



Hudson PTO General Meeting

April 9, 2024 at 7pm on [Zoom](#)

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1. Call to Order

- a. Introductions
- b. Participants: Jo Doll, Rebecca Dohrman, Lily Dunigan, Julia Lohmeyer, Lisa Hilpert, Kristin Fagin, Denise Foley, Lauren Goehring, Nikki Winchester, Carolyn Recke, Katy Romine, Cathy Eckerle, Sarah Marshall, Janice, Dave Powers, Leah Rush, Scott

2. **Invited Guest:** Jo Doll, WGSD Board Member and Board Chair, Liaison to Hudson Mother to 3 graduates of WGSD.

Prop S - Moss Field renovations are underway and it looks great. New baseball/softball field.

Frick Theater has a new building.

New doors and windows throughout the district.

Hudson received new HVAC system.

Teacher salary structure was put in place with NEA doing negotiations. This was a new change and exciting.

Funded transportation for kids who live more than 1 mile from their school.

An alternate reading program has been introduced.

A new math curriculum should be announced at the board meeting on Thursday.

Summer school has been expanded to 2 elementary schools. Over 600 students have signed up.

Hudson and Bristol are both getting new playgrounds.

Q&A: Will the board be allotting playground to each elementary school? There was a rumor circulating. A: To her knowledge, the conversation needs to be revisited. There were talks during the previous grant application. Kids need safe places to play, but the district is looking to save money.

Q: Buses for elementary are now being offered. Will this be ongoing? A: Transportation has been funded for next year. Something drastic would have to happen to change that. It's not safe for kids to be expected to walk that far.

Q: Are there any legislative challenges? A: Biggest thing is Senate Bill 727 - in the house right now. It's a giant, really bad education bill that increases charter schools and the voucher program. It has some good, like increasing teacher pay. Provisions to offer 4-day school week.

Q: What can we do to support this?

A: Reach out to people on the committee to voice your concerns. We'd like to see it not pass. Sign up for John Simpson legislative updates.

Q: AG sent an absurd lawsuit re: using the words "gender" "puberty" and "menopause" in a high school psychology class.

A: A Sunshine Request sent and no response will be sent until June.

3. **Teacher Spotlight:** 2nd and 3rd Grade

- a. 2nd grade - Denise Foley and Lily Dunigan: Litzinger Road Ecology Center field trips occur 3 times per year for outdoor learning opportunities. We have woods, prairie and wetlands here at Hudson, too. The kids love visiting!
- b. 3rd grade - Kristin Fagin and Cathy Eckerle: Economics unit includes businesses. It has evolved to an actual business. We partner with Embroider the Occassion to create actual shirts that can be ordered.
Learning about Missouri History and regions. Going on a field trip to the Fischer Cave in Meramec State Park in May. Other field trips include Jazz Bistro, Geometry field trip to Frank Lloyd Wright House in Kirkwood
- c. Is there anything 2nd and 3rd grade need funding for? BrainPop subscription (all grades and subject) would be great to have access to. It includes quizzes, etc. Kids love the software. ELA, writing, fractions, history, interactive assignments. It's very expensive. Ms Hilpert had a conversation and district-wide was a no. It is paid for by PTOs at other school. BrainPop Jr for K-3. BrainPop is more appropriate for older.

4. **Minutes:** Review [Minutes](#) from Last Meeting

- a. Motion to approve minutes by Sarah Marshall; Seconded by Katy Romine. Minutes passed.

5. **Financial Report from Treasurer**

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. February Starting balance of \$19,138.98. With trivia and Chipotle dine out income of \$4597.93. Expenses: \$564.96. Ending balance: \$23,216.95.
- c. March: \$15,080.36 income from trivia, book fair, Walkathon, Giving Tuesday. Expenses: \$1427.56 - teacher grant for Adventure Club, trivia, Spring picnic bookings. Ending balance of \$37,145.93.
- d. Adventure Club was incredibly grateful to be included in the grants. We should definitely consider including that as part of the budget moving forward.
- e. Book fair net: \$1148. Trivia: \$16,673.37.
- f. Strange Amazon charge for \$8 came through. Trying to figure out where that came from.
- g. Approval of treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Nicki Winchester. Second by Lauren Goehring. Approved.

6. **Principal's Report** - Lisa Hilpert

- a. Heading into the end of the year. Testing, end of year events
- b. Solar eclipse yesterday - most classrooms went outside yesterday during the eclipse. The kids did a great job following directions and wearing the glasses.

- c. Testing: 3-5 grade MAP testing end of April. Info to come from Ms Diemler. Please try to send kids to school rested, fed, and present for testing. We have struggled with attendance since the pandemic. There is a schedule that must be followed.
- d. NWEA - All kids will take in May.
- e. Amazing Race - Kick off the testing and get kids as excited as possible. There are challenges and clues to solve puzzles. Essentially, a practice test. Review content. This year's theme is based around Mario.
- f. Hudstock: Families are welcome. Kids love it.
- g. Field Day
- h. 5th grade fun week and graduation. They have a lot of fun things planned.
- i. Only 33 days left of school.

7. Gratitude Report

- a. See full list in slides!

8. VP1 - Committees Report

- a. Standing Committees
- b. Fundraising and Event Committees
 - i. Hudson Hikes dates are planned through summer
 - ii. Cinco de Mayo parking - still need volunteers. Sending home fliers this week to recruit volunteers. Let's have room parents recruit volunteers, too.
 - iii. 5th grade graduation 5/24. Add year to "diplomas"

9. VP1 - Room Parents Report

10. New Business

- a. Playground Committee: Signed the order for the playground and buildout! Timeline is still TBD, but we have a goal for this summer. Once timing is confirmed, we'll have a kickoff and show off renderings. Need new seating and reach out to local businesses for donations.
- b. Spring parties were a hit.
- c. Walkathon raised almost \$8000. 15% goes directly to classrooms.
- d. Nominating Committee for 24-25 Board
- e. Volunteer Needs- Nominations for new year's board, understudy for Dave Powers for Cinco de Mayo
- f. Kona Truck scheduled for last day of school

11. Announcements/Questions?