



Grasso Tech PFO Minutes

November 24, 2025

Start Time: 5:05 P.M. Adjourned: 5:22 P.M.

Present:

Katherine Trejo-Thorp, Carlye Rebecca, Tami Umland, Chris Jones, Caitlin Vickers

School Updates — Chris Jones

The open culinary arts position has been filled by Chef Conor Godd, and the school is partnering with Fitch High School for a co-op wrestling team. Planning is underway for winter sports and activities, including Homecoming, the Winter Celebration, and a Thanksgiving pie sale. Student dues are still being collected, and several fundraising efforts are ongoing. The welding class recently received local press coverage for its collaboration with the fire department. Parent-teacher conferences were held recently and had strong attendance.

Financial Report — Katherine Trejo-Thorp

Katherine reported a total balance of \$7,940.80 across all PFO and student activity accounts through October 31, 2025.

Senior Fund \$0.00	Music \$248.76	Rifle Team \$36.54
Hotel \$857.82	Drumline \$48.00	Student Council \$414.39
Skills USA \$2,616.99	Students for Recovery	Scholarships \$100.00
Football TRC \$1,661.98	(SFR) \$0.00	PFO General \$1707.34
NHS - \$1.02	Drafting \$250.00	

Katherine noted there is still a pending \$240 check from October that has not yet cleared.

Events and Fundraising —

Dine-Out Fundraiser - Chipotle on November 19

An email was received from Chipotle stating that the fundraiser did not meet the \$150 minimum, and the PFO was offered \$34.56 instead. There was some surprise at this amount, as the restaurant looked fairly busy during the time spent there while placing a family order. A post was shared on Facebook asking families who participated to reach out so we can get a better sense of how many orders were placed, in case the fundraiser code was not consistently entered.

Holiday Vendor Fair | November 22, 2025

The Holiday Vendor Fair featured 43 vendors and raised \$1,125. Three vendors canceled last minute, and one vendor's payment is still outstanding. There was quite a bit of food traffic, and vendors provided feedback on ways to increase overall foot traffic for future events. Signs and balloons were placed at the bottom of the hill during the event to attract attention, and for future fairs, similar signage will be put out in advance. Promotion for this event included social media, in-store postings, libraries, and other community locations, with vendors sharing on their own pages, as well as posts on platforms like Nextdoor and Patch. A few vendors inquired about a spring event, so a Google feedback form will be circulated both to gauge interest in a spring fair and to collect input on how the event went and ways to improve.

Fundraiser Planning Group

Katherine and Carlye had a zoom meeting earlier this month to discuss future fundraising events, including a basket raffle, bingo night, and a yoga night paired with a donut fundraiser. It was confirmed with Mr. Mello that an *Application for Use of School Facilities* must be submitted to CTECS Central Office each time the gym is used and also pay custodial fees. A follow-up meeting to discuss fundraising ideas further is scheduled for **Monday, December 1st at 5 PM via Zoom**. Anyone interested in joining that meeting or in an officer position (current openings: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) is encouraged to reach out via email.

Next Meeting

The next PFO meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.