

Hoover PTA Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cristina Battaglia (President), Ann Werzyn (Vice President), Nicole Giehl (Second Vice President), Lauren Taylor (Treasurer), Nancy McKenna (Historian), Melissa Harman (Secretary), Tara Lavy, Kristy Brancolini, Courtney Brouse, Kirsten Bruder, Jamie Freeman, Jun Tom, Carol Rossetti, Matt Chitester

Start time: 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Kristy Brancolini (1st); Kirsten Bruder (2nd)

Correspondence: Nothing this month

Executive Committee Reports

- a. Historian, Nancy McKenna: No updates at this time.
- b. Treasurer, Lauren Taylor: There is a lot going on in the next couple of months, but we are in a good position to take care of everything financially. At the next meeting, we will present the budget. Then, we will vote on the budget in May at the last meeting.
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicci Giehl: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Valentine's parties, and a big thank you especially to the PTA's help with all of them this year. Lunch Clubs were a huge success, especially the Pokémon club. The kids miss it now that it is over and unfortunately still cold. But, hopefully warm weather will get us outside more in the coming weeks. The book fair at Barnes & Noble was a lot of fun and thank you to all the volunteers who spent time welcoming families that day; we will figure out soon who will win vice principal for the day and I will announce it. We know the kids are all excited for that. Erin Frankel, a local author, visited the students last Friday and presented on the theme of being comfortable with who you are and bullying. We've been reading her stories in library, so the children had some background on her work. It was a very enjoyable program. Carnival is coming up, and all the kids will have a lot of fun. The 5th graders and their families are working hard to create carnival games for the rest of the school to enjoy. The STEAM Showcase held at the high school on Feb. 22 was well-attended. District Chorus and Orchestra performed recently, and the kids did a fabulous job; Students and parents were so proud. District band will perform this coming Monday evening. Resources are available on our district website on strategies to help students cope with anxiety; Check it out. The release date for report cards has been changed to April 10 from April 3. Parent Maker night will be Thursday, April 5, with a 6:30 p.m. start. We can accommodate 20 people, so it could become a lottery for attendance depending on interest and we will look into childcare for that night as well. PSSA testing will

be here soon; It starts April 9,10,11 and then is held again April 16, 17 and April 23, 24.

- d. Vice President, Ann Werzyn: No report.
- e. President, Cristina Battaglia: PTA COUNCIL: SHIM food drive will be held March 19 – 23 between entire district, and Hoover tasked with bringing juice, tea, coffee. Kids can bring in items that will go to families in need in nearby areas. Bags will come home with the kids soon. Second spirit night will come up soon, hopefully in April. Carrie Stock working on it. All the parties are done; please turn in receipts for reimbursement. Thank you to Natalie and Sharyn on the book fair.

Committee Reports

- f. Carnival, Cristina Battaglia: Next Thursday in gym from 6:30-8pm. A concession stand and games will be available. Bring your family and siblings.
- g. International Night, Cristina Battaglia: Working on getting this pulled together now. Please contact Melinda if you might have a background in a different country and would like to set up a table and/or present on stage. We look forward to this fun night every year!
- h. Hoover 5K, Lauren Taylor: The race is scheduled for June 2, and we are currently looking for sponsors.
- i. Barnes & Noble book fair, Cristina Battaglia for Natalie Wagner and Sharyn McGill: Over \$500 raised. Happy with turnout. We had a lot of people come through and support the school

Old Business –

Nominating Committee: Jamie Freeman for president, and Carol Rossetti for vice president. Lauren Taylor for treasurer, Nancy McKenna for historian, Melissa Harman for secretary. The final slate is as stated above, and it has sat for 30 days. Right now, we will do a verbal vote to confirm the above slate. All in favor (all yays); All opposed (no nays). Congratulations to the board for the 2018/2019 School Year which is now set and approved.

New Business - Nothing at this time

Adjournment at 7:35 p.m. – Kirsten Bruder (1st) Courtney Brouse (2nd)

**We then all heard from Ms. Giehl, who gave an overview of the structure of communication and building lockdown procedure, disaster plans in place and safety drills. The Mt. Lebanon Police Department (an officer and a detective) then went over how they deal with the school district as far as safety and lockdowns, and also took questions from the audience. There will be a special meeting on April 24th, 7pm, at the community center for anyone in Mt. Lebo who wants to learn more.*

Next PTA meeting – Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria