

**Hoover PTA Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Becki Campanaro (President), Nicole Giehl (Second Vice Pres), Andrea Adams (Vice Pres), Jennifer Boal (Secretary), Xiang Hao (Treasurer), Abby Chitester (Historian), Anthony Puzzini, Heather Geisler, Olivia Fyre, Shayna Bodi, Megan Criswell

**VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:** Marie Knupp, Ryan Boal, Brianna Ivy

Start Time: 7:06pm

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Becki Campanaro
  
- II. Approval of Minutes Becki Campanaro  
Approved by xxxxx
  
- III. Correspondence Jennifer Boal  
None to report on today
  
- IV. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President Becki Campanaro  
Congratulations to the 5th graders for having the highest score on the firefighting fact trivia contest.  
Congrats to Holden Frye for publication of his book, Spot... if you'd like to order, please contact Olivia Frye.  
Flexible instructional days discussion - what do parent's feel provides the best experience for students? Synchronous vs. asynchronous instruction. Several parents agreed that the asynchronous instruction was good to give more flexibility to K-5 instruction. Suggestion is to provide a project, or less intense academic work rather than filling a day with academic work.  
Dr. Steinhauer's announcement at the Board Meeting - PTA presidents are not in support of whatever was said... and could not support that decision without having the PTA membership in support. against bylaws  
PTA Presidents met and had a discussion about mental health/social-emotional wellbeing of our students. Advocated for an asynchronous day for high school.  
Prioritizing funding for social workers and psychologists to help provide additional support for the school district, including curriculum. Technology - implementing Schoology in place of Google Classroom. Device update - devices are planned to be 1:1 next year. Mr. Ladio - technology person - interface with technology - suggested a full-time need for him to stay ongoing

vs. the contract ending this school year. Feminine hygiene products are not offered in any school bathrooms - PTA Presidents MLA scholarship offers scholarships for any summer program you would put your children in

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| b. | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President   | Andrea Adams     |
| c. | Treasurer  | Xiang Hao        |
|    | Update for this fiscal year – approximately \$20,000 (carryover from previous year - approximately \$10,000) |                  |
| d. | 2nd Vice President   | Dr. Nicci Giehll |

#### Gratitude

Hoover's Got Talent Show - occurred several weeks ago - the talent show went really well. Thank you to Mrs. Geisler who coordinated the talent show and did a wonderful job. Some new procedures were used and will likely be implemented in the future as they were successful this year.

Kids of Steel program underway - kicked off with Shannon Harpst and Lauren Taylor - are coordinating KOS workouts Tuesday and Thursday morning - have been going well. The students are enjoying the experience and using the blacktop for the workout sessions.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day parties - went well, students had a good job. One incident that occurred - an item that had gone home in a bag and there was not a kid friendly item in the bag.

Feb. 14 - 18: Kindness Week

March 1: 5th graders were able to participate in the district-wide concert

#### **Upcoming events:**

Carnival Event - scheduled for April 7th, may need to be rescheduled

Heritage Night - March 31 - formerly International night; Dr. Giehll encourages all families to come and enjoy the activities.

Art Project - Portrait of Kindness (2020) - adopted Kindness as the theme for the school, including school-wide read aloud of the book, Wonder and activities; held an assembly with Mykalia's voice - who talked to the students about inclusion and kindness; the students created a portrait as a project; celebration for artists and families will be held tomorrow; Hoover kids will be introduced to the wall in the upcoming week

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day - will be celebrated 3/21

Mentor Program - working with Mrs. Pitzer and Mrs. Gamble to create a buddy program

Josh & Gab - assembly on March 31st

Open House - May 18 TBD

Mrs. Schuler (4th grade) - suffered from a heart attack last week; recovering, and doing fairly well; she will need some more time at home to recover. Mr. Davis will be taking over for her class until she is able to return.

Volunteer Clearances - Reach out to Audrey Brown to determine if you're clearances are up to date

Casual Volunteer Form (needed for class parties and other group activities)

Program Volunteer - field trips/committees where you may be alone with

children; PA Criminal History; PA Child Abuse History; FBI Criminal History - or 10-year affidavit

**PSSA Dates – Late April/Early May**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade / ELA Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday April 26 – 28 / MATH

Monday/Tuesday May 2 – 3

\*only 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lutherlyn Trip – it is looking like the Lutherlyn trip is going to happen in May. Historically, the PTA has paid 50% of all field trip 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  
Committee Process document - in progress; almost ready to share with the PTA members so that anyone wishing to chair events.
- f. Follow ups from last meeting – N/A

V. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Committee – Election (Becki read election text verbatim and vote was taken - all in favor)  
Jennifer Boal - president  
Megan Criswell - vice president  
Ashley Hauck - secretary  
Installation and training event - Wednesday, April 20th  
Treasurer Update: Xiang will be moving this summer; we will be looking for a Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year
- b. Hoover Heritage Night – 7 confirmed tables
- c. Carnival Event – Volunteer clearances need to be updated in order to work with the kids on planning the event. If you are able to volunteer/participate, please let Jen O'Hara if you'd like to participate.
- d. Spring Family Night – Friday, May 13; rain date: Monday, May 16; in planning (inflatables, pizza, gaga pit, face/hand painting, balloon twisting, looking for additional table); \$10/\$12 pizza from King Crust
- e. Plant Sale - Chaired by 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

- f. 5K Run Through the Woods – no update tonight as the chairs are not present

VI. Open Topics for Discussion

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week – Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6; suggestion from Principals due to PSSA testing this week was to have every Friday in May be a “Day of Appreciation”
- b. Lutheran 5th Grade Fieldtrip – historically, the PTA has contributed \$500 to the cost of the field trip; overall cost of the field trip; \$31.70/student for 2 days; Requested additional funds from PTA to offset cost. Vote can be done by the board to allocate \$1000
- c. Excess Surplus PTA dollars – Any proposed projects should be submitted to the PTA prior to the PTA Meeting for consideration  
Health Care Supplies/Needs – Heather will determine if there are any supplies that can be purchased  
PTA Supplies for parties – prize box items  
Audit Committee – performs the audits for last fiscal year; we need to have 3 volunteers to audit the documents; Ryan Boal, Anthony Puzini, Bryan McNelis  
Increasing party funds to \$5 per student

VII. Adjournment at 8:48pm

Motion to adjourn: Oliva Frye; Second – Anthony Puzini