

MINUTES
KESTERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
School Organizational Team Meeting
August 25, 2026
3:40 p.m.

School Organizational Team Members:

Nathan Slife, Parent
Christopher Ross, Parent
Gregory McWilliams, Parent
Emily Smith, Parent
Julie Salas, Teacher
Jessica McQuillan, Teacher
Kenton Lee, Support Professional
Kelly Wright, Principal

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Any member of the public who wishes to attend can join:

August SOT

September SOT

Tuesday, September 15 · 3:40 – 4:40pm

Time zone: America/Los_Angeles

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It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff. Speakers that are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call

Nathan Slife, Parent- not in attendance
Christopher Ross, Parent
Gregory McWilliams, Parent
Emily Smith, Parent
Julie Salas, Teacher
Jessica McQuillan, Teacher
Kenton Lee, Support Professional
Kelly Wright, Principal

Additional people in attendance

Mrs. Strunk- teacher

Mrs. Zeiders- teacher

Mrs. Maranan- Teacher

2.0 Old Items

- Approval of Minutes
Chris Ross moves to approve
Gregory McWilliams- 2nd

Minutes approved

3.0 New Items

- Budget-Reviewed
- District Budget Context shared
- Kesterson Budget discussed
 - Looking at cutting Art position
 - Looking at cutting one 3rd grade position
 - Cut support staff hours from Library and P.E.
 - Able to run the school on limited budget
 - Write an appeal to get back the cut teacher in our budget based on grade level student ratio

Mrs. Smith Motions to remove Art position, one third grade position, and additional support staff hours, Mrs. Wright will write an appeal to get one teacher position back, and we will work to add in additional fundraisers to help with school needs.

Mr. Mcwilliams 2nd Motion

Vote-

Agree- Christopher Ross, Parent

Agree- Gregory McWilliams, Parent

Agree-Emily Smith, Parent

Agree-Julie Salas, Teacher

Agree-Jessica McQuillan, Teacher

Agree-Kenton Lee, Support Professional

Agree-Kelly Wright, Principal

Motion Passed

***Discussed STAR rating for this school year- Kesterson 2 Star rating**

4.0 Public Comment Period

No one signed up to speak today

5.0 Next Meeting- October 27, 2026

6.0 Meeting adjourned- 4:40 P.M.