

# Hoover PTA Meeting

Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30pm

## Agenda

Attendees: Nicci Giehl, Jenn Boal, Ashley Hauck, Megan Criswell, Tara Lavy, Claire Biggs, Jill Stephey, Angela Nelson, Olivia Frye, Carissa Monaco, Justin Pentland, Shayna Bodi, Tawny Toole, Brian Henley, Tony Puzzini, Justin Huxley, Mrs. Pitzer

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance *Jennifer Boal – at 6:33*

II. Approval of Minutes *Jennifer Boal – Megan Criswell approved*

III. Correspondence *Anthony Puzzini*

IV. Executive Committee Reports

a. President *Jennifer Boal*

i. *Cupcake sale is complete and was successful*

ii. *Kona Ice fundraiser was fun – raised \$270*

iii. *fyi - PTA funds half of all field trips*

b. 2nd Vice President *Dr. Nicci Giehl* – Read a thon is really successful and kids love the daily announcements of winners. New model is really exciting for the kids. Safety Presentation – Prevention and Protection. We have cameras around the building that the police have access to as well. The district is increasing surveillance around the district. To enter school, there is a camera and a bell to get into the school. All exterior doors are always locked. Dr. Giehl has the ability to lock down the school. All interior doors can be locked with a key. We are “locked/open” – we have magnetic strips over doors that can easily be removed to lock doors immediately in case of an emergency. We have blinds on all of our windows. 911 buttons are throughout the school and available to administrators and teachers. Once 911 is called the entire team is notified at once. We practice safety protocols on case of an emergency. Students evacuate to Temple Emmanuel and reunification happens from there. All of these drills happen during Safety Week – we talk about all of these things – weather, shelter in place, basic safety protocols. If you are a parent volunteer at something that doesn't have teacher supervision then you are asked to take a mini safety training just in case of a crisis. If you visit during the day, then you must bring your ID to the school to be scanned before you are admitted. Our volunteer policy is within state guidelines – FBI clearance, abuse clearance must be approved before participation with children. Police department does regular walk throughs of the building – and instruction to kids – to keep the kids comfortable with police as community helpers: consequences, safe walking, bullying, cyber bullying etc. Prevention measures – verbal training to learn how de-escalate situations. Newly implemented social/emotional program that focuses on regulating emotions and negating bullying. Positive behavior program – Hoover Hawksome – to clearly and positively state expectations for all. Mrs. Gamble is integral in helping children who are struggling emotionally. Twice a month she gives lessons to classrooms about positive behavior. Safe to Say Something – anonymous reporting tool for all students grade 5-12 – mandatory program that gives kids an anonymous way to share troubling information. When reports are made

community helpers are alerted and dispatched to handle the situation. Survey implemented that measures kids perceptions of themselves and their school ... we can identify kids who may need help building confidence and friendships. Police officers are in direct line of communication with 911 – his cell phone, office phone both ring when called and he can track the number and location. He is then in direct contact with officers on the ground and they are immediately dispatched. He monitors the Safe to Say line – it is used by the kids – sometimes older kids abuse it and the calls go to the Attorney General so it should be taken seriously. Officers are always working with the district. He has a TV in his office and an access video feed anywhere in the district where there are cameras. A lot goes on behind the scenes to keep up with safety. Officers can tap into the PA systems and can broadcast alerts districtwide if ever needed. 5 officers on the road at any time. 10 schools in district. 1 officer on site at high school all the time. Lebo has a really good safety protocol in place. In the event of a tragic incident, there is a shared collection of resources to be used – we'd have first responders from all around the area here. Communication will come to parents as quickly as possible but the immediate attention will go to the children in the building. If there is an emergency, try to sit tight until communication comes so that our first responders can effectively respond. Manage the crisis then reunification.

- c. *Teacher Representative: Mrs. Pitzer* – loves the readathon model and is grateful for all of the PTAs support
- d. *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Megan Criswell* – Reflections did not happen his year because we were too late to the game. It is in place for next year. Apologies that we couldn't get it together in time this year.
- e. Treasurer *Anthony Puzzini* - \$1,600 disposable money right now. Read a thon is doing really well right now. Cupcake sale raised some money that we weren't anticipating. Bake sale is the next fundraiser.
- f. Secretary *Ashley Hauck*
- g. Historian *Chelsea Farrell* – working on collecting committee leader documents
- h. Follow ups from last meeting – Spooky Story Night is next week (crafts, stories, snacks). Pick up is now at 5:00 pm because of snack. We are looking into doing 2 book fairs next year. Veterans Day is coming up and we celebrate community members with a breakfast and assembly. Amazon's wish list is still live for the library and she is continuing to refresh the list.

#### V. Committee Reports

- a. Read a Thon – Jill Stephey – Previously it's always been online. The goal is to get kids really excited about reading. Tickets are submitted daily and there are winners picked daily and winners pick prizes from a treasure chest. \$6,300 raised so far but we are trying to reach \$10,000. There is a chart in the cafeteria tracking the minutes ... Hufflepuff vs Gryffindor ... a House Cup will be awarded. Tickets can be turned in anytime so don't hesitate to send them in. Fundraising component is online but tracks the reading using the tickets.
- b. Halloween Parade and Parties – Jenn Boal – pre packaged party packs again this year. Game, craft, book
- c. Bake Sale – Angela Nelson – we need bakers and volunteers to work the event.
- d. Fundraising – Bingo Event is happening for the first time in January. Tickets will be sold in advance.
- e. Holiday Shop – Ashley Hauck – Holiday Treasures Shop this year

- f. Hoover Garden – going well; had a clean up event on Sunday
- g. Spelling Bee – specific to 4th/5th grade - Classroom spelling bee occurs in the classrooms at the end of January, which are two weeks before the district spelling bee.
- h. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities – Yearbook is in progress

VI. Open Topics for Discussion

- A. Photographs – some children are not allowed to have their photos taken in school for privacy reasons. We will communicate to volunteers a reminder to not photograph those kids.
- B. Gaga pit – there is a concrete footer under the see-saws that needs to be excavated before it can be installed
- C. Hoover Calendar – Is not syncing with the district calendar (events are missing)

VII. Adjournment – 7:50 pm. Megan Criswell adjourned