

# Garfield High School PTSA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 | 6:30 PM | In person and Online

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Attendees: Alicia Spanswick, Jennifer Marquardt, Kathleen Lendvay, Trinia Washington, Mary Beth Hribar, Karen Lewis, Michelle Mansfield, Eric Pedersen,

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Kathleen Lenday, President.**

**I. Land Acknowledgment-**Led by Kathleen Lenday.

**II. Principal Hart's Update**

**A. Lunch Schedule Changes:**

- a. Garfield must move from one lunch to two lunch periods per district policy (required when serving over 300 lunches daily).
- b. The school initially sought an exemption but was denied. Two lunches will begin October 6.
- c. Advisory periods may return to help manage the new schedule.
- d. Staff, students, and community sentiment strongly favors one lunch, but no exceptions have been granted district-wide so far.

**B. School Safety & SEO Pilot:**

- a. The district is voting on a pilot School Engagement Officer (SEO) program, similar to past School Resource Officers (SROs).
- b. The officer would be stationed mainly outside but can enter the building when needed.
- c. Officers will be fully commissioned and carry a sidearm.
- d. Surveys show most students and staff are comfortable with the presence, though response rates were limited.
- e. Student voice will be involved in officer selection and ongoing feedback.
- f. The board vote is scheduled for the following day.

**C. Other Items:**

- a. Curriculum Night: October 9
- b. No school: October 10 (staff development)
- c. PSAT/SAT: Planned for October, dates forthcoming.
- d. Parent-Teacher Conferences: The school will request two conference days this year (previously only allowed one).
- e. Budget/FTE Adjustments expected in October depending on enrollment numbers.
- f. Graduation: No information yet on venue or date; district will provide options later.
- g. Freshman Enrollment is the smallest grade level this year.
- h. Transportation issues for sports remain ongoing (late buses).

**III. Teen Health Center – Melanie Cope**

- A. Operated by Odessa Brown Clinic & Seattle Children's.

- B. Offers comprehensive medical, mental health, dietitian, and preventive care on campus.
- C. Open school days, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- D. Services are confidential, bill insurance when possible but no out-of-pocket costs.
- E. Consent forms required annually (except for mental health/reproductive care, which students can consent to on their own).
- F. Supports student-led programs like Bulldogs Against Overdose, provides free Narcan, and hosts clubs on health education.

#### **IV. Activities & Student Leadership – Mr. Jamie Reese**

- A. New Activities Director, focuses on school culture, events, clubs, and student leadership.
- B. Encourages student ownership and responsibility.
- C. Oversees a peer tutoring program, student senate, and club activities.
- D. Club Fair scheduled for Thursday, September 16th with 80+ clubs.
- E. Emphasizes participation, especially for freshmen, to build community.
- F. Homecoming:
  - a. Dance: October 25; Football game: October 24.
  - b. ASB organized the venue and theme.
  - c. Volunteers welcome for chaperoning and logistics.
  - d. Ticketing will now be available online to reduce cash handling.

#### **V. Approval of June General Meeting Minutes, Kathleen Lendvay.**

Minutes approved unanimously with a quorum.

#### **VI. Other/Updates:**

##### **General Meeting Adjourned at 8PM**

**Other Attendees:** Andrea Fontana, Jenny Lloyd, Gabrielle Bentonbergs, Kat Barr,

**Submitted by Alicia Spanswick** Secretary (will sign after board edits).