



February 2024 PTO Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025 at 8:30 am

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[HMS Presentation by Principal Sorafine](#)

*[Meeting Minutes under development – Please view slides above
for a recap of what was discussed during the meeting.]*

Attendees: Ali Kohut, Amanda Fontana, Amanda Schmitt, Amy Anenberg, Amy Duskin, Beth Renoni, Bootri Tantisira, Casey Glueth, Celine Billiet, Christina Badger, Colleen Herzog, Courtney Guyer, Danielle O'Donnell, David Billiet, David Weinberger, Emma Jung, Erika Lenzi, Helen Bishop, Hillary Bell, Jenique Mayani, Jing S, Lee Ann Townes, Leila Amineddoleh, Lisa Del Vecchio, Meera Patel, Michael Usinger, Nick Lenzi, Nicole Jala, Nikki Nachimow, Michelle Mazurkiewicz, Olivia Rodriguez, Sara Goldberg, Sarah Richards, Shelley Palumbo

Administrative Attendee: Principal Addi

Where: In person at Connors + Virtually via Google Meet

Facilitators: Michelle Mazurkiewicz & Nicole Jala

Notes: Olivia Rodriguez



Action Items

(More details on all items listed here can be found within the full minutes on pages below)



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- ☐ Join the [Connors School PTO Facebook Group](#)
- ☐ Visit and bookmark our [PTO Website](#)
- ☐ [Sync our PTO “Live” Calendar to your phone](#)
- ☐ Email us at connorspto@gmail.com to join our email distribution list
- ☐ Review the [many ways to Support the Connors PTO](#)
- ☐ Contact connorspto@gmail.com to volunteer + share ideas/feedback



Meeting Recap

DECEMBER RECAP

- **Holiday Spirit Week** – *Thank you to PTO volunteers who made this happen!*
 - Monday: Scratch-off lottery tickets for all staff
 - Tuesday: Coffee and bagels for all staff
 - Thank you to The Hive for coffee donation!
 - Wednesday: Candy canes for all staff and students
 - Thursday: Hot cocoa for all staff and students
 - Friday: Holiday song trivia + prizes for each homeroom
- **Faculty Holiday Gift Collection**
 - Thank you for your generosity in our first-ever collection! We received many heartwarming messages of gratitude *(view slides for screenshot samples)*
- **Winter Class Crafts**
 - Thanks to PTO Liaisons for coordinating class crafts/activities

BINGO NIGHT

- **Tickets on sale 1/7**
 - Shared widely on 1/7 via [S'more](#) / Dojo post
- **RSVP ONLY; Sold out in 2 hours; Waitlist currently in effect**
 - limited capacity; household members only
 - non-transferable tickets; waitlist enforced
 - be sure to [add your name to the waitlist if you're interested in attending!](#) We add people to the waitlist in the order we receive the emails and will contact you if space becomes available (this may include the day of the event)

- **For Sale:** Pizza + Snacks + Drinks
- **Sign Up Genius:** Connors PTO needs your help to make this event a success! Please review the [Sign Up Genius](#) to **donate** (prizes, snacks, drinks, monetary) and/or **volunteer** at the event (set up, concession, bingo assistant, clean up). You may sign up for one or more volunteer spots so long as the times do not overlap. As always, we appreciate your support!
- **Prize Donations**

We're collecting item donations to be used for both kid and adult prizes. So, if you have any new/unopened items you may want to pass on (games, toys, dolls, puzzles, craft sets/items, books, trinkets, etc.). Items worth ~\$25 or less are best. Gift cards are welcome too (such as Five Below, Target, coffee shops, ice cream shops, local or online businesses, etc. whether you have on hand or want to buy as a donation to this PTO fundraiser event). Higher-value items and gift certificates can also be used at Bingo Night or even for a future PTO raffle, so please reach out to the PTO if you have anything that might be a good fit. You may drop off prize donations to Connors front door security or office staff in a bag labeled for Bingo Night. Or, contact Michelle Mazurkiewicz (michelleaprilmaz@gmail.com) to hand off prizes, to coordinate a pickup from your home, or with any prize questions/ideas.

SWAG

- **Swag Swap Drop**
 - Collecting GENTLY USED Connors spiritwear, kids + adults
 - Bring to PTO meetings or can bring to Bingo Night
 - Items will be professionally laundered and offered at a special
 - "Swap Sale" in the spring
- **In-Stock Items**
 - Email SwagConnors@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD: Valentine's Day

- **Friendship Bears + Caring Cards:** The PTO will once again sponsor the exchange of friendship teddy bears along with supplies for cards the students will make in school for each other. Students will be paired by their teacher to exchange a card and bear.
- **Treats:** The school has asked that NO treats, food, candy, goody bags be sent in (including not to be put in backpacks) due to severe food allergies.
- **Cards + Non-Food Items:** Optional but welcomed; must bring for entire class

