

PTA Minutes

Howe Elementary School Auditorium
February 12, 2025

Google Meet virtual meeting concurrent

Present: Greg Engle, Emily Balestriere, Roxana Colaiaco, Aimee Danley, Tim Kellner, Liz Longo, Katy Thomas, Matt Rizzutto, Jordan Backstrom, Kari Maloney, Alison McKown, Amy Grella, Marissa Johnston, Jess Robertson, Janet Slagel, Jen Webler, Kassie Wadsworth, Claudia Caruso and virtual attendees

Called to Order at 6:05pm

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer's Report given by Tim Kellner.
 - Account ending balance of \$34, 855.20.
- PSSA dates will be posted shortly in the newsletter.
- Emily attended a meeting with PTA and School Board members and attended a focus group to discuss community and district concerns.
- PTA received an especially complimentary e-mail regarding PTA presence and the work on the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

- 5th Grade Committee report given by Marissa Johnston.
 - Pitaland fundraiser made approximately \$450. Jersey Mike's fundraiser is coming up soon.
 - They are having a fun get together on President's Day at Urban Air. Invoices incoming.
 - They have decided to have their pool party at Bower Hill Swim Club.
 - Service Project:
 - Committee will be working with Animal Friends to raise funds.
 - They have asked for UP TO \$500 for supplies to fund the production of sniff mats that all classes will be helping to make. 5th graders will go around to all classrooms to teach how to make them.
 - APPROVED, motion, first and second by Emily Balestriere, Katy Thomas, Liz Longo.
- Bookworm Bingo report given by [Emily Balestreire](#)
 - One more volunteer needed.
- Talent Show report given by Janet Slagel
 - 42 acts scheduled! Ran out of space unfortunately and cannot add anymore.
 - Looking for one more backstage volunteer. Katy Thomas volunteered.
 - Roxana Colaiaco has offered to take photos for the yearbook.
 - Saving buttongram idea for next year.
- Steam Fair report given by Kassie Wadsworth
 - There will be 2 Mad Science shows provided that evening.
 - Sign ups for students and volunteers will be going out to the community shortly.

- Scholastic Book Fair report by Jen Webler
 - \$100 was spent on each teacher in the fall. The spring will see about \$300 a teacher.
- Read-A-Thon report given by Jen Webler
 - There will be a bingo game running throughout the week, as well as nightly Zoom storytimes.
 - Prizes have changed from last year. There will be squishmallows, space cubes, bookmarks, thumb place holders.
 - New this year: bingo game!
 - We are still working with the same company from last year.
- Hospitality Committee report given by Alison McKown and Kari Maloney.
 - Supply Drive was a great success! They will be delivering items tomorrow.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon are approaching. Prices will most likely be going up. Will be talking to Nutrition to get current pricing.
- Reflections report given by Roxana Colaiaco
 - Breakfast was served for contestants and their families.
 - There are 5 winners from Howe!
- Cultural Arts
 - There will be a Saltworks assembly soon.
- Scholastic Book Fair report given by Liz Longo
 - There will be another order coming in March.
- Spirit Wear report sent in by Jennie Rahimzadeh
 - The December sale sold approximately \$1,950, falling short of its goal.
 - Lots of things to consider moving forward, such as: timing, shipping, costs, designs.....
 - Spirit Wear will be available for purchase at Bingo.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Name of PTA: Howe Elementary School PTA

Date: February 12, 2025

The nominating committee met on January 15, 2025 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2025-2026 term of office. On behalf of the nominating committee, I present the following slate of officers for nomination at the February 12, 2025 PTA meeting.

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Name:</u>
President	Emily Balestreire
1st Vice President	Greg Engle
2nd Vice President	Roxana Colaiaco
Treasurer	Amy Zierath
Recording Secretary	Katy Thomas
Corresponding Secretary	Liz Longo
Historian	Amy Grella
3rd Vice President	Matt Rizzutto

Signatures of Nominating Committee:

/Signed/ by Liz Longo, Emily Balestriere, and Jordan Backstrom

The report of the Nominating Committee is submitted to the membership prior to the election in accordance with the unit's bylaws. It is also reported at the election meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee must be entered into the minutes and may be posted according to the unit's bylaws and/or rules.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm by Greg Engle