

Grant PTA General Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Location: Grant High School Library

MINUTES

General Meeting - Call to order at 6:30pm (PTA President)

- Welcome & Introduction from President (PTA President)

Business Executive Session 6:35pm - 6:45 pm

- Confirm quorum of 5 voting members (Secretary) We had 18 people sign the attendance sheet
- Announcements:
 - Mark your calendars for future general meeting dates: February 11, 2025, March 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, May 13, 2025.
 - Our date for the PTA Clothing Closet is January 23, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please volunteer for this great cause → SignUp→
- Secretary Report
 - December Minutes Approved as Submitted and to be posted on website
- Treasurer report
 - UGS Status - Audit - Complete
 - Bank checking balance for the PTA: \$ 16,542.77
 - Budget Report – All Classroom Grant money has been allocated.
- Membership Report
 - Total membership: 122
 - Total needed: 175, budget shortfall of 53 members = \$800 we don't have to support programs
- New Business – None at the time



Special Topic 6:45pm - 7:30

Understanding the Forecasting Process with Jessika Magnett - When it happens, how it works and how we can support our students and school community during the process. Q and A following

Most of our meeting was dedicated to this special topic.

Forecasting Process Overview

"Forecasting" is the process by which students request courses for the 2025-26 School Year so that administration can determine need and interest in the course offerings, match teachers and resources to the needs, and create schedules for all. Other considerations during the Forecasting process include, but are not limited to: finalized PPS budgets, teacher contracts, and State requirements for new

curriculum. The Grant HS Website has resources for students, caregivers and families to assist in understanding the process. At this writing the information has not yet been updated to SY 25-26 but the process and requirements are predominately the same. Go to <https://www.pps.net/grant> and click on the Academics>Course Guides. You can see a pdf version of the guide as well as an Interactive Guide where you can use filters to narrow results. There will be NO printed copies of the 2025-2026 Course Guide – it will be on-line only. The updated Course Guides will be posted to the website by the first week in February.

Schedule

- Rising 8th graders are going through forecasting now with Middle School and Grant HS counselors.
- Incoming students (at all levels) from non-PPS schools must acquire forecasting documents from the Grant counseling department if they have not already done so.
- Forecasting will be on February 4-5 by grade level by having an in-class presentation by the counselors where they will receive instructions and Course Request Worksheets. An updated video presentation will be shown and is also available to parents/caregivers on the GHS Website ([Course Requesting at Grant High School](#)). Students will use a paper worksheet to complete their forecasting, bring that worksheet home for parent/guardian review and signature, and then enter their course requests into StudentVue/Synergy. On the scheduled due date they will meet with counselors to review their choices and make any corrections necessary:

Grade	Will Forecast in this class...	Will Meet with Counselors on these dates....
9 th	Writer's Workshop	February 12-13
10 th	English	February 10-11
11 th	US History	February 6-7

- All forecasting will be due by February 14, 2025.
- Priority will be given to Juniors and Seniors for popular electives, HOWEVER, Jessika encourages all students, including 9th and 10th graders, to rank electives that genuinely interest them. While placement may be competitive, there's always a possibility of enrollment. The advice given - "don't put anything on your forecasting worksheet you can't imagine yourself being in".
 - Several parents reported students who were assigned electives they had not considered and turned out really liking those classes. 9th graders have the opportunity to defer PE, but for incoming students transitioning from schools outside PPS, PE classes can provide a valuable opportunity to connect with new classmates.

Academic Requirements

Graduation/Diploma Requirements are listed in the course guides. A total Of 24 credits is required:

Subject Area	Credits
English/Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1
Health Education	1
World Language	2
Career & Technical Ed (CTE), The Arts or 3 rd year of the same World Language	1
Electives	6
Total	24

Resources

Forecasting Process PowerPoint - <https://www.pps.net/Page/17186> (this link is for last year's and will be updated)

Course Guides – These will be updated

Interactive Course Guide - <https://www.pps.net/Page/18668>

Course Catalog .pdf - <https://www.pps.net/Page/11995>

PPS Diploma Requirements/Graduation Requirements – these are found in the Course Catalog along with a Four Year Plan Worksheet so you can see what classes are required by year.

ParentVue/Synergy – these are synonymous for the same application where all official student and academic information is stored. If you have not yet gained access to this application there is a quick link on the website. <https://www.pps.net/Page/2341> You are able to see your student's progress toward graduation in this application as well as attendance and grades.

Trivory – an app the school uses to push information to both students and families regarding event updates, student created content and quick links other resources, files, programs and places

Canvas – an app used by teachers to post assignments and class information. Some teachers post grades and parents can gain access to “observe” their students accounts. Follow a quick link from the website for more information.

Remind – The official app used by PPS for two-way communication between teachers and families. This allows for text, email, push notifications and phone calls. It is now being used for attendance notifications instead of the old robo-calls.



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PPS/PTA Clothing Closet

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Thursday, Jan. 23rd is Grant's day to send 5-6 volunteers from 9:30am -1:30pm, to help kids receive clothing and to help sort donations so there are lots of choices for kids to see. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents or community members.


Each PPS school is responsible for sending volunteers two times during the school year to assist students in receiving clothing and shoes.

We are excited to be able to have families come to shop for their students. This school year, we have assisted over 850 PPS Students! And logged over 1,800 volunteer hours.

We are located at the Marshall Campus; 3905 SE 91st, Room B-60. Please have volunteers check in at the Clothing Center. We are using the double orange doors with glass, left of the main entrance, by handicap parking that is near our area. You will see our PTA Clothing Center sign outside when we are open.

 **Date** 01/23/2025 (Thu.)

 **Time** 9:30AM - 1:30PM MST

 **Location** Marshall Campus