

General Meeting 10/8

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 6:02 PM

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
- Jacquie Purcell, HPS PTO Volunteer Chair
- Rachel Harrison, HPS PTO Fundraising
- Jill Sunderman, HPS Principal
- Jacob Richardson, HPS Teacher
- Lance Meister, HPS Athletic Boosters President

Meeting called to order 6:04 PM

Principal's Report - Jill Sunderman

- State report card came out a few weeks ago
 - o HPS is at 4 stars (1/2 star less than last year) - very hard to maintain YOY
 - o Areas to work on growing: 5 & 6th grade math - have made some changes to give kids more time that might need it
 - o Progress component is hard to keep pushing for high achieving schools
- Mr. Brown has reached out to do ALICE training for parents/guardians (Alert/Lockdown/Counter/Evacuate)
 - o Will be at Knox Presbyterian - no date yet set

Upcoming Dates - Nick

- Oct 17 - end of 3rd quarter
- RAT ends Oct 21
- 22-24th - read a thon forms due
- 23 - teacher conferences
- Oct 30 - RAT winners
- Oct 31 - Literary Parade &
- Nov 1 - Pumpkin Chuck
- Nov 4 - HPS closed
- Nov 11 - all CPS closed
- Nov 12 - next PTO meeting

Library - Nick Schuckman

- Need to catalog all books
- Need to figure out check in/check out software
- Will need lots of volunteer hours

Big sponsorship asks (10K+) - Nick Schuckman

- 2 companies are close to being in for at least 10K
- Medpace possibly willing to donate to science programs at the school - focus on new 3D printers

Treasurer Update - John Brannon

- October is a slow month
- Socials & glow golf - little bit more than as budgeted
- Have had 2 restaurant nights
- Question - anything set aside for 6th grade budget (tees, books) - John will find the answers to this but believes there is budget for that

Fundraising - Rachel Harrison

- 1 more 6th grade parent social
- Additional restaurant night - Cane's - 22nd
- RAT in progress (Raised about 7K so far - goal is 28K)
- Kids win based on minutes alone

Volunteering - Jacquie Purcell

- Signup genius for teacher conferences are done, will go out in the newsletter this weekend
- Ed Paff has old spreadsheets for Moving On stuff for 6th grade - to share with Julie for PTO drive

Teacher Updates - Mr. Richardson representing

- Ms. Lorenz: not many updates, Reading Buddies has kicked off & kids are excited
- Formalizing teacher volunteers to have a presence at Pumpkin Chuck, Spring Celebration etc

Athletics - Lance Meister

- Volleyball tournaments this weekend
- Basketball registration just closed - 213 last year, 206 this year
- Bleachers are installed! Pushing for both home volleyball & basketball games
- Basketball lifts are in place & working
- Rob Eisenstein working with leagues to get the ok for hosting games
- Boosters handling food & drinks for Pumpkin Chuck
- Newsletter has been a success thus far (289 recipients)
- Soccer ends on 10/9

LSDMC - Ed Paff

- Currently interviewing resource coordinator vacancy (6-7 candidates)
- Last meeting was 9/16; 10/21 @ 2:30 PM is the next meeting
- Reminder: CRC mini-camps - let Joe Berta know if you are in need of those services

ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) - no update**DEI - no update****Garden Update - Mike Murrison**

- Have raised \$35K in the bank with another 42K pledged (company matches/donation matches) for a total of 76K
- 59 pavers, 5 sitting benches, 2 garden beds, student work station, arbor, pergola, archway
- Gorilla Glue, Bartlett Tree care, Wimberg landscaping - corporate sponsors
- Nov 8 - neighborhood canvass to let people know that there is a garden space coming and will be open to the community if they want to get involved
- Tiger Teams focused on certain things in the garden
 - o Writing maintenance grants
 - o Curriculum that a teacher group is establishing
 - o Build-out for those that are handy
- High level timeline - on track based on fundraising trajectory
 - o Some work has been done with the trees (prerequisite)
 - o Irrigation is extending back (prerequisite)

- Hardscapes (like brick pavers) in the cold months
- Planting in the spring

Pumpkin Chuck - Julie Hamman

- Will need someone to run this next year! Julie putting together a playbook for what to do & how to do it, including owning committees
- Prize Committee, Permit Committee (1 person), Game committee, Vendors, Sponsorships, Targets, Bake Sale, Boosters handling food & alcohol
- Yard signs available to hand out
- 6 game sponsors and 6 chucking sponsors (no set goal)
- Targets - can be anything; not just scarecrows
- Spreading out the event physically this year to reduce crowding as well

Open Discussion

- UC Greater Cincy STEM collaborative (started by P&G)
- List of matching employee donations in newsletter
- Potential idea for a PTO Parent Directory if anyone wants to spearhead that
- Has there ever been an alumni directory (re-established in 2012)
- First group of graduates is now in college - 15 year anniversary - possible homecoming/summer block party

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm