



K.O. Knudson School Organizational Team

AGENDA

K.O. Knudson Academy of the Arts
School Organizational Team Meeting

Knudson SOT meeting
Google Meet joining info Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/zwr-wxew-kwo>
Or dial: (US) +1 530-395-0773 PIN: 195 604 044#

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
4:00pm

School Organizational Team Members:

Tim Guzman - Parent
Cheryl O'Dell - Parent
Nancy Ortega - Parent
Jennifer Sheehy - Parent
Bonnie Toth - Parent
Robert Bertolani - Licensed Staff
Stacey O'Brien - Licensed Staff
Amy Symes - Licensed Staff
Michelle Gamboa - Support Staff
Mia Santillan - Student
Mike Bashay - Principal

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Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may call Michelle Gamboa at 702-799-7470 ext 4100 or sign up immediately in person prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. No one may sign up for another person or yield their time to another person. Generally, a person wishing to speak during the public comment period will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the School Organizational Team. Speakers may also submit additional comments in writing.



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School Organizational Team members present:

Cheryl O'Dell - Parent
Bonnie Toth - Parent
Jennifer Sheehy - Parent
Robert Bertolani - Licensed Staff
Stacey O'Brien - Licensed Staff
Amy Symes - Licensed Staff
Michelle Gamboa - Support Staff
Mike Bashay - Principal

School Organizational Team members absent:

Call to Order

4:09AM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved from the previous meeting.

Agenda Items

1. **Welcome**
 - a. **Mr. Bashay - Very grateful for SOT members and dedication for their input and support towards our school.**
2. **Meeting Norms**
 - a. *Assume positive intent in all interactions*
 - b. *Engage fully in discussions and collaborative problem-solving*
 - c. *Be present and stay in the moment—limit distractions*
 - d. *Promote growth through constructive dialogue*
 - e. *Respect one another during presentations and responses*
 - f. *Keep comments concise and focused to support shared time*
3. **Staffing Update**
 - a. **11 positions identified as surplus**
 - b. **Teacher of the month Mr. Dearden**
 - c. **Support staff of the month Mr. Antonio Ponce**
4. **26/27 official start and end times**
 - a. **7:30am Start time for magnet students**
 - b. **8:30am Start time for non magnet students**
 - c. **2:41pm End**
5. **Shout out to 8th grade parents on SOT Board**
 - a. **Jen**
 - b. **Bonnie**
 - c. **Nancy**
 - d. **Mia- Student**
 - i. **Words of thanks were provided for their time, dedication, and support**
6. **Spring Credit Retrieval Still Occurring**
 - a. **Last day is May 7**
 - b. **Approximately half of the students that were enrolled completed and retrieved credit**
 - c. **Currently under 16% for absenteeism. Goal is to get near 13%!**
7. **Important Dates**



- a. Calendar of Upcoming Events: <https://www.knudsonms.org/>
- b. 8th Grade Field Day
- c. 8th Grade Finals
- d. 8th Grade Ceremony
- e. **8th Grade Semi Formal dance May 16, 2026 5pm-7pm**
- f. **Donations from 8th graders for their SSA will be accepted and be exchanged for free dress day**

General Discussion

1. SOT Member Concerns
2. Suggestions for future agenda items

Information

1. Next Regular Meeting: August 2, 2026

Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum allotted)

**Due to privacy laws, we cannot discuss questions regarding individual students. We ask that you address these types of questions and/or concerns with administrators after the meeting.*

Adjourn

4:34pm