

Hoover PTA Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Nicole Giehll (Second Vice Pres), Andrea Adams (Vice Pres), Jennifer Boal (Secretary), Xiang Hao (Treasurer), Tara Lavy, Shayna Bodi, Marie Knupp, Sara Maxcy, Bri Ivey

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: Szilard Bodi, Megan Criswell, Olivia Frye, Heather Geisler, Lumel Miller, Anthony Puzzini, Jeremy Timko, Missy Timko

Start Time: 7:02pm

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Andrea Adams

- II. Approval of Minutes Andrea Adams
Approved by Becki Campanaro

- III. Correspondence Jennifer Boal
None to report on today

- IV. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President Becki Campanaro
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Copy from Becki's agenda
 - b. 1st Vice President Andrea Adams
 - c. Treasurer Xiang Hao
Update for this fiscal year – read by Becki C. per Xiang's email
 - d. 2nd Vice President Dr. Nicci Giehll
Gratitude – Hoover Spelling Bee took place last night [Tuesday, 2/8]. Students have been preparing since before Winter break – 4th/5th grades. Participation is voluntary – so not all students to participate. Vishu Prisana (4th grade) spelling bee champion for Hoover this year [part of Scripps National Spelling Bee].
Talent Show is planned for tomorrow [Thursday, 2/10] since it was rescheduled from last week. Heather G. is the committee chair and doing a great job at making the talent show a success and COVID-friendly.
Kids of Steel [Friday, 2/11] is the kickoff of the program – affiliated with the Pittsburgh Marathon. We have volunteers who schedule before school activities – students are asked to track their miles and get to 25 miles by the marathon date. The day before the marathon is the kid's marathon – and the kids get to run their "last mile" and cross the finish line downtown. Look for more information – for kids to participate in the workouts – they must be formally

registered with Kids of Steel. You do not have to do the race but would need to ensure kids are registered properly. Workouts will not take place in the gym this year (due to COVID), they are going to be outdoor workouts.

Valentine's Day Party is scheduled for Monday, 2/15 – boxes/bags are encouraged for your kids to collect their valentines; no food allowed – pencils/crayons/erasers/etc. Thank you to parents/caregivers/etc who are planning to come to volunteer for the party.

Upcoming Events:

Next week – Kindness Week kicks off. Food drive extends through next week. In connection with Random Acts of Kindness Day is Feb. 17th – so the students are learning about kindness and how to be better people. Themed days will be happening throughout the week next week. See the weekly e-blast for the theme of the day.

March – Thursday, March 3rd – earmarked for the Carnival event (5th grade activity that is open to all families). The 5th graders create a Carnival station/game that they host and invite families from the school to join. Some adjustments will be made due to COVID.

End of March [31st] – International Night, rebranded as: Hoover Heritage Night – need to start having discussions on what that will look like this year within the current COVID environments.

PSSA dates – Late April/Early May; 3rd – 5th grade / ELA

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday April 26 – 28 / MATH Monday/Tuesday May 2 – 3 / 4th graders – SCIENCE Wednesday/Thursday May 4 – 5

For PTA consideration: Received additional teacher requests –

- Mrs. Macosko would like the PTA to consider commissioning Mr. Hain to paint a mural in the library; Quote needed/Dr. Giehll to obtain quote from Mr. Hain and present at next meeting
- Mrs. Lear would like the PTA to consider purchasing a dozen additional headphones for her classroom/amount to be determined and present at next meeting
- 5th Grade Lutherlan Trip – it is looking like the Lutherlan trip is going to happen in May. Historically, the PTA has paid 50% of all fieldtrip costs, and a discussion was made a few years ago as a one-time donation or a per person donation. Dr. Giehll is going to bring costs of the field trip for PTA contribution consideration and present at next meeting

e. Historian

Abby Chitester

f. Follow ups from last meeting – N/A

V. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee – put forth the slate

Chair, Olivia Frye – thank the parents who have agreed to accept the nominations for next year; President – Jennifer Boal; Vice President – Megan

Criswell; Secretary – Ashley Hauck. Slate needs to sit for 30 days – so the vote will happen at the next meeting.

- b. Plant Sale
Chair, Olivia Frye – we were not able to secure a date for the spring sale due to changes in registration; hoping to do a fall sale – date will be picked in April for fall sale.
- c. Spring Family Night
Chair, Olivia Frye / Heather Geisler – Friday, May 13th / Possible rain date: Monday, May 16th
Heather will submit a rental request form [include both dates on the rental request]
- d. A Run Through the Woods – no update tonight as the chairs are not present
- e. Audit Committee – performs the audits for last fiscal year; we need to have 3 volunteers to audit the documents; Ryan Boal, Anthony Puzzini, Bryan McNelis

VI. Open Topics for Discussion

- a. Proposal for funds from the PTA –
Marie Knepp suggested: using funds for purchasing Chromebooks; white boards for each student for virtual/remote days; STEM – science activity needs; increasing party amounts \$3-\$5/student
- b. Tara Lavy – PTA Closet – In need of organizing/cleaning, are we able to clean the closet out? Dr. Giehll says, “Yes.”
- c. Heather G. – if the request from the teacher’s is under \$200/grade – the teacher can request funds as needed (i.e. – headphone request from Mrs. Lear)
- d. Mr. Kozini – volunteered for the audit
- e. Shayna Bodi – PTA platform for tracking information/activities; Dr. Giehll mentioned on the Hoover website – PTA does have a page. The technology chair usually manages this page as the “webmaster” – currently, Becki is managing this role – but Marie Knepp mentioned that she can possibly potentially be the technology chair for 2022
- f. Olivia Frye – created binders to pass along to Abby – vendors/info in folder format [recommended that a physical copy is printed/filed for each committee]; historian is typically the person who organizes these committee documents
- g. Dr. Giehll – assemblies are typically supported by the PTA in other schools; could we consider using some of the funds for PTA; devices would be challenging to add as the school district needs the ability to maintain and inventory the devices; suggested possible technology additions – hummingbirds/spheros/etc.
- h. Tara Lavy – does the maker space get used much? Currently with COVID, the space is being used for storage. However, teachers are using it “remotely” to grab supplies and supplement the curriculum activities.
- i. Shayna Bodi – Really liked the newsletter that went out from the PTA; will the PTA newsletter connect with the weekly e-blast? Dr. Giehll mentioned that if the PTA provides a blurb, it can be added to the weekly e-blast

VII. Adjournment at 8:09pm

Motion to adjourn: Andrea Adams; Second – Tara Lavy