

## **Hamilton PTA Meeting 10.07.25**

### **Troy School District Fall 2025 Update with Kris Griffor:**

- Colette Ivey - Principal Martell
- Reba McNally - Principal Hamilton
- Katelyn Eber - Assistant Principal Baker MS
- David Recker - Director of Teaching and Learning along with Shari P
- Ross Burdette - Principal Hill
- Jessie Allegier - AP Troy High

### **Bond Update:**

- Smith Middle School Construction
  - Opening doors in Fall 2026
- Furniture: all 12 elementary buildings had a furniture overhaul.
- Elementary Playground Equipment
  - Safe equipment, accessible playgrounds
  - \$1m allocated to each of our playgrounds, some things were site work (things underground) so working to see how we can make a splash at each school.
- Athens and Troy High Athletic renovations
  - Troy High concession won't be open for homecoming.
  - Troy High will have upgrades in series 3 in a couple years.
  - Athens will start construction in spring 2026, this will be the biggest construction project of the bond. Much needed facelift, will take about 3-4 years.
    - Working within pods to accommodate for students
  - Boulan and Larson renovations are underway. When students move from old Smith to new Smith, then Boulan park students will move into the old Smith middle school for renovations at Boulan. Once Boulan is renovated, then Larson students will move into old Smith for their renovation.
- Upcoming projects: elementary bathrooms are underway.

### **Budget Update:**

- The budget is not keeping up with the rate of inflation so looking to develop a school finance engagement group.
- Federal dollars always feel shaky so it's important that we get ahead of this with that group.

### **Website:**

- Dr Recker and his team working on a data dashboard

### **Highlights:**

- Apple distinguished schools Troy Union and Larson
- 57 national merit semi finalists
- Wass was honored as a national blue ribbon school
- Promising practice awkward - Leonard
- Tom Junior Innovator - Sri Layla Modem Baker
- Congressional Award Gold Medal - Lauren Hatto
- Top MSTEP scores ELA & Math in the county - 3rd grade
- Disengaged Teen - BOE book study

### **Hamilton PTA October Meeting**

- Agenda:
  - Jogathon
  - Where the money goes

- Fall at a glance
- Principal and head teacher update
- Staying in the loop
- Where we need help
- Jogathon: We raised \$35,770! Really awesome amount that we were able to raise and a huge shout out to Ashley Alexander who raised \$9800 in sponsor donations. You can see who the sponsors are on Facebook. Also on the back of the kids grade level tshirts.
- Where the money goes:
  - Student enrichment
  - Community and family events
  - Staff recognition and classroom support
  - School faculty updates and major project
  - Administration and principal support
- Fall at a Glance:
  - September
    - 9/5 Movie night
    - 9/9 PTA meeting
    - 9/26 Jogathon
  - October
    - 10/7 PTA meeting
    - 10/17 Trunk or treat @ 6:30 - we need cars, more cars!
    - 10/31 Classroom Halloween parties and parade
  - November
    - 11/13 PTA meeting - this is a Thursday
    - Asynchronous letter writing - doing something different this year. We found a national company called Letters of Love, which benefits a sick or terminal ill child. Elaine is chairing it. It's something that can be done on your own time.

#### **Principal Update:**

- Reba talked about the turnout of the jogathon. Every volunteer who took pictures/ helped in anyway to make the event come together. It was one of those days that she can look back and see that everything that is going on matters.
- Trunk or treat - understand that this is right after 5th grade camp. Will try to do better next time - it's happened before. Limited Fridays in October but acknowledged that it's the same day and we will take a closer look in the future.
- Halloween - first time of having a half day on Halloween. Reba was with the room parents last week. We will change our routines just a touch from years past. We are going to move the parade to the very end of the day. We are trying this as an experiment and she feels it is worth a try to streamline the timing that parents need to be at the school on a half day.
- Parking situation - no parking on the grass/ curb area! Reba is hearing from community members as well. Reba will communicate acceptable places to park before school events. She's asked for a police resource officer to help if needed.
- Conferenes are coming up! Teachers try to meet with everyone, put a face with someone you've maybe called or emailed. Looking forward to these meetings.

#### **Head Teacher Update:**

##### **Stay in the Loop:**

- Read the newsletter
- Come to meetings
- Follow us on Facebook

**Thank you Family Volunteers:**

- Angie Herbon, Lauren Carey-Hoard, Andrea Brown, Elisha Khurana, Sandy Jablonski, Amera Fattah, Ashley Cirilli, Angela To, Sally Gribben, Patty Joliet, Patrice Wade-Olson, NHS volunteers Sofia and Ria, Reem Sater, Shradha Mulgund, Helenea Grammann, Lara Hester, Jennifer Caruso, David Mankiewicz, Laura Hutt, Anjali Mahendra, Brittany Wheeler, Liz Wiegand, Sonja Bultynck, Eunin Jun, Nichole Reinkensmeyer, Caitlin Godfrey, Jennifer Arlan.

**Where We Need Help Right Now:**

- Nurse room supplies - boys pants and shorts in size medium in the front office.
- Dance committee - support our chairs to help plan the 2nd annual Hamilton dance party.
- Trunk or treat - decorate a car or bring candy to share the joy. Candy donations can be left in the front office vestibule.
- Staff Appreciation - Support our chair with monthly thank you moments.