HCMS Cougar Club Board Meeting
Thursday, Sep 3, 2026
8:45–9:45 AM

Meeting called to order at 8:50 AM by Diana Graham

In attendance
Diana Graham
Wendi Hundley
Pearl Jones
Kristen Aldred
Amanda Bullock
Angelica Louis
Moneeza Maredia
Sarah Stotts
Sue Banerjee
Jaquelyn Johnson
Katy Dunn

Absent
Sang McDonnell
Martha Hansen
Sarah Gibbs
Teresa Wohlers
Stephanie Cusack

WELCOME and THANK YOUS:

- Angelica - Spiritwear roll out and inventory tracking
- Moneeza - Allocations
- Teacher Meals — Allison Thompson and Lynne Sweeny
- Kristin Aldred — Community Partners program
- Katy Dunn and Sarah Stotts — signs, family communications, and social media
- Susan Devitt — Friends of Hill Country
- Teresa Wohlers — Membership Toolkit data entry and correcting donor and employer-match records

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve meeting minutes from **August** Cougar Club Board Meeting
    - Wendi motions to approve, Kristin seconds, all in favor, approved
- Review Fall Allocations and vote if the Board has enough information
    - Final parent approval is required at the first General Meeting
- Moneeza motions to approve, Angelica seconds, all in favor, approved

PRESIDENTS UPDATE:

- **From Principal Peccarelli**
    - **Allocations/PD:** Discussed creating a separate Professional Development budget line next year
    - **Student activities** Requested that Morgan get admin and teacher input on 8th grade Carnival
    - **Upcoming:** Morgan will present at the Sept. 23 General Meeting, and Cougar Club will support the student-led Veterans Day Assembly and Morgan requested Wall of Honor
- **From President's Council**
    - Strategic Planning: Eanes is creating a community-driven strategic plan to guide the district through 2040 and beyond
    - Facilities & Bond: A Bond Advisory Committee will evaluate long-term facility needs and a possible future bond, but no decisions have been made yet
    - Valley View: Currently used for professional learning, community meetings, rental income, weekly church rentals, and EEF offices.

COMMITTEE UPDATES/DISCUSSIONS:

- **Staff Lunches & Breakroom**
    - Confirmed in-kind commitments from: Hat Creek, Lee's Kitchen, SusieCakes (treat), Blenders & Bowls two treats,Pinkberry two treats. Amanda and lunch chairs to coordinate.
    - **Next Teacher Lunch:** Sept 8 donated in full by Hat Creek

- **Communications**
    - **September newsletter content** -
        - General meeting Sept 23 with Morgan Peccerelli
        - Adjust Cougar Cash blurb to include information on how to reload (on website)
        - Recognize Stock the breakroom - this month and all donors
    - **FOHC campaign** closes Sep 30
    - **EEF Teacher Fund** chair request
        - Teacher Fund campaign: Oct 28, 2026 – Dec 2, 2026

- **Volunteers**
    - **Dad's Club** Committee Chair - Cougar Club

        - Discuss adding Cougar Club Dad's Club Chair position
        - More volunteer opportunities through coverage for field time after lunches—6th grade at 11:30, 7th grade at 12:30, and 8th grade at 1:20.
    - **Lost & Found** — Silvia Donini committee coordinator. 1 week completed, 5 claimed, 30 open.
        - ATX Villages has closed and will no longer accept school donations; identify a replacement organization.
        - Working on a formal labeled-item return process
    - **New Family Liaison** —
        - Update on info from district
    - **EEF Teacher Fund Chairs** — Sue Banerjee

- **Field Trips**
    - Jaquelyn and Sarah to plan field trips for the year
    - Cougar club to pay for transportation costs and students who can not afford fees, student entrance fees collected through skyward
    - Morgan to meet with dept. leads next week requesting location input, suggested planning field trips on dates before major holidays.

- **School Store Update**
    - Store ready to open next week
    - School Store survey report: HCMS School Store Survey Results & Board Feedback — 523 responses
    - Volunteer staffing for the store and Pinkberry line

- **Cougar Cash/Pinkberry**
    - **Report:** Cougar Cash Report — 2026
    - Cougar Cash — review totals and fees
    - Updated instructions so parents will know to purchase a card for each child
    - Pinkberry first day: review sales and revisit arrangement

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- Teresa -

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

Friends of Hill Country Donor Tracker

Fundraising status review

- Spirit Wear and Cougar Cash are reported separately.