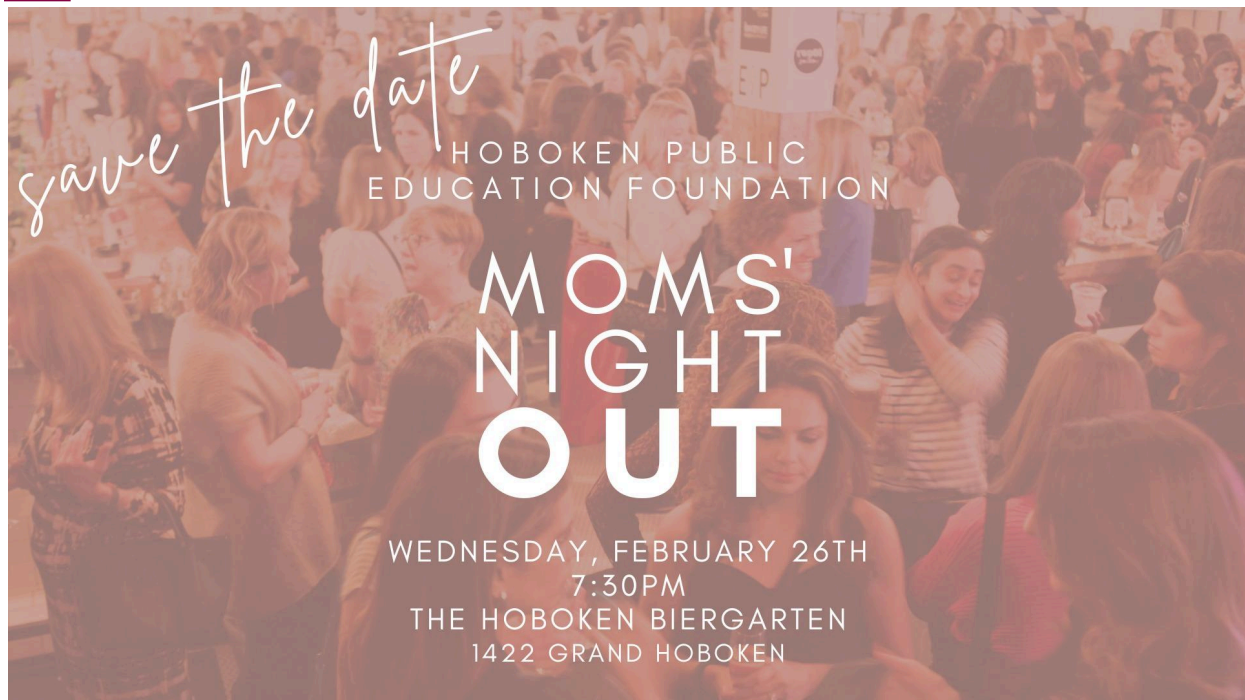
Open Question: Need to figure out when Friendship Day exchange will take place given school is closed on 2/14 and early dismissal / PGP on 2/13.

LOOKING AHEAD: Connors Movie Night

- **Save the Date:** March 1 @ 3:30pm (doors open), 4pm movie start

- **Location:** Hoboken Grace (409 14th Street)
- **Movie:** TBD! Ideas?
- **Capacity:** About 175-180
- **Entry Cost:** Free
- **Concessions:** Available for purchase (PTO fundraiser)
- **RSVP:** To avoid having to turn people away day of, we will do an advanced RSVP and waitlist on Sign Up Genius. Household family members only please.
- **Donations** of concessions are appreciated! (Sign Up Genius)
- **Thanks to** Connors dad Nick Lenzi and Hoboken Grace for hosting us!

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. . . AND, our first ever Dads' Night Out coming in March!
Follow us @hobokenpef on social media to stay in the loop!

UPCOMING DATES

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| ● School Closed | 1/20 |
| ● Hoboken Community Center "Baby Hygiene" Drive | 1/21-1/24 |
| ● Connors Family Bingo Night (<i>*ticketed event/RSVP req'd</i>) | 1/23 (6pm) |
| ● 4th Grade Theater Showcase | 1/31 (10am) |
| ● February PTO Meeting | 2/11 (8:30am) |
| ● Valentine's Bears + Cards / 100th Day of School | 2/13 |
| ● 1pm Dismissal | 2/13 |
| ● School Closed | 2/14-2/17 |
| ● 2nd Marking Period Pep Rally | 2/21 |

- District Musical Registration 1/31
 - [Registration for Newsies Auditions](#)
- District Musical Auditions 2/24 (K-2)
2/25 (3-5)

SUPPORT THE PTO: Ongoing Fundraisers

Raise Right Gift Card Fundraising

- % of all gift card purchases to PTO
- Visit www.raiseright.com
- Use Enrollment Code 2S9QPDASA8MS

MabelsLabels.com

- 20% back to Connors PTO
 - Visit www.MabelsLabels.com
 - Click Support a Fundraiser
 - Enter Connors + select our school
 - Click "Get Shopping"

Minted.com

- Use code FundraiseConnors for 20% off
- 15% back to Connors PTO

Shoott

- Use our unique link to book your free 30-min photo shoot
- PTO gets \$20 once you buy your photo(s)

Box Tops

- Download app + select Thomas G Connors Elementary
- Scan or email your receipts
- \$ earned for qualifying items
- Download the app + select Thomas G Connors Elementary
- Scan or email your receipts; all qualifying purchases will be added

Other Ways to Help

- Goods/Services - students/staff/raffles
- Donate \$ or Items Needed for Events
- Sponsor programming / activities
- Connections / Assemblies / Comm Svc

GUEST SPEAKER

- Christy Gaudio, K-12 Supervisor of ELA and Gifted & Talented, joined us to present on the topic of CogAT and the Johns Hopkins CTY program utilized within the district ([slides](#))

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