

General Meeting 9/10

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 7:42 AM

In attendance (board members and HPS staff listed)

- Nick Schuckman, HPS PTO President
- Julie Hamman, HPS PTO Vice President
- John Brannon, HPS PTO Treasurer
- Emily Ricciardi, HPS PTO Vice Treasurer
- Beth Russell, HPS PTO Secretary
- Ed Paff, LSMDC Chair
- Lavonda Kirkland, LSMDC Committee
- Jacquie Purcell, HPS PTO Volunteer Chair
- Jill Sunderman, HPS Principal
- Sally Bidlingmeyer, HPS Teacher Liaison
- Liz Lorenz, HPS Teacher Liaison
- Jen Young, HPS Athletic Boosters Board

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM

Notes from the Principal (Jill Sunderman)

- No drop offs within the school building as of 8/29; parents welcome to speak with Jill if there are questions
- Minor hiccups with iReady testing district-wide, are resolved as of today (9/10/25)

HPS PTO Vice President Voting

- Motioned to vote Julie Hamman in as HPS PTO VP by Nick Schuckman; seconded by John Brannon
- Motion passed by majority

General Updates (Nick Schuckman)

- **Library**
 - o Shelves bought as part of last years' budget, shelves assembled and mostly installed
 - o Need casters for some curved shelves
 - o Dolly Parton's Imagination Library partnership
 - o Working on a book drive as well later in the year
 - o How will the library be run (when will it be open, when will kids have access...TBD)
- **Girl Scout Bench Project**
 - o recap with same info as newsletter - purpose is to help friends find a buddy; recycled materials being collected at doors
 - o Collections will likely go on all semester
- **Upcoming Dates Recap**
 - o need to get end date of buddy benches (update: all semester)
 - o Read-A-Thon pep rally added

Budget Updates (John Brannon)

- PTO owns garden bank account for now
- Biggest fundraisers: Pumpkin chuck, spring social
- Attendees were asked to review during the meeting

Fundraising Updates (Nick Schuckman on behalf of Rachel Harrison)

- Chipotle restaurant night raised \$350
- Currito up next Sept 24th
- 3rd grade social this weekend - ticket sales are low; social media posts to increase awareness
- Losing a \$5K sponsorship for Spring Social
- Nick aiming for \$10K x2 sponsorships in the neighborhood
- Read-A-Thon - first day of reading is 9/29
- Queen City Book Bank is the recipient of the book drive

Volunteering Updates (Jacquie Purcell)

- Jacquie's last year is this year - will need a new volunteer for next year
- Field Day will need volunteers - Ed P and Jacquie have mostly run this in the past
- Brainstorming on room parents:
 - o Room parents doing specific parties instead of whole year
 - o Formulaic for each year
 - o Not knowing what to expect
 - o Teachers can address their room parent expectations during orientation
 - o Paying for supplies

Teacher Rep Updates (Liz Lorenz)

- Appreciation for PTO
- Very excited for library & garden

Athletics/Boosters (Jen Young)

- Badging 4-7 PM at the Pep Rally on 9/19
- Membership drive kickoff starts on 9/19
- Sports gear swap - mostly only for sports we play here
- Bring old uniforms if you have them

LSDMC Updates (Lavonda Kirkland & Ed Paff)

- What is LSDMC?
 - o approves school budget (more for Title I schools) and guides the mission & vision/focus of the school
 - o CPS required committee
 - o LSDMC select and recommends principal replacements
 - o Every school is supposed to be a community learning center; have to have a relationship with a lead agency (ours is CRC) - which has a resource coordinator as a position for the school
 - o Currently in interviews for a resource coordinator
 - o Serve 2 years as a parent rep (elected position at the end of the year)
 - o Ashley Hammond and Lavonda Kirkland's position will expire EOY
 - o Ed was re-elected as the chair
- Home-a-rama is in Oakley this year (9/27 is 50% off discount and 9/29 is HPS discount day)
- Signing construction on Hyde Park Square late September
- Ongoing talks about development: council voted to withdrawal zoning approval so it will not go to the ballot and the hotel is out - basically starting back at square zero
- Xavier is asking for increased support for student teachers; conversations ongoing
- DEI - Lisa Nolan is the chair - still finalizing schedule for the years. Main goal is to make 2 more big events more inclusive (Mom Prom -> Eagle Prom and Daddy Daughter Dance will be the Valentine's Dance). Badge clinic
- Eastside Rec Center - 115 students in aftercare; 30 on waitlist (30 K students in aftercare with none on waitlist)
- PTO childcare will be provided at all meetings

ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) - no reps today

- Big thing initially is the change to the specials schedule

Garden Project Update - Nick on behalf of Liza Murrison

- Chasing scholarship information - lots of info out on the PTO website on the garden project
- Once funding is secured there will be lots of volunteer opportunities!

Pumpkin Chuck (Nov 1) - Julie Hamman

- will be from 12-6 PM instead of from 12-4
- Games & pumpkin chucking will be from 12-4 PM
- Monty Lykins from 4-6 PM (band)
- Madtree - beer & Sways (Suzi Maratta working on getting an F2 permit from city)
- Pumpkin Chuck committee - lots of great vendors this year
- Halloween bounce house
- Will ask room parents to create targets instead of scarecrows
- Bake sale committee
- Games committee
- Prize committee

- Julie will be done with Pumpkin Chuck next year for anyone looking for a replacement
- Put in the newsletter for someone to train for Pumpkin Chuck

Motion to pass the budget

- Motioned by Nick Schuckman
- Seconded by Megan Dehner
- Motion passed by majority

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM