

Hoover PTA Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: Jamie Freeman (President), Carol Rossetti (Vice President), Nicole Giehll (Second Vice Pres), Lauren Taylor (Treasurer), Melissa Harman (Secretary), Cristina Battaglia, Kirsten Bruder, Julie Smith, Heather Geisler, Emily Basalla, Olivia Frye, Courtney Warner

Start time: 7:02 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Cristina Battaglia (1st) Julie Smith (2nd)

Correspondence: Nothing this month

Executive Committee Reports

- a. Historian, Nancy McKenna: Nothing at this time.
- b. Treasurer, Lauren Taylor: Currently, we have \$8,762 in our account. Preparing to send out our annual dues to Council and State, soon. We are in good shape.
- c. 2nd Vice President, Nicci Giehll: Thank you everyone for coming tonight! We have had a really nice opening to the school year. Our kids came in happy and have adjusted well. It was a very smooth transition. The PTA helped with the Newcomer's Welcome right before the Meet & Greet, the week before school. First day of Kindergarten Coffee & Kleenex went great: We appreciate the parents and PTA who helped. Fall Family Night had the largest turn out ever – We moved it to a Friday night this year, and we enjoyed the Hoover alumni who showed up and all of those who helped, including the high school volunteers. The Gab Squad was here a few weeks ago, and we invited all students to an assembly about kindness, compassion and acceptance through music, dancing and stories. Photo day was a beautiful day, and we appreciate those who helped to position the children outside for photos. On Oct. 11, I will host my first Principal's coffee at 2:30 p.m., and I invite everyone to stop out and join in the conversation in the cafeteria. Thursday, Oct. 25, will be Spooky Story Night right after school – permission forms will be coming home soon. Read-a-thon is starting soon as well and is set to culminate on Oct. 26 after starting on Monday, Oct. 15. We will team up with Foster again, but it will not be a competition – the two schools will work together to reach a certain goal together. This year's challenge will be 270,000 total combined minutes over the two weeks – we'll see what happens!

A little bit about our school right now: We will again bring in the Mt. Lebo police to talk to the PTA parents about what is going on in our schools regarding safety, at the next PTA meeting to be held in November. On Oct. 24, another community safety & security discussion will be held at 7 p.m. at the High School auditorium.

We have set up three expectations of the students: to be respectful, safe and prepared. Then we look at how the students should be respectful, safe and prepared in different settings in the school, such as in the cafeteria and at recess. And then, we as teachers are teaching the students HOW they should be acting in those situations. We are creating a matrix for this, which you can see hanging up throughout the building. What's great about this is it establishes a common language throughout the school between all students and teachers and helpers. It also helps us to catch and acknowledge when our kids are doing the right things!

Lastly, in regard to safety and security, we cannot provide our students' information publicly to all the parents/students. We do not provide rosters nor directories. However, if you join the PTA and choose to be a part of their directory, you can then access that directory at any time. But you will only see info listed by those other parents who chose to sign up for PTA and share that information.

- d. Vice President, Carol Rossetti: Nothing at this time.
- e. President, Jamie Freeman: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a chair position. International Night and Lunchtime Clubs chairs are still open if anyone is interested. Coming up, we have our Halloween Classroom parties on Oct. 31, and we have our bake sale on Nov. 6 on Election Day. Our next PTA meeting is Nov. 14, which is the same day our Hoover Book Fair begins. One of our newer committees is our Library/Maker Space committee and they need more people to help with various events surrounding the library and Maker Space needs.

Committee Reports

- a. Fall Family Night, Carol Rossetti: The event was such a huge success; thank you to all of the volunteers, both parents and older students did a great job. We are concerned about all the students who were over on the other side of the building that evening and ensuring they stay safe; we can find a way to keep them on the "party" side next year. We will meet next August to plan next year's event.
- b. Holiday Shop, Carol Rossetti: We are still looking for items to sell for this year's holiday shop. We really want to bump up the number of homemade/handmade items we would like to sell during the shop. We will still have some Penguin Patch items, but we would really like to have more of the "maker" items to sell to the students. We typically ask for you to make about 20 (at least) of any item, so that each class has a few out for them to purchase. We do try to hold things back so that every class has the same array of items to choose from.
- c. Spirit Night, Jamie Freeman for Abby Chitester: Our first Spirit Night will be held Nov. 7 at Chipotle on Cochran from 5-9 p.m. Just a reminder that the online ordering sales will not be counted; you have to go in and say you are with Hoover.
- d. Classroom Parties, Jamie Freeman: Pauli Green is the Homeroom Coordinator and will reach out soon. Remember, we will no longer have food at the parties, so we will do a

service project to fill in that “hole” during the parties. We will be doing a Service/Veteran project.

- e. Picture Day, Kirsten Bruder: Picture day went well; Oct. 18 is photo makeups. Please reach out directly to Kelly at TSS if you are unhappy with your photos, once they are in, and she will work with you on a retake, and also kids who were absent can get their photo taken on that day. The prints will be here soon!
- f. Winter Flower Sale, Olivia Frye: This year we would like to re-introduce a Winter flower and plant sale and see how it does. We will sell poinsettias, wreaths, topiaries and other winter-themed items. Order forms will go out near the start of November.
- g. PTA Council, Cristina Battaglia: There will be a Safety Meeting at HS for parents on Oct. 24. The School Board is prepared to ask for \$1M for safety at the next meeting. More cameras, film on windows, etc. The improvements at schools would be tangible changes – not adding resource officers or people. We have a new Director of Special Education – she is helping to launch LEBO Pride, which will bring together those at school and home for collaborative partnerships. Its initial meeting is Nov. 13 and will be featured in an upcoming district/PTA blast. They hope to hold meetings each quarter/season. Anyone can join the group. The Mt. Lebanon library has a posting for a position to help with teens, and Lebo Magazine is looking for a sales rep. Nov. 24 will be Light up Night in Lebo, and it will be held Dec. 6 on Beverly.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business

- a. Audit Report – We completed our audit via committee this year. The audit’s findings are now complete and reviewed and signed.
- b. Amendment of 2018-2019 Budget – We have amended the budget to include the carryover. To offset it, we increased the Fall Family Night Budget, Teacher Resource Fund, Special Programs budget and reserve budget. Motion to approve: Cristina Battaglia (1st), Kirsten Bruder (2nd).

Adjournment at 7:53 p.m. – Cristina Battaglia (1st) Kristen Bruder (2nd)