

Tucson High Magnet School Council

Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date November 12, 2025 Meeting Location: Badger Room and Zoom

Meeting ID: 88004525009

Members present	Noemi Jarillo (NJ), Heather Bates (HB), Noah Sensibar (NS), James Fennewald (JF), Arnold Montiel (AM), Sarah Tully (ST), Nydia Ybarra (NY), Paisley Goffeney (PG), Melvin Williams (MW), Kate Donovan (KD), Jon Lansa (JL)
Members absent	Susan Wahl (SW)
Constituency group represented	Parent, Student, Certified, Classified, Community, Administration

I. Called to order at 6:30 by Heather Bates

II. Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve (JF). Second (KD). All in favor. Minutes approved.
ACTION ITEMS	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student report
DISCUSSION	SC finished homecoming and gearing up for winter formal. Winter formal will be December 12 th . Presidents' luncheon for student councils in Tempe.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	



REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal report
DISCUSSION	Homecoming was a huge success. Went without incident. The class cutouts were well-liked by students. We are in the planning stages of a pep assembly. This will be for seniors only. It will be more contained in the gym area and centered around a guest speaker who was a student at Tucson High (Levi Wallace). The gallery has officially been renamed the Gettig-Hough gallery. We will probably be planning a ceremony for this. The principal hiring process is starting, which is why there was the Zoom meeting earlier to discuss what is important in a principal. We are looking at our letter grade. We missed an A by three points. We need to clean up our grad rate. We still have some growth to make on the ACT. Sports have wrapped up. Several teams made it to state. We had several performances including our recent student play <i>Midnight on the Orient Express</i> .
CONCLUSIONS	
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V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Tax credit request from Theater Department	
DISCUSSION NOTES	Request for \$3000 to support this year's musical. Putting on a musical is very expensive. They have had a variety of musicians from single musicians to student musicians. They would like to have an orchestra this year since it is a big musical. They have asked the University of Arizona to collaborate on the musical. The department would like to pay University musicians to be the orchestra for the musical. They would hire 12 musicians at about \$25 an hour. It would be 20 hours maximum. It would cost about \$6000. They do not want to deplete their resources since there is still costuming, sound retrofit, and several other costs the theater department will have to pay for. They do not want to raise ticket prices too much and are looking for creative ways of keeping admission affordable. Some discussion on what is allowable under the law occurred. The law does allow for payment of extracurricular staff. The theater department can also look at other tax credit allowances.	
RESOLUTION		
Motion to approve JF. Second SL. All in favor. Motion passed.		

VI. Submission of items for next agenda.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm by Heather Bates

Submitted by

Site Council Facilitator





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