

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda
September 14th, 2026

Attendance: Sierra Miller, Erica Pickett, Ariel, Elena Windsong, Gina Maez, Will Lindsey, Jen Koerlin, Jen Henrie, Honora Thompson, Jon Oiler, Marybeth Oiler, Victoria Marek, Allison, Shelby Allm, Mrs Chicco, Andrea, Trisha, Heather Browning

1. Call to Order 6:05pm
2. Approval of August 2026 Meeting Minutes 1st: Sierra 2nd: Elena
3. Updates and Ongoing Business

a. Introductions

b. Principal's Report- Mr. Samples; Kruse ranked 2nd in all of PSD for the Colorado Department of Education performance framework and ranked 35th in the state of Colorado. Zach was in first by 0.9%. Kruse exceeded expectations with a 96.3% in academic growth.

c. Treasurer's Report- Jen H.; We had great ice cream eaters! Our check from cold stone totaled \$426 which was 15% of all sales. Everyone had a blast! There is a copy of the budget available if anyone has questions. Please continue to send in your receipts. We received an alumni donation of \$400 for the science fair from Carrie's family.

d. DAB/DAC- Marybeth; Comprehensive planning committee and a presentation was given by Dr. Gil. Engagement session tonight and tomorrow. We encourage everyone to email the board with questions and their concerns. Email address is: BOE@PSDschoools.org. Talk about: "what is most important to you." The Comprehensive planning committee will provide a single plan that the board can accept some or none or all. Upcoming dates: October 13th will be the first presentation with the recommendations.. Voting will take place on October 27th which will allow families to decide what schools to send their kids too. School of choice opens November 1st and is open for 6 weeks. There was a Principles' survey last year that was unanimous that something needs to happen because the school budget is being squeezed.

e. Wellness Club- Heather/ Jon; The first wellness club of the school year will be held on Friday September 18th. We plan to email Pam to send out a reminder. Opening to using Instagram/social media to remind people and there is typically a blurb in the Friday weekly newsletter. Volunteers wanted to help with the wellness club.

f. Running Club- Shelby; Brand new as of today. It takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays with a 7 week session in the fall for grades 3-5th and it is donation based. We had 46 kids signed up and it went really well. There were great volunteers and lots of support.

4. New Business

a. Kruse-A-Palooza- Sierra; October 13th. Informational sessions where each grade is assigned a project/presentation. Goal to increase parent attendance/engagement. PTO was asked to run a few games. We need ideas for two indoor games that can be set up in a hallway. Volunteers are welcome! FOCO print and press screen printing will be on site to make hoodies and t-shirts. Do not have the cost of those items at this time. It is scheduled for the same night as the board hearing discussing school closures that starts at 6pm. Kruse-A-Palooza will be held 4:30-6:30pm.

b. Upcoming Open Positions- Sierra; We have a few 5th grade parents leaving us. If there is anyone interested in running the Bookmark contests and annual fundraisers through Pledge Star, please see Sierra. We will also need someone to take over the Directory and the Volunteer coordinator position.

c. Directory- Elena; The directory is almost finalized. It will be sent out Wednesday or Thursday

(Sept 16/17th). We had 100 submissions compared to the 120 last year. The position involves merging those submissions. There is an SOP on how to put the directory together that can be handed over to the person that is interested.

d. **Cub Scouts- Trisha;** Kruse has had a Cub Scout pack for the last 30 years. Its Lost visibility, gone through a big turnover in terms of students and leadership. Now they are going through the recruitment phase. Cub Scouts is recruiting students that attend schools surrounding Kruse. They meet Tuesday night at 6:30pm at Kruse and it continues throughout the year. Boys and girls k-5 are welcome. There are full group activities as well as individual activities. There is also a new program called Chipmonks which is for Pre-schoolers ages 4-5.

e. **Staff Request- Sierra;** An ice maker was requested in the teacher lounge. The water line does not work to provide ice through the frig. Will get more information and an amount.

f. **Front Entrance Updates- Sierra/ Jen H. -** The entrance was painted purple and the light bulbs were replaced. Some additional ideas were to replace the cracked sign above the entrance doors and add a mural to the entrance. One idea was to make a collage of Kruse photos that forms a larger photo. Another idea: Digital Inspirational board, or a mural painted by Mr. Montgomery or someone within the Fort Collins community. Plan to reach out to local artists and ask if they would like to paint or create something. Circle back in Nov.

g. **PTO Community Response- Sierra:** We were contacted by another PTO within the community in regards to joining their cause for resisting the consolidation. The overall agreement is that Kruse PTO is here to support the students, staff, and community. We discuss reaching out to the other people and providing resources where they can channel their feelings and words in a productive manner.

h. **Prop NN- Shelby;** Colorado Proposition NN is a statewide measure on the **November 3, 2026** ballot that raises the TABOR (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) revenue cap to fund K-12 education and child-support programs using state money already collected. The next meeting is September 29th at the Old Town Library.

5. Other Business

Friday September 18th there is an outdoor food truck and game night. Reminders will be sent out.

Trunk-n-treat on Friday October 30th. The sign up sheet is coming. It will take place in the Kruse parking lot from 4-5pm.

Staff appreciation conference dinner is Thursday October 1st. There is a sign up sheet coming. We are hosting a Chili dinner with options of vegetarian chili, fruit, desserts, beef chili.

6. Adjournment 6:55pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

September:

18- Outdoor Games/Food Truck Night (5PM) 21- Rally 5 Dine out (4-8PM)
26- Timberline Gymnastics PNO

October:

2- Skate Night (5-8PM)
7- Jersey Mike's (all sales- all day)

12- PTO Meeting (6PM)
30- Trunk or Treat (4-5PM)