **Waltrip Alumni Association:** Reported passing of Dr. Enlow (Class of 1961, school colors/mascot originator, writer of school song). Potential to rename alumni annex in his honor. Association presented gifts to Principal; future engagement ideas include cookbook sales and recognition events.

Adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Kelley, Secretary