



Carnation Elementary PTSA 2.16.5 - General Membership Meeting

January 16th 2026

Carnation Elementary Library

Call to Order: 5:05 PM

Adjournment: 6:28 PM

Quorum: Met

Approval of Minutes

September General meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Guest Speaker – Adam DelRosso - Tiger Watch Introduction

Adam DelRosso presented the **Tiger Watch Program**, inspired by the national WATCH D.O.G.S. program. The initiative is designed to provide positive adult role models and increase volunteer presence on campus.

- Volunteer sign-ups open **January 20, 2026**.
 - Program hours will be **11:30 AM–1:15 PM**.
 - A pilot series of **School Learning Walks** will take place **January 21–29, 2026**, allowing parents and caregivers the opportunity to see and better understand the school environment.
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Treasurer's Report – Presented by Bethany Brittan

Treasurer's Report: Filed as written.

New Business

Treasurer Position & Nominating Committee

A need was identified for the Treasurer position, a two-year term beginning with the next election cycle.

A Nominating Committee of three to five members was established. The following nominees were presented:

- **Krista Wallace** – Parent Representative
- **Myriah Heuberger** – School Representative
- **Kaitlin** – PTSA Representative

All three nominees confirmed acceptance of their nominations.

Standing Rules Review

Bethany Brittain reviewed the PTSA bylaws and standing rules. No changes were recommended.

- **Motion passed** to approve the standing rules as presented.

Committee Reports

Co-Presidents – Sarah Soptich & Bethany Brittain

Sarah Soptich

- Reported that the Tiger Walk was a successful fundraiser.
- Shared that PTSA grant requests had been approved.

Bethany Brittain

- Requested ideas and suggestions for potential spring fundraising events.

Co-Vice President – Casey Hurley

- Requested feedback following events from both volunteers and board members to help improve future planning and event operations.

Membership – Presented by Stacey Gunderson for Kristina Batishchev

- Current membership reported at 222 members for the 2025–2026 school year.
- PTSA received a membership growth award.
- Current enrichment offerings include theater, art, and chess.
- Additional ideas for future programs and activities are being accepted.

Volunteers – Kaitlyn Thompson

- Volunteers are needed for upcoming events, including Cupid's Café and the Tiger Watch Program.

Seattle Sounders Fundraiser

- A Seattle Sounders group ticket fundraiser is being planned, tentatively for May 16.
- A backup date of April 18 is also being considered.
- Group ticket options will be available and open to the entire community, not limited to Carnation Elementary families.
- The school choir may have an opportunity to sing the National Anthem.
- Stadium accommodations include a sensory room and sensory kits available for guests who may need additional support.

Communications – Stacey Gunderson

- Currently preparing the February newsletter.
- Ongoing updates are being made to the PTSA website.

FACE – Laura Ancich

- November: Becca and Laura delivered Sasquatch books to classrooms.
 - December: Reported a successful Food Drive.
 - January: The Green Team Carnation Donation Station began as part of the food recovery program.
 - RAD Readers: Book reviews were introduced and have been successful. It was noted that it is not too late to join the program.
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Guest Speaker – Dr. Susan Leach

- Dr. Susan Leach presented information regarding the upcoming levy renewals and bond measures.
- She reviewed the purpose of the bond and levy funding and how those measures support school operations, programs, and facility needs.

Guest Speaker – Jessica Hellevang

- Jessica Hellevang spoke about the need for additional volunteers to help educate the community regarding the upcoming levy renewal and bond measures.
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Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.