

**Hoover PTA Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Becki Campanaro (President), Nicole Giehl (Second Vice Pres), Andrea Adams (Vice Pres), Jennifer Boal (Secretary), Xiang Hao (Treasurer), Abby Chitester (Historian), Tara Lavy

**VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:** Jack Adams, Shayna Bodi, Bryan McNelis, Andrew Miller, Anthony Puzzini

Start Time: 7:04pm

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Becki Campanaro
  
- II. Approval of Minutes Becki Campanaro  
Approved by Becki Campanaro
  
- III. Correspondence Jennifer Boal  
None to report on today
  
- IV. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President Becki Campanaro  
Thank you to the HR Coordinators & HR Party Representatives. The students had a good time and enjoyed the party. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Read-A-Thon. Becki to update the group during committee reports. Thank you to Abby Chitester & volunteers who participated in the bake sale last week. More information to come during the committee reports. PTA Council Meeting 11/3 & Elementary Presidents met with Dr. Irwin (11/9) – having conversations about playground equipment. Hoover equipment is in good shape, but Markham’s equipment is not passing inspection. Problem: This has always fallen to the PTA budget – not part of the Mt Lebanon budget. Discussion has been raised regarding how each PTA will contribute to the overall playground funds as the money raised will be cumulative vs. school-by-school. Vaccine clinic – ages 5-11 on Friday. Follow up clinic – Dec 3 will be a remote learning day for elementary students.
  - b. Treasurer Xiang Hao  
Amount that is in the account: Oct 31 \$9720.76  
Membership # count (as of today): 133  
Membership income – after paying the dues & paypal fees – around \$800  
Discussion – how do we educate more families on the PTA membership? Ideas

for how to increase PTA membership discussion in the future – family memberships/cost per membership; email blast; flyers

- c. 2nd Vice President Dr. Nicci Giehll  
Gratitude – special thanks to all volunteers/coordinators for the Halloween party – the kids enjoyed the parties. It was disappointing we couldn't have the parade, but some classrooms paraded the halls and also visited other classrooms. Pre-registration helped to get all the volunteers organized and the check-in was very smooth. Thank you for coordinating the Bake Sale & Read-a-thon. The 3rd grade had the geode experience on Tuesday. It is nice to get back to the assembly experiences.  
New Little Lending Library – Eagle Scout project – Former Howe Student – Mathew McBride – stored materials for almost a year before being able to put each library at each school. The box is painted by Lebo colors and also by school colors (Hoover is black). We really appreciate Matthew's effort for contributing the Lending Library to our school.
- d. **Follow ups from last meeting**  
Ice Cream treat @ lunch – Food services confirmed that we need to follow USDA Healthy Snack Options. He is uncertain about supply chain issues – so purchasing the items that qualify might be delayed. Overall cost: \$.50/item – 300 kids – \$150 to cover all kids.  
Fence near Hoover field – Rick Marciniac – arranged to put a temporary construction fence. More to come on that in future meetings.  
Teacher needs/requests – what can the PTA do to support the teachers?  
Google form was sent to teacher/staff – items that the classroom needs; and/or other things the PTA needs. Ms. Haisley – needs Dixie cups; Teacher requests include – mirror pod technology product ~\$100/year membership; playdough/crayons. Most teachers did not ask for any supplies – they need our additional support and appreciation as parents. Teachers are not always available to respond to emails immediately – please contact the main office with emergent calls/questions.  
Garden project – working to coordinate a time for PTA and school leadership to meet together to discuss the project – specifically how we will make sure that the project can be successful over time. Dr. Giehll is working to get support for maintenance and gardening tasks.  
Vaccine clinic – Friday  
Holiday shop – coming up soon; envelopes to come home soon  
12pm Dismissal on Nov. 24 (day before Thanksgiving) – K PM will not have class that day. Dr. Giehll will be looking at swapping the spring early dismissal so that K PM would not miss class for all ED.  
Winter party – PM Kindergarten party is on Wednesday, Dec 22 @ 2:30-3:30pm; AM Kindergarten and 1-5 will be on Thursday, Dec 23 @ 11am-12

## V. Committee Reports

- a. Read-a-thon: Budget: \$2500; We earned \$6500 on the fundraiser. Prizes for two kids – Kindles Readers – will be raffled off during morning announcements. We will also be raffling off gift cards for the TOP Earners – Camilla from Mrs. Zerega's class; MOST minutes – Kayla McQueen; Zahazara – Mrs. Zerega's class.
- b. Holiday Shop: Tara – moving along and pricing items. Paperwork will be going out to students soon. Doing well with volunteers but needing more if possible. Abby will send a quick announcement to request volunteers. Students will be sent with wrapping materials to be able to wrap gifts at home vs. at the shop to help with time & COVID concerns.
- c. Adopt-a-School: Becky will touch base with Kristy B.
- d. Lunchtime Clubs: need more following up details from Dr. Giehll – Jenn Boal will be sending an email to Dr. Giehll requesting more details.
- e. Bake Sale: Went well – but there was very minimal foot traffic. Suggestion – not doing a bake sale in spring as we only raised \$675. People were more interested in donating vs. buying from the bake sale.
- f. School in the Park – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Olivia is working on the plans and will solicit volunteers soon.
- g. Talent Show – Jefferson is booked for the talent show.

#### VI. Open Topics for Discussion

- a. Abby – mentioned the need for a calendar of PTA meetings per year – we are able to send out a list of meetings/parties/etc.
- b. Is there anywhere on the district's website where there is a Board Approved Calendar? Could there be a district-wide calendar that is available regarding the days off for the school year.
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade goes to Lutheran Camp in Butler County – very difficult to schedule based on the local bus situation. 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Heinz Hall; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Spring field trip – Dragons Walking Tour in Pittsburgh; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – did walking tour and will do a virtual event with the Symphony; 1<sup>st</sup> grade – went to the Raccoon Creek Park and Hozack's farm
- d. Hoover Website Details – who is updating? Becki said, we have a volunteer and we can get that updated.
- e. Potential Fundraising Opportunity – Box Tops; Tony Puzzeni would like to chair the Box Top Fundraiser.
- f. Scholastic Books – Librarian at Hoover – Dr. Giehll will check in on what is happening with the scholastic book ordering
- g. Library Committee – moving Book fair under the Library Committee team
- h. Next meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

#### VII. Adjournment at 8:17pm

Motion to adjourn: Andrea Adams; Second – Abby Chitester