JOHN ADAMS ACADEMY ONLINE PSO

General Meeting Report

Friday, October 30, 2026
Temple Coffee, Fair Oaks, CA

President Dana Shular **Vice President** Amy Henry **Treasurer** Raquel Andrade

> We unite the parents at the heart of our scholars' learning to build community, carry family voices to school leadership, and give back to our school.

On October 30, the PSO held its first in-person general meeting of the year. All three officers attended, along with parents Candace Briggs and Evelyn Hernandez. This report shares what we covered, what parents suggested, and how families can get involved.

Our Goals This Year

- **Build an engaged parent community** through events, meetups, and general meetings.
- **Build PSO funds** for community events, staff appreciation, and giving back to the school.
- **Partner with school leadership** by sharing parent feedback and helping meet school needs.

After a few years of hosting many small events with low attendance, the PSO now focuses on fewer, high-quality events. These events build awareness, raise funds, and bring more families together. This year's five events are the Back-to-School Kick-Off, Harvest Festival, December event, Valentine's event, and End of Year Bash.

Our Year So Far

200–275	~250	$3,186	$1,644
at the Back-to-School Kick-Off	at the Harvest Festival	raised at Harvest Festival	Harvest Festival funds after expenses

Back-to-School Kick-Off. Families gathered for a casual brunch at the park, with 69 adult and 94 child RSVPs. Parent volunteers filled every setup, takedown, and food slot.

Harvest Festival. Our first PSO fundraiser was a huge success, raising $3,186. After $1,542 in expenses, including the park fee and reimbursements for supplies and decorations, the PSO kept $1,644 for future events and giving back. Scholar Government ran about 10 games and led the younger scholars, which was one of the highlights of the day.

Field trips. Field trips are planned and run by school admin. Registration now opens about a month before each trip, which helps families plan and leaves room for those who join later.

What Parents Shared

Regional ParentSquare groups

Parents suggested ParentSquare groups organized by where families live, either alongside or in place of the current groups. Regional groups would help families find others nearby, encourage local meetups, and strengthen our community. ParentSquare groups are managed by school admin, so the PSO will bring this idea to them.

Grade-level field trips

Parents suggested organizing some field trips by grade level so scholars can connect with peers their age. This would especially help new scholars who are still building friendships. The PSO will share this feedback with school admin, who plan field trips.

Grade-level events and hosts

The PSO's goal is one grade-level event per semester, coordinated by Grade Level Hosts. Twenty parents have signed up as hosts so far. The PSO will ask school admin about ParentSquare posting access for hosts so they can share meetups and events directly with their grade.

Materials donations

The materials donation request comes from school admin. Both parents at the meeting had not heard about it, so the PSO will ask admin to send another ParentSquare announcement explaining what the donations are used for and why they matter.

Next Steps

Next step	Lead
Work toward one grade-level event per semester	PSO and Grade Level Hosts
Secure a December Winter Wonderland location	PSO
Explore regional ParentSquare groups	School admin, with PSO input
Explore ParentSquare posting access for Grade Level Hosts	School admin, with PSO input
Consider grade-level field trips	School admin, with PSO input
Send a follow-up announcement about materials donations	School admin

Coming Up: December Winter Wonderland

Scholars will follow a passport through craft, game, and service project stations. The location is still to be determined, and we need parents to lead or help at a station.

Service partner: The Puzzle Project. This student-run project, started by Sacramento high school students, gives free Care Bundles to children in the hospital. Each bundle includes a cozy blanket, a puzzle booklet, and a handwritten card. Our service station will support their work for hospitalized kids.

Get Involved

Open board roles

- **Secretary** takes meeting notes and handles communication.
- **Events Committee Chair** leads planning for our big events.
- **Park Days and Meetups Chair** leads Grade Level Hosts and local parent meetups.

Interested? Reach out to any PSO officer through ParentSquare.

Ways to help

- Join the Events Committee or Community Donation Committee.
- Become a Grade Level Host.
- Lead or help at a December station.
- Contribute to materials donations.

Upcoming General Meetings

Friday, December 4, 2026
12:00 p.m. on Zoom

Friday, January 22, 2027
11:00 a.m. in person, location to be announced

Minutes prepared by Amy Henry, Vice President. Report prepared by the John Adams Academy Online Parent Service Organization.