

Hoover PTA Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cristina Battaglia (President), Ann Werzyn (Vice President), Nicole Giehl (Vice President), Lori Unice (Historian), Melissa Harman, Julie Smith, Lauren Taylor, Jamie Freeman, Pauli Green, Maggie Dwyer, Kirsten Bruder, Emily Byham, Natalie Wagner, Maria Stefanova, Kara Trant

Start time: 7:06 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Julie Smith (1st) & Kirsten Bruder (2nd) = Approved

Correspondence: PTA received Thank you card from Ms. Giehl

Executive Committee Reports

- a. President, Cristina Battaglia: We are looking for a CPA to conduct our audit. If a mom or dad of a Hoover student would be willing to do it, please let Cristina know. Our school's books are very clean and up-to-date; it would not be too difficult to jump in and assess.
- b. Vice President, Ann Werzyn: No report – Happy Summer!
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicole Giehl: She would like to share a lot of thank yous. The Spirit Nights were very well received, at Chick-fil-a, Lebo Subs and Piccaddily Yogurt. It was great to have help during PSSA Testing by the parent volunteers; they helped to make things run more smoothly. PTA support for tree city was very appreciated; it was a fantastic event with the tree arriving just in the nick of time! International Night was a huge success with so many in the community helping, performing and sharing their culture – we know it's a huge undertaking by that committee and chair. KG Orientation and Screening went well with so many great volunteers assisting the new students and parents. Breakfast with Someone Special was another great hit, with so many parents and students attending. Also, the Plant Sale was great, and Staff Appreciation Week went so well. We are so grateful for all that was done for the teachers and staff (especially 'wear your teacher's favorite color' day). Another huge hit was the 5th Grade Carnival - it was an enjoyable night, and the kids put so much into it. Honestly, thank you so much for all of the support the PTA gives to our kids. It truly makes Hoover so special.

Looking ahead to next year – We will enjoy tech updates in the fall at Hoover. In addition to the new AC going in over the summer, desktop computers will be swapped out for iPads and Chromebooks throughout the school. In grades K-2, 1 desktop will be kept in each classroom and each room will get 7 ipad minis of their own, with full size ipads available on a cart. Upper grades (3-5) will each have 12 chromebooks added alongside the 1 desktop, and they will also enjoy a shared cart of chromebooks. 10 iPads will be added to the library. Matt's Makerspace also will be built out next year.

- d. Treasurer, Maria Stefanova/Lauren Taylor: Need to get some signatures; currently have about \$6k balance right now, so we are doing very well. We've had a great year and really picked up with some other fundraisers this year, especially the bake sales. All forms that are needed are now online; deposits and reimbursements. Just fill them out online and send over via email. It's very easy and saves us all time and paper!
- e. Historian, Lori Unice/Nancy McKenna: School-year end-of-the-year reporting is all done online now for anyone who chaired a committee. Reports can be brief and done quickly. These need to be completed and emailed to Lori by the end of June. Nancy will introduce herself via email before the beginning of next year.

Committee Reports

- f. International Night, Melinda Petrich: Thank you for everyone who helped put together the tables with food and decorations (14 countries represented) and for all of the performances in the gym.
- g. Hoover 5K, Julie Smith: We still need parent volunteers to help along the course if they are not running; there are three spots that can post safety issues with cars trying to get through. Looking for HS students to help too. Please sign up to run if you can!
- h. Field Day, Andi McCarthy: Will be held June 2nd and we need parent volunteers to help, at Hoover. If you help with grades 4-5, you need to have your clearances. Clearances not needed for grades 1-3.
- i. Teacher App Week, Lauren Taylor/Amy Boomhower; They did a great job on the luncheon and with all the themed day for the students to participate. The teachers and staff were very thankful for the week-long celebration.
- j. Breakfast with Someone Special, Cristina Battaglia: Carol Rossetti deserves a huge thank you for all of her work on the event. There was great attendance!
- k. 2017-2018 PTA Chairs, Cristina Battaglia; We have just a few openings left to fill, but have not advertised yet. We will be looking for new parents and KG parents, especially to help if they are interested.
- l. Wish 100 Radio Sweet Treat Patrol, Cristina Battaglia: The truck will be on the blacktop at noon on Friday, May 26, (early dismissal) to give kids a treat as they leave school. Very nice of them to do this, AT NO COST to anyone! Remind kids to be patient; There will be chips and ice cream to choose from. Please just ONE ITEM per student. Teachers can go through and siblings, too. We will see if we can have extended day kids come down as well.

Old Business

- m. Approve the updated Bylaws: 60 days online - Julie Smith (1st), Kirsten Bruder (2nd) = Approved
- n. Approve the 17-18 PTA Budget: Kirsten Bruder (1st), Julie Smith (2nd) = Approved

New Business

- o. 5th grade PTA Recognition: Certificates and gifts for outgoing 5th grade parents. 12 of these parents; 2 in attendance to receive gifts. We will miss all these wonderful parents!

- p. Cristina is very thankful for everyone who is so involved in the PTA and wants everyone to know what a difference that makes for their kids. There's so much that doesn't happen without the PTA; everyone who helps contributes to all we can do for the kids. Especially want to thank those who were on the board with me this year. Carol, Lori, Maria, and Ann.

Adjournment at 7:37 p.m. via Kirsten Bruder (1st), Julie Smith (2nd)

Next PTA meeting – Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7 PM