

Hoover PTA Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: Jamie Freeman (President), Nicole Giehl (Second Vice Pres), Lauren Taylor (Treasurer), Nancy McKenna (Historian), Melissa Harman (Secretary), Gennie Johnson, Courtney Brouse, Shannon Harpst, Kirsten Bruder, Maggie Dwyer, Molly Glowacki (Girls on the Run)

Start time: 7:01 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Kirsten Bruder (1st); Nancy McKenna (2nd)

Correspondence: Melissa Harman shared the letter that the local VA send after Hoover students sent in cards for Veteran's Day.

Executive Committee Reports

- a. Historian, Nancy McKenna: None
- b. Treasurer, Lauren Taylor: Currently, we have just under \$10,000 in our account. If you have any expense reimbursement requests, please turn them in.
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicci Giehl: THANK YOUS! ... We held our Winter Plant sale and adopt-a-school in December, for which we collected many supplies for a local school in need. Our Holiday Shop was a great success, and we needed many different committee members and helpers to pull it off with all of the Penguin Patch items and handmade items. The winter parties were also a good success, and the students had a great time! Our lunch time clubs are getting ready to kick off, and we are excited for the multiple clubs that will start at the end of the month.

Benchmark assessments: Two different ones are held each school year. MAPP is focused on grade level curriculum – math and reading – and the students take them using iPads/Chromebooks. Overall growth and progress in these areas is then available for teachers to review themselves, as well as with parents as needed, so they know how the students are progressing and tracking in comparison to their classmates. Ansell is focused more on individual skills and fluency, and an electronic component is brought in around 2nd and 3rd grade. In higher grades, students may continue to take it to see how they are tracking in specific areas. Both of these help the teachers to tailor their efforts to the greatest needs of the whole class, as well as individual needs.

- d. Vice President, Carol Rossetti: (Not present) Nothing at this time.
- e. President, Jamie Freeman: Upcoming, Lunchtime clubs will be starting in a few weeks, as well as a Food Drive will be held Feb. 4. Our Talent Show is set for Feb. 7, and our next PTA meeting is Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Committee Reports

- a. Girls on the Run, Gennie Johnson (with Nancy McKenna to assist): To introduce the program to the school and the PTA, Molly Glowacki joined us to review the program, pricing, details, etc. More available at gotrmagee.org. It is not just a running program, but an empowerment program for 3rd-5th grade girls.

Gennie is going to become a trained coach through the Girls on the Run program, and then she will hold GOTR meetings every Tues. and Thurs., starting March 5, from 3:45-5:15pm; it is a 10-week program, and girls cannot miss more than four practices to participate. The program is a more intimate experience, so there is a size restraint on the group size when there are two coaches, as there will be this Spring at Hoover. Registry is a lottery – so there is a week to sign up from Jan. 16 – Jan. 23, and then there is a lottery to pick the 15 girls to participate after that week's registration window.

Old Business – Discussed the classroom parties, and Jamie wanted to reach out to see if anyone has any ideas on how we can improve them. Ideas were to: combine grade classes, create stations for 20 minutes each, integrate music, keep it simple, ask other PTA presidents what they do at their schools, have the Homeroom Coordinators meet to discuss ideas between grades.

New Business

- a. Nominating Committee – We would like to vote on the five people we recommend to serve on this year's Nominating Committee to help fill the upcoming vacancies on the board, including Secretary, Historian and Treasurer. Those five people are Melissa Harman, Nancy McKenna, Andrew Freeman, Cristina Battaglia and Julie Smith. Can we please move to approve this slate for vote? Approved: Kirsten Bruder (1st), Lauren Taylor (2nd) All those in favor? (all ayes); All those opposed? (no nays)
- b. Reminder from Ms. Giehl to delete the previous Mt. Lebo response app in favor of the district now using the Statewide Safe2SaySomething app.

Adjournment at 7:53 p.m. – Kirsten Bruder (1st); Nancy McKenna (2nd)

Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Hoover Cafeteria.