

Hoover PTA Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Becki Campanaro (President), Nicole Giehll (Second Vice Pres), Andrea Adams (Vice Pres), Jennifer Boal (Secretary), Olivia Fyre, Shayna Bodi, Tara Lavy, Marie Knupp, Megan Criswell, Ashley Hauck

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

Start Time: 7:09pm

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Becki Campanaro

- II. Approval of Minutes Becki Campanaro
Approved by Tara Lavy

- III. Correspondence Jennifer Boal
Invoices – Xiang Hao has been picking up / receiving invoices as correspondence.

- IV. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President Becki Campanaro
Council Meeting – Georgia Pogue Scholarships have been handed out. Graduating seniors who received the awards can be found on the district website.
For 2022-2023 – we need volunteers – committee chairs/co-chairs for all events and volunteers; Abby & Jenn are working on a Google Doc where the events are organized by event type and details. Becki recommended also including prior chair contact information.
Look for any PTA PR opportunities – PTA Exec. Board working to set up PTA tables/information at events to help spread the word
Passive Consent for inclusion in the membership directory
Re-energize the biweekly newsletter, “Hoover Headlines”
Facebook group/page – Hoover Families PTA – Highlighting the events post-event to ensure safety.

 - b. 1st Vice President Andrea Adams

 - c. Treasurer Xiang Hao
Updated budget - \$21,551.02

 - d. 2nd Vice President Dr. Nicci Giehll
Gratitude
April – Mikayla’s Voice mural unveiling, had a celebration for the kids who

participating in the project; Holden Frye was able to have an author's visit w/Kim Rush who founded the foundation. Holden & contributing artists were highlighted at the School Board meeting.

District Orchestra – performed back at the end of March 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade.

Josh & Gab Assembly – performance Rock Show with topics around Kindness, Anti-bullying, Compassion

Heritage Night – lots of performances, artifacts, clothing, food showcasing the many heritages of our families

May – Teacher Appreciation Week – we are celebrating teachers every Friday;

1st Friday of May – teachers were provided with breakfast

Monday – Hoover Band performed their concert

Monday/Tuesday (5th Graders) – went on a fieldtrip to Lutherlan; students have had great weather and a nice time together

PSSA testing is finishing up due to absences and makeups

Upcoming:

Kindergarten Orientation – Friday, May 13

Spring Family Night – Friday, May 13 6pm – 8pm

Open House – Wednesday, May 18th 5:30-7:30pm

High School Theater Assembly – Thursday, May 19th

Mt. Lebanon Public Library – Friday, May 20th

Following week – Mobile AG Lab

5th graders – Breakfast with Someone Special – Thursday, May 26th

Instrument Tryouts – Thursday, May 26th

Field Day – Tuesday, May 31st

e. Historian Abby Chitester

f. Follow ups from last meeting – N/A

V. Committee Reports

- a. Spring Family Night – planning is going well; so far 18 HS students have volunteered, so we have plenty of volunteers. Planning to have inflatables (slide & basketball game), face painting, sidewalk chalk, icecream, etc... PTA will have a table with information. It was recommended that there is also a table for "Make a Card" for your teacher to celebrate Teacher Appreciation.
- b. Breakfast with Someone Special – May 26th – in need of volunteers from 7am-9am for set up and clean up. (Ashley Hauck, Becki C volunteered to help)
- c. Field Day – chaired by Kristi Brancolini – planning is going well
- d. A Run Through the Woods – 5K – no chairs present at meeting

VI. Open Topics for Discussion

- a. Teacher Appreciation – being celebrated each Friday of the month of May. Teachers were provided with breakfast last Friday; looking to do something for the final Friday's of this month that is more focused on kids celebrating the teachers (wear your teacher's favorite color, cards/crafts, etc)

- b. Tara Lavy – recommended including Custodial Day; Secretary’s Day; and Principals Day on the calendar
- c. Marie – asked about the planning process for fieldtrips. Dr. Giehll described the process is handled by district teachers/groups as many fieldtrips correlate to curriculum. This year fieldtrips have been difficult to plan as many places were booked and busing shortages complicated scheduling.
- d. Garden Proposal – Shayna Bodi proposed the building of a “Garden Classroom.” This project would involve the community, allow for students to incorporate lessons learned into practical application in the garden, and enhance the space of the blacktop through a sustainable initiative. The building of the structure would cost approximately \$6500. Fundraising specific to Garden Classroom expenses will be discussed, as well as the plant sale proceeds going towards this project. Megan Criswell made a motion to approve the Garden Classroom expense of up to \$6500 donated from the PTA. All members present approved the motion; no oppositions
- e. Jenn Boal – recommended increasing the classroom party allocation; Dr. Giehll suggested thinking about a grade level vs. classroom planning; we are going to look into creating an Amazon non-profit account and potentially have HR chairs populate an Amazon wishlist
- f. Jenn Boal – recommended increasing the Lunch Club budget to \$400 (currently \$200) to support more engagement and also allow for inflation costs

VII. Adjournment at 8:45pm

Motion to adjourn: Megan Criswell; Second – Tara Lavy