

Hoover PTA Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jamie Freeman (President), Nicole Giehl (Second Vice Pres), Lauren Taylor (Treasurer), Nancy McKenna (Historian), Melissa Harman (Secretary), Tara Lavy, Kirsten Bruder, Heather Geisler, Olivia Frye, Cristina Battaglia, Saifulla Khan

Start time: 7:02 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Kirsten Bruder (1st); Tara Lavy (2nd)

Correspondence: None at this time.

Executive Committee Reports

- a. Historian, Nancy McKenna: None
- b. Treasurer, Lauren Taylor: Currently, we have \$9,471.00 in our account. If you have any expense reimbursement requests, please turn them in. We should look into programs to bring into the school this spring.
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicci Giehl: THANK YOUS! ... Lunch time clubs are up and running. Although they should end this week for first session, likely we will have them go into next week as well to make up for the one snow day in late January. Second session will start the last week of February. It's a big undertaking, and we appreciate all of the volunteers who lead the clubs. The Talent Show was a blast, and all the kids had such a wonderful time and performed so well – it was a wonderful night. Right now, we have the Hoover PTA food drive going on, and that will end on Friday. We will try to get the kids to bring in more yet this week, and whichever grade wins, then I'll work with them to come up with what their prize will be for bringing in the most food. The Spelling Bee was last night, and Michael Zou was our winner for the second year, and he will represent our school at the regional bee at Robert Morris. Our kickoff assembly for Jump Rope for Heart was last week, and the event will be held this Friday at school. The Kids of Steel program kicked off today at school as well, and more information will be coming through my email newsletter about how the program will run this year. Things will need to change a bit this year, moving forward. KOS will offer up to 35 spots, and we will see if it fills up quickly. It is a major safety concern given the high number of students, so we need to limit the number of students attending per adult supervising. If we have more parents willing to help, we could open it up to another group on a different day. There is a chance some community volunteers might be available to help us as well. All of this information will be forthcoming. It is free to join and participate, as in years past.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) has been in place now at Hoover for the past 10 years. Each classroom has dedicated time each week to discuss kindness, respect, community building, anti-bullying, conflict resolution, mediation and problem-solving. All teachers have been formally trained in Olweus instruction. We have an Olweus team, which also is a "No Place for Hate" team this year for the district. No Place for Hate promotes anti-bias and anti-bullying where differences are celebrated and showcased. As part of No Place for Hate, we encouraged students, earlier this year,

to share a family tradition. The second schoolwide project in this same vein will be a “homework” project where each child will ask their parents about their cultural background, and the kids can then share this on a “quilt” square, and then all squares will be put together to represent “this is us” – as Hoover Elementary – to represent our greater community.

- d. Vice President, Carol Rossetti: None
- e. President, Jamie Freeman: Valentine’s parties in the classrooms tomorrow at 2:30pm; Our food drive ends Friday, Feb. 15; Session 2 lunch clubs start Feb. 25; March 21 is 5th grade carnival; April 2 there will be no school (but everyone believes there still will be the orchestra concert since it is at the high school, and the high school will remain open that day); Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 19.

Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Committee, Cristina Battaglia and Melissa Harman (Nancy McKenna, Andrew Freeman, Julie Smith not present): The Nominating Committee presents the following slate to serve as officers on the Hoover PTA Executive Board for the 2019-20 school year:

President: Jamie Freeman
1st Vice President: Carol Rossetti
2nd Vice President: Ms. Nicci Giehl, Principal (appointed position)
Treasurer: Heather Geisler
Secretary: Courtney Brouse
Historian: Olivia Frye

President Jamie Freeman made a call for floor nominations. There were no additional nominations made at the meeting. According to our Hoover Bylaws, the nominations are now closed.

The election of officers will take place during the March 19 general PTA meeting at 7 p.m.

A huge thank you to our nominating committee!

Old Business – None at this time

New Business – None at this time

Adjournment at 7:29 p.m. – Cristina Battaglia (1st); Kirsten Bruder (2nd)

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.