



TJ PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

04/09/2026 at 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee

President: Catherine Li; First VP of Programing and Events: Kokeb Kassa; Second VP of Communications: Maggy Li ; Third VP of Communications: Thomas Stauber; Treasurer: Dinesh Kumar; Secretary : Raji Madhuvana

Executive Board

ANGP: Deepika Sood; Academic Support: Lili Cui; Hospitality: Latha Pesaladinne; Health & Wellness: Ann Payne

Others

Principal: Michael Mukai

SGA: Jocelyn Huie (President)

Class Council Officers: Audrey Li, Bella Lim, Sophie Kim

Total PTSA members in attendance: XX

Total non-members in attendance: XX

Location: Virtual

Agenda

- Call to Order and Welcome: Catherine Li
- Agenda Adoption: Catherine Li
- Approval of 02/06/2026 GMM Minutes

- Principal's Report and Q&A (15 mins)
- SGA and Class Council Report (20 mins)
- Treasurer's Report: Dinesh Kumar (5 mins)
- Nominating Committee Report (5 mins)
- Student Club & Membership update - Maggy Li (5 mins)
- Committee Reports - Kokeb Kassa (20 mins)
 - ANGP - Deepika Sood & Dunia Pardo
 - Academic Support - Lili Cui
 - College Planning - Mara Marshall
 - Health and Wellness - Ann Payne
 - Hospitality - Latha Pesaladinne
- Adjournment

Call meeting to Order

- A quorum was determined to be present and the president, Catherine Li called the meeting to order (@7:05pm).
- Attendees were reminded of Robert's Rules of Order
- Meeting logistics and guidelines were discussed:
 - Use virtual hand raise for voting
 - Remain muted unless recognized
 - Chat among participants was disabled to reduce distractions
 - Attendees were asked to display their real names on Zoom
 - Voting was restricted to verified TJPTSA members

Agenda Adoption

- The proposed agenda was published on the website and notified via the weekly membership newsletter.
- The agenda was displayed onscreen for reference of the attendees present during the meeting.
- A minor modification was noted: the Treasurer's Report was moved before the SGA/Class Council segment to accommodate a scheduling commitment.
- Dinesh passed the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom. The agenda was adopted with 100% of the votes in favor.

Approval of 02/26/2026 GM Meeting Minutes

- The February 26, 2026 GMM minutes were displayed on screen and are posted on the PTSA website.
 - No corrections or objections were raised.
- The President solicited comments/corrections to the minutes. There were no comments nor corrections to the 02/26/2026 TJ PTSA GM Meeting minutes; and the minutes were approved as presented. Motion to approve was made by Tom, seconded by Maggy and all in favor raised their virtual hands and minutes approved.

Principal's Update:

- **Acceptance Dates:** The admissions office is currently expected to release acceptances on **April 24th**.

- **Freshman Preview Night:** Tentatively scheduled for **April 30th**. This is a major volunteer event where current parents help welcome the Class of 2030.
- **Academic Calendar:** The school is entering the end-of-quarter and high-stakes testing season. Spring Break is upcoming.
- **Student and team achievements:**
 - Quiz Bowl Team: State champions — recognized before the county school board.
 - Rocketry Team: Qualified for Top 100 nationally; opportunity to launch with NASA.
 - Regeneron International Science Fair (ISEF): Multiple students qualified; additional students may qualify via the state fair.
 - National Merit Finalists: The division saw a 37% increase, with TJ contributing significantly
 - Presidential Scholar Finalists: 88 finalists division-wide; 52 of those are from TJ
- **School Safety & Wellness:** Principal Mukai The school is working on streamlining communications to ensure parents receive consistent information.
 - A pre-submitted question asked how TJ is addressing the mental health epidemic among students. Key points from the response:
 - The school has multiple support structures in place, including the school counseling team and social worker Danielle Armstrong.
 - Students are encouraged to seek support proactively and reach out to trusted adults.
 - The administration continues to work on awareness and reducing stigma around mental health.

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer – Dinesh Kumar – presented the budget vs. actuals-to-date. Financial status as follows:
 - A budget of \$6,500 was confirmed to provide snacks and water for students during AP testing (covering approx. 6,100 to 6,500 tests)
 - A grant for the "Taste of TJ" event was officially approved by the Executive
 - The ANGP account holds approximately \$52,000. Fundraising continues to meet targets
- Report accepted by all members.

Student Government Association (SGA) Report – Jocelyn Huie and Class Council Officers

- Senior Class Council:
 - Senior leadership shared reflections on their TJ journey, college admissions process, and advice for underclassmen
- Underclassmen Panels (Sophomore, Junior):
 - Class council representatives from lower grades presented updates on their activities and encouraged peers to get involved
 - Emphasis placed on paying it forward — supporting this year's seniors and building community for the years ahead
- Key upcoming student events:
 - J Day : Tentatively May 22 (to be confirmed — parents advised to check the student Instagram account and the upcoming PTSA newsletter).
 - TJ Starr: May 20.
 - ANGP (After Night Graduation Party): June 6 (overnight event — volunteers needed).

PTSA Committee and program Updates

- Reflections art competition:
 - 25 student submissions received across multiple categories
 - Fairfax county released awards : 3 TJ students won in photography, visual arts and music
- Nominating committee:
 - The nominating committee reported the state of candidates for the 2026-2027 PTSA board. Detailed report to be shared in advance of the final GMM in-person voting meeting on May 19th.
- **All Night Grad Party (ANGP):** Scheduled for **Saturday, June 6th**. Over 200 seniors have already registered. Volunteers and security coordination are the current priorities.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Planned for the first week of May. The PTSA is organizing a **Spring Teacher Lunch** on **April 17th** (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM).
- **Senior Student Panel:** Tentatively set for **May 19th**. Coordination is underway to ensure it does not conflict with "TJ Star" on May 20th.
- **J-Day (Jefferson Day):** A query was raised regarding potential grants for culture-related clubs during J-Day. The President will consult with the SGA and the Treasurer to determine feasibility.

Action items :

1. **Tom / Catherine:** Confirm and publish J Day date and time in the upcoming PTSA newsletter and website.
2. **Catherine:** Confirm Freshman Preview Night date (April 22 vs. April 30) once admissions office releases decision timeline; communicate to volunteers.
3. **Deepika / ANGP Chair:** Open ANGP graduation reserve seating for purchase this Saturday at 9:00 AM; monitor sales.
4. **Catherine:** Follow up with SGA and Treasurer regarding the possibility of PTSA grant support for cultural clubs participating in J Day.
5. **Lata / Volunteer Coordinator:** Continue recruiting 100+ AP week volunteers; send targeted outreach before testing begins.
6. **Tom:** Publish Reflections competition results and winners in next week's newsletter; include links to today's slide decks.
7. **Nominating Committee:** Finalize and share the 2026–2027 board slate ahead of the May 19 in-person voting GMM.
8. **All Board Members:** Mark key dates: Apr 17 Spring Luncheon, Late April Preview Night, May 19 Final GMM (in-person, voting), June 6 ANGP

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm EST

Minutes Prepared by Raji Madhuvana, TJHSST PTSA Secretary
Minutes Approved as ___ Presented or _____ Amended on _

