



Hyde Park School PTO General Meeting

October 14, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Hamman - President | Beth Russell - Vice President | Emily Ricciardi - Treasurer
Melissa Shih - Vice Treasurer | Megan Dehner - Secretary | Ashley O'Bryan - Fundraising Chair
Marcy Gloeckler - Volunteer Coordinator | Ryan McClish, Hilary Vandermolen, Lavonda Kirkland - LSDMC
| Kate Dailey and Ashley Hammond - ILT Representatives | Jacob Richardson, Allison Gibson, Bethany Boada, Liz Lorenz - Teacher Representatives | JD Mayo and Katie Lavelle - DEI

Meeting Start: 6:02

Board Members Present: Julie Hamman, Emily Ricciardi, Melissa Shih, Megan Dehner, Ashley O'Bryan, Marcy Gloeckler, Lavonda Kirkland, Allison Gibson, Jill Sunderman, Ms. Woods

Old Business

- September PTO General Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve, seconded, unanimously approved

Current Initiatives

- Read-A-Thon- Ashley O'Bryan
 - Final day to read is October 20; turn in reading logs Oct 21-23; information on how to turn in will go in Sunday newsletter and Tuesday folders
 - Class pajama party for 100% participation
 - 40% to goal; most comes in at the end so in a good place
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - October 26-30; look for signups to volunteer- no purple badge needed
 - Kids will go during class; family shopping days on Thursday and Friday; Flyer in Tuesday folder to explain set-up for payment for kids
 - There is a separate fund for those who need financial support

- Pumpkin Chuck- Julie Hamman
 - November 7; Games and chucking from 12-4, live music from 4-6
 - If you live or know someone along a high-traffic street, please take a yard sign; return after Pumpkin Chuck
 - Signups are open; please help!
 - Jackie Garrett is helping Julie with Pumpkin Chuck this year to hopefully move into a leadership role next year
- Athletics- Jen Young
 - Basketball registration closed- up to 240 kids this year across all grades; working on figuring out rosters and practice schedules
 - First members event of the year at Fowling Warehouse on Sunday
 - Looking for volunteers to work the grill and pour beer at Pumpkin Chuck
- Bike Bus- no one here; Julie Hamman presenting
 - Will be featured on WLWT on Friday morning; hoping for a large turnout
- Spirit Wear- Julie Hamman
 - Understand frustration with current vendor; Beth Russell is working to see if there is a better option
 - Will do a push in November for "free delivery" in early December; someone from PTO will drive up to Fairfield to pickup orders

Executive Board Reports

- Treasurer- Emily Ricciardi
 - No major changes since last meeting; expenses have started, most fundraising has not come in; normal for this time of year
 - Largest expenses: field trips (\$9,173), library (\$2,800), Pumpkin Chuck (\$2,600), teacher conference meal (\$1,260)
 - Largest income: Parent Socials (\$5,000), Lego Club (\$2,600)

- Secretary- Megan Dehner
 - We have a Canva Pro account and can add up to 50 people; email me if you would like added; please make sure things made for school are saved to a shared folder for future use
- Fundraising- Ashley O'Bryan
 - Parent socials raised almost \$6k so far; still two to go
 - Restaurant nights have raised over \$1k (Chipotle is traditionally biggest of year); Currito is up next
- Volunteering- Marcy Gloeckler
 - Conference snack signups are in a good place; Pumpkin Chuck needs a lot of support; Book Fair to come

Committee Reports

- LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee)- Lavonda Kirkland
 - Neighborhood Council Updates- visit their websites for current info
 - Girls to Women Extracurricular started- led by Alesse Willis, open to 5th and 6th grade girls; 12 girls enrolled so far, lasts all school year so still open for others to join
 - St. Ursula students are helping 3rd graders prepare for OST; UC Athletics came in as part of RAT
 - School is doing "5 Days, 5 Ways" for October. Each Friday is a different theme; kids can make a suggested \$1 donation or can just participate
- Garden- Michael Murrison (via email)
 - Two events this weekend: Yoga on Saturday at 9am, Work Day on Sunday from 10am-2pm; kids are welcome at both
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)- Erica Farrell
 - Chalkboard wall painted in cafeteria by volunteers for Hyde Park Heroes backdrop; a giant Eagle will go up next; character traits of the month and Heroes' names will go on
 - May need someone to sub on committee for Erica during her maternity leave

- **ILT (Instructional Leadership Team)-** Kate Dailey (via email)
 - Library Use- on-going discussion as to how to best use the library; new rule that kids have to be in line to checkout by 7:35 or go to homeroom
 - One Plan- guides Title One funding, so not required for us; still follow to guide our improvement and growth
- **DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)-** not present; Jill Sunderman presenting
 - Anti-bullying initiative during lunch in the cafeteria today 10/14; students were seated at different tables with different people and given prompts to facilitate conversation

Principal's Report- Jill Sunderman

- Anti-Bullying Event in cafeteria today was success; want to try to do something once a month moving forward
- Library is a hit and is full every day
- Andrea Gibson, 5/6 grade ELA teacher is new staff liaison for us
 - Reach out if need to communicate anything to staff

New Business

- New laminator needed; will cost about \$2,000; PTO will fund

Informational speaker- Jim Crosset, CPS Board

- Issue 4 overview

Meeting adjourned: 6:48

Minutes recorded by Megan Dehner, Hyde Park School PTO Secretary