

Hoover PTA Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Agenda & Minutes

Attendance: Claire Biggs, Justin Hutzley, Ashley Hauck, Johana Salinas, Tawni Toole, Katie Schultz, Jennifer Boal, Charleen Menzietti, Angela Nelson, Kristen Hasco, Dr. Giehll, Elizabeth Puzzeni, Emily Kiswardy

I. Call to Order *Ashley Hauck - 6:00pm*

II. Approval of Minutes *Ashley Hauck*

- Tawni Toole 1st & Jenn Boal 2nd - minutes approved

III. Correspondence *Justin Hutzley*

- Bingo license received
 - Discussion of other events that require permits - fall family night, talent show, heritage night, 5K run through the woods, etc.
 - Ashley to confirm with Dr. G (nothing needed for events that take place during the school day)
- Several advertisements but nothing of note

IV. Executive Committee Reports

A. President *Ashley Hauck*

i. Assemblies

1. Jim Basketball Jones on December 6

ii. Focus groups will be coming out of the survey later in the school year - it's still open and feedback is appreciated

iii. We're very fortunate to have both reading and math support and the goal is to increase those services (be sure to tune into the January school board meeting to hear budget updates)

B. Discussion of support services, teacher specialization, languages, etc.

C. Vice President *Dr. Nicci Giehll*

a. Picture day wrapped - same vendor was used for all elementary and middle schools and seemed to go smoothly

i. Share any feedback

b. Read-a-thon was a huge success; meeting scheduled for next week to debrief for next year

c. 1st grade had their field trip to Raccoon creek state park/Hozak farms; 2nd grade did walking Lebo tour; K going to Aviary soon - reminder that PTA pays 50% of all field trips

d. Spooky story night was great and went smoothly; sounds stories were so fun!

e. Halloween classroom parties were fun

- f. Bake sale was big success
 - g. Currently, adopt-a-school is in progress during this week; all donations are appreciated
 - h. Jim Jones assembly is coming up & we're really looking forward to having him
 - i. Holiday shop and winter parties upcoming
 - j. PBIS reward - safe, prepared, respectful tickets - classes and students are awarded tickets throughout the year
 - i. Schoolwide movie theater day on Halloween
 - ii. Close to earning the next reward - top choices are glow party, Hoover palooza, teacher mixup day
 - 1. Grant money received for PBIS-related needs (most was used during the summer for prep, but build into PTA budget for next year)
 - a. For this year: approved adding \$500 to budget for PBIS from PTA
- D. 1st Vice President *Chelsea Ferrell (absent)*
- E. Treasurer *Justin Hutzley*
- a. Update to budget - Homeroom parties increased to \$1,500 from \$1,000; therefore increased our donations section
 - b. Update to budget - Homeroom Parties
 - c. *Vote on annual budget*
 - i. Budget has been sitting for over one month; all PTA's are audited by CPA annually
 - ii. Way to go Justin for setting up PayPal, Membership Toolkit, etc. for online payments and donations
 - iii. Considered approved - none opposed
 - iv. Update:
 - 1. Read-a-thon was a huge success this year and continues to be one of our largest fundraisers
 - 2. Bake sale was also another huge success! Thank you bakers and Angela! - think about places that we can donate leftovers to afterwards and let Justin and Angela know
 - 3. Goal of additional donations of \$4200; currently at \$3415
 - 4. Bingo will likely be another big hit
- F. Secretary *Claire Biggs*
- a. Join the Facebook group and tell your friends to do the same
- G. Historian *Jennifer Boal*

V. Committee Reports

- A. Library Committee (Carissa Monaco)
 - a. Book fair update - went very well; reminder that online ewallet leftover funds can be carried over to future book fairs
 - i. PTA covered \$275 via the 55 \$5 vouchers
 - b. Note: K families misunderstood the communication and thought they could only shop during conferences. Will revisit this for next time.
- B. Read-a-thon (Jill Stephey)

- a. Total Raised: \$7,877 gross / \$7,150 net
- C. Bake Sale (Angela Nelson)
 - i. Total Raised: \$1,431
 - ii. Tons of baked goods this year and all were delicious
 - iii. Very well organized and great communication to the bakers from Angela - way to go!
- D. 5th Grade Activities
 - a. They're rocking and rolling per Jenn
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 - a. Evereve
 - i. Total raised: \$122.70
 - b. Bingo update
 - i. Classroom raffle baskets
 - 1. Each homeroom rep should have reached out to their class regarding raffle baskets. We are hoping all reps can have their items in hand during December to have time to assemble their baskets and return them to the bingo committee in early January.
 - ii. Registration
 - 1. A pre-registration form will go out in the eblast weeks of 12/8 and 12/15. This will enable supplies to be ordered and registration bags to be made between winter break and the event. Walk-in registration will also be available at the door this year.
 - c. Stay tuned for another spirit wear shop in the summer (August most likely)
 - i. Per Jenn - consider a 5th grade only spirit wear sale so the kids can purchase their gym uniforms: A pre-registration form will go out in the eblast weeks of 12/8 and 12/15. This will enable supplies to be ordered and registration bags to be made between Christmas break and the event. Walk-in registration will also be available at the door this year.
- F. Hospitality (Tara Lavy)
 - a. Teacher cart has been on the move this year & it's always a big hit with the teachers
 - b. We are looking for someone to take this over as Tara begins to roll off this
- G. Holiday Classroom Parties (Jennifer Boal)
 - a. Halloween party recap - lots of fun
 - b. Winter parties
 - i. Same process as the Halloween - party packs are working out very well and will continue this year
- H. If anyone wants to plan the parties, contact Jenn to help with her committee
 - a. Halloween recap
 - i. Winter parties
- I. Holiday Shop (Ashley Hauck)
 - a. Holiday Treasures from December 9-11
 - i. \$200 in angel funds available if needed
 - b. Volunteers needed Dec. 9-11 - link went out in the PTA newsletter (email) & in Dr. G's email this coming Sunday
- J. No evening shopping hours this year
- K. Hoover Garden/Environmental Initiatives (Shayna Bodi)

- a. Make sure you try the tea next time it's available!
- L. Spelling Bee (Andrea Adams, Maria Koschik)
 - a. Dates confirmed for Jan. 27th in the evening with a weather date of Jan. 28th
 - b. Regional Bee is usually in March so this gives time for students to practice
 - c. Packets go out to 4th and 5th graders before winter break so they can practice - they can choose to participate but it's not required
 - i. Top 5 kids from 4th and 5th grade move onto the next level of the bee
- M. Lunch Clubs (Jenn Boal)
 - a. Begin in January and are on the kids favorite things annually
 - b. Parents host a club from 12-1pm - 3 weeks of lunch club, parents commit to 1 day each week
 - c. Some fan faves: coloring, puzzles, knee hockey, yoga, dance, gardening, etc.
 - d. It can be anything - simple is better
 - e. 20 parent volunteers are needed - all clearances are required for this volunteer opportunity - contact Jenn Boal
 - f. Dr. G and Jenn will consider having kids sign up for their clubs in class: share list of clubs via newsletter and date of in-school sign up so kids can come prepared (kids get to pick top 3 choices but aren't guarantee their top choice)
 - g. Club sizes vary depending on what the activity is
- N. Talent Show (Tony Puzzini)
 - a. February - more details to come
 - b. Sign ups from the kids will need to take place just after winter break

VI. Open Topics for Discussion - N/A

VII. Adjournment - 7:10pm adjourned

Next meeting: January 22, 2025 at 9:30am in the cafeteria