

**Hoover PTA Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jamie Freeman (President), Nicole Giehll (Second Vice Pres), Lauren Taylor (Treasurer), Nancy McKenna (Historian), Melissa Harman (Secretary), Kirsten Bruder, Heather Geisler, Cristina Battaglia, Olivia Frye, Courtney Brouse

Start time: 7:04 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Kirsten Bruder (1st); Heather Geisler (2nd)

Correspondence: None at this time

**Executive Committee Reports**

- a. Historian, Nancy McKenna: Lauren Taylor handed in her folder about lunch clubs – thank you to Lauren for chairing this very demanding PTA position.
- b. Treasurer, Lauren Taylor: Currently, we have \$9,225 in our checking account. If you have any expense reimbursement requests, please turn them in. Including from all of the classroom parties.
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicci Giehll: THANK YOU! ... Lunchtime clubs we wrapped up last week, and it was the smoothest group of clubs we have ever had – thank you so much to Lauren for chairing the clubs! Kids of Steel is up and running, and both Shannon Harpst and Julie Smith are there every week to watch the kids and help them to workout safely. We have nearly 30 kids in each of the two groups that meet during the week before school. Odyssey of the Mind went so well, and we thank Heather Geisler so much for chairing it. We had about 27 children interested, and likely it will grow next year. The kids performed well, and we have one group moving on to the state finals in the Poconos. Congrats! The food drive was a great success – thank you to Olivia Frye for organizing it and running it. The classroom parties were a big hit and we thank every parent volunteer. Also, thank you to the PTA for helping to offset the cost of all field trips for the year, once again!

Digital Technology director, Chris Stiengle, is here to help us understand digital citizenship at the elementary level. We try to support our students from day one with iPads, computers, the library technology, and the police with cyberbullying education. We also use different technology apps for the kids to learn from. The kids also have a Google Suite account with docs, slides, apps, etc. They will use this through middle school and beyond – we want them to learn how to navigate this technology. These are public accounts vs private accounts, so we can educate them on this differentiation. We also want to educate them on appropriate vs. inappropriate interactions online. We refer

to CommonSenseMedia.org as a resource for our parents. They suggest that you explain to your kids how you are texting and interacting with friends and family.

Chris: School is truly the best place for these kids to learn about technology consistently and effectively. We need to address the tools we have in the District (and the apps/tools the kids are using at home and privately) and learn about them, and teach the kids how they can be used better. Lynda.com and LinkedIn.com can teach you how to use various technology tools – if you have a Lebo library card, you can access Lynda for free. Also please note that our website platform might be changing this summer, so watch for those changes.

- d. Vice President, Carol Rossetti: (Not present) Nothing at this time.
- e. President, Jamie Freeman: There have been kids climbing over and playing on the construction equipment at the front of Rob Hollow, so we might want to alert parents and the school. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade carnival is coming up – watch for the date and time. Also, there will be a Principal's coffee April 3. Hoover International Night is May 7, and Breakfast with Someone Special will be May 23, and May 28 is last PTA meeting, Field Day is May 31, the book fair will be held May 28-30, and the PTA Council food drive is yet this week for SHIM pantry. You might have seen the PTA Council email about school counselors and wanting the district to increase its budget to have a dedicated counselor at every school this coming fall. Council is presenting to the board to ask for more counselors.

### **Old Business**

- a. Nominating Committee – The slate for the 2019/2020 Hoover PTA Board is presented as follows from the Nominating Committee: Jamie Freeman for President, Carol Rossetti for First Vice President, Heather Geisler for Treasurer, Courtney Brouse for Secretary and Olivia Frye for Historian. 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 2019/2020 School Year which is now set and approved.

Motion was made to approve – Cristina Battaglia (1<sup>st</sup>), Kirsten Bruder (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **New Business**

- a. None at this time

Adjournment at 7:53 p.m. – Kirsten Bruder (1<sup>st</sup>); Cristina Battaglia (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Next meeting is set for May 28 at 7 p.m. in the Hoover Library.