



Neshaminy School District & Herbert Hoover PTO
"Together We Support Our Children"



Herbert Hoover PTO General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Location: Hoover Library

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 pm

In Attendance:

Megan Tondi, President

Jackie Ratner, Secretary

**Caryn Cozza, Coordinator of
Student Affairs**

Amanda Jackson, Vice President

Keren Peymani, Public Relations

Beth Olmeda, Treasurer

Dr. David Glennon, Principal

**Jackie Hargraves, Assistant
Treasurer**

Laura Krantz, Teacher Liaison

General Membership Attendees:

Shannon Gruber

Meredith Becht

Carleen Holzerman

Rita Farbman

Kristy Osborn

Agenda:

- Welcome- Megan Tondi
- 2024-2025 Board Member Welcome & Introductions
 - Board Members: Megan Tondi, President; Amanda Jackson, VP; Beth Olmeda, Treasurer; Jackie Hargraves, Assistant Treasurer
 - New Board Members for this year: Jackie Ratner, Secretary; Keren Peymani, Public Relations
- Dr. Glennon Updates:
 - Caryn Cozza took over for Mrs. Ring as the Coordinator of Student Affairs. Ms. Cozza has been with Neshaminy for 8 years in various roles.
 - Introduced an i-Ready Football Challenge, winners each week get to pick a prize such as Pajama Day, etc. Next week is the big prize, which is still undecided by administration what the prize will be. This has been very competitive between students and staff!



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- Stem Challenge on October 31st- if successful, Ms. Cozza will try to implement more Stem related activities throughout the year.
- Hoover NEEDS to find more teachers. There are going to be quite a few vacancies coming up with teachers leaving for various other roles or retirement. If you know anyone that wants to be a teacher, substitute, bus driver, etc. Please e-mail Dr. Glennon immediately or look at the list of jobs available at <https://neshaminypa.tedk12.com/hire.index.aspx>
- Review of PTO Goals for the Upcoming Year
 - Megan Tondi- The goal of the PTO this year is to organize and create fun events, lift morale of the school and teachers, and have more families be engaged in the Herbert Hoover Community. The PTO is always looking for volunteers for different events. Get clearance in ASAP to participate in volunteering for events.
- Financial Update – Treasurer, Beth Olmeda
 - Bank Account Status: We are digging in and reviewing our spending vs. profit. We are the only school that the PTO fully funds Field Trips, but with the cost of \$20K last year, we need to find ways to fundraise and make more money to keep Field Trips free of cost to the students. The PTO Bank Account currently sits at \$36K.
 - 2023-2024 Field Trip Expenses
 - Planning for 2024-2025 Field Trip Expenses
 - Dr. G. suggested maybe having student pay a marginal fee for Field Trips to help offset the cost.
 - Need for Annual Large Fundraising Event: The PTO is thinking of a Fun Run? Any ideas, please send our way!
- Upcoming Events- Need Volunteers to help make these events successful!
 - Trunk or Treat (10/25) PTO Sponsored, \$5 a child unless decorating a trunk, then free.
 - Halloween Parade is at 2:30 on the same day!
 - Chick-fil-A Dine Out – NESHAMINY location (10/29)
 - Red Robin Dine Out (11/13)- Tentative date, waiting on confirmation from the restaurant.
 - Fall Teacher Appreciation (November)- Thinking before Thanksgiving Break
 - Holiday Concert Bake Sale (12/9)- raise some funds during the Holiday Concerts
 - Holiday Shop (12/16-12/20)- Students to purchase items for their family and friends for the Holidays



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- Ideas from Parents for New Fundraisers/Events
 - PTO Event Request Form/Guidelines: Any new ideas are welcome!
- Review District Volunteer Requirements/Process:
 - Neshaminy School District Volunteer Procedures: <https://www.neshaminy.org/volunteer>
 - Please get your clearances in ASAP!
 - 2024-2025 Hoover PTO Volunteer Sign-Up Link: <https://forms.gle/UJPR7Z9ULeTPKjXt6>
 - Signing up on this form does not commit you to anything, just gives us an idea of who may be interested in helping with the different activities planned.
 - Dr. G. confirmed that no clearances are needed to help with Trunk or Treat since he will be there.
- Q&A/Open Discussion
 - Discussed getting Sponsors with different tiers- may be a banner displayed at our events.
 - Dr. G. brought up the future of Hoover. Core Creek will open in January, students at Hoover are moving to the new school next year, a little more room, hopefully can get Miss Veacock, Mrs. Hurd, and Mr. Weiner their own rooms.
 - Pre-Order Pizzas families can buy at Bingo Night?
 - Gift Card Donations?
 - Donations for Raffle Baskets or Bingo Night or Pancake Breakfast?
 - 30 Different Languages are spoken at Hoover, maybe a way to reach more people if we can translate some of the flyers going home to families.
 - Jackie Hargraves spoke about Talking Points. Dr. G. and Ms. Cozza will look into this. Talking Points is an app that translate a text message to whatever language the family signs up for.
 - Make the Volunteer Google Form into a PDF for Ms. Cozza to translate for students to bring home to non-English Speaking families?
- Future Meeting Dates
 - January 21, 2025, March 18, 2025, May 13, 2025