- FOHC
    - FOHC — Review campaign totals
    - Sign Fairies — 83 signs are address-ready: 52 delivered and 31 remaining. Reordering 75 more signs

- Community Partners
    - Tracking sheet
    - Blenders & Bowls now qualifies for Silver recognition based on two committed staff breakfasts; Susie cakes newly added to Cougar . Jersey Mike's in-kind support recorded at $237. Jet's Pizza offered to donate in full to the 6th grade dance, monetary value pending.
    - **Community Partners: Review**
    - PAZ Veterinary West has offered Silver cash commitment
    - Raising Cane's would love to schedule a time next week to connect over how we can benefit each other.
    - Sponsor recognition/signage — Walsh Tarlton
        - Confirming hanging of signs with Morgan

- **PAST EVENTS:**
    - Review Hill Country Hello, Beginning of Year CC Support, 6th grade swim party, school store roll out, Back to School/Meet the Teacher: what went well, how to improve next year

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Cougar Club General Meeting** - Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 8:45–10:00 AM
    - Speaker Morgan Peccarelli
        - Questions to be submitted beforehand

- **Fall Parent Social** - Date TBD
    - Postino in HEB Shopping center is reviewing the casual two-hour parent social and suggested soft-opening invitation, dates/details are pending

- **Veterans Day**
    - Speaker: LeClair
    - Request from Morgan for Wall of Honor (Family Submitted Veteran Photos)
    - Suggestion to ask EEF to cover coffee to promote grandparents club during their campaign

- **Grade Level Dance/ 8th Grade Celebration/Carnival** —
    - Discussed allowing students to vote on dance themes again
    - Jets pizza to fund 6th grade dance food fully
    - Discussion to receive admin/staff feedback on 8th grade carnival and determine if the event should stay in current form.

BOARD REPORTS:
- Teresa & Stephanie - Treasurer's Report
- Katy and Sarah - VP of Communications Update
- Sue - VP of Student Programs Update
- Angelica - VP of Campus Events Update

- Moneeza and Kristin - VP of Finance and Allocations Update
- Amanda - VP of Staff Appreciation Update
- Pearl - Secretary
- Jaquelyn and Sarah - Co-President Elects
- Sang and Martha - Past Presidents

ADJOURN MEETING at 9:48 AM

Board Standards for the Year

We should be:

- Helpful – Support the school, staff, principal, and each other within the Cougar Club board. Our work directly enhances the experience of staff, students, and parents at HCMS.
- Welcoming – The board is the welcome committee. Help new families with information, connections, and direction.
- Acknowledge work of others – Acknowledge staff, volunteers, and each other's hard work.
- Curious – Ask why things are done they way they are, seek to understand history and all perspectives, think outside the box on new ideas

We should lead our committees by:

- Communicating Regularly – Keep volunteers informed and connected.
- Thanking Volunteers – Recognize and appreciate the time and effort of others.
- Delegating Needs – Share responsibilities and create opportunities for others to contribute.
- Parents volunteer to be of service, connect with school environtment, and connect with other parents

Upcoming Dates

Board Meetings

- ~~Thursday, August 6, 2026 | 9:00–10:00 AM~~
- Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM

- Thursday, January 14, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, February 4, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, March 11, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, April 8, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Thursday, May 6, 2027 | 11:00 AM–12:30 PM – Board Meeting Luncheon

Principal's Meetings

- ~~Wednesday, July 22, 2026 |10:00-11:00 AM~~
- ~~Wednesday, September 2, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM~~
- Wednesday, October 7, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, December 2, 2026 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, January 13, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, February 3, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, March 10, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, April 7, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM
- Wednesday, May 5, 2027 | 8:45–9:45 AM

General Meetings

- **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** | **8:45–10:00 AM**
    - Confirm speaker lineup and Morgan's role; calendar currently lists Matt Greer, Brent Kelly, Mrs. Dewrell, and counselor -
- **Wednesday, October 14, 2026** | **8:45–10:00 AM**
    - Approve Fall Allocations
    - Speaker: EISD Superintendent *(TBC)*
- **Wednesday, January 20, 2027** | **8:00–10:00 AM**
    - Speakers: WHS Student Panel
- **Thursday, April 22, 2027 | 8:45–10:00 AM**
    - Speaker: Morgan Peccarelli — Coffee with the Principal; confirm availability. The meeting was moved because the original date conflicts with Science STAAR and campus closure; remaining STAAR testing dates are still requested for volunteer planning.
    - Approve 2027–2028 Officer Slate
- **Wednesday, May 12, 2027** | **12:00 PM**
    - Welcome New Board
    - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
    - Celebrate Retirees

CLT Meeting

- ~~Wednesday, August 26, 2026 | 4:10–5:10 PM - Allocations~~
- Wednesday, September 30, 2026 | 4:10–5:10 PM
- Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 4:10–5:10 PM
- Wednesday, December 2, 2026 | 4:10–5:10 PM
- Wednesday, January 13, 2027 | 4:10–5:10 PM - Allocations
- Wednesday, March 10, 2027 | 4:10–5:10 PM
- Wednesday, April 7, 2027 | 4:10–5:10 PM
- Wednesday, May 5, 2027 | 4:10–5:10 PM

Staff Meals

- ~~Monday, August 3, 2026 – Teachers Return to Campus Breakfast/Coffee~~
- ~~Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – 6th Grade Back-to-School Night Teacher Dinner~~
- ~~Thursday, August 20, 2026 – 7th & 8th Grade Back-to-School Night Teacher Dinner~~
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – Teacher Lunch
- Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – Teacher Lunch
- Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – Teacher Lunch
- Friday, November 20, 2026 – Teacher Thanksgiving Treat
- Monday–Friday, December 14–18, 2026 – Holiday Treats Week
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026 – Teacher Lunch
- Wednesday, January 13, 2027 – Teacher Lunch
- Tuesday, February 9, 2027 – Teacher Lunch
- Thursday, February 11, 2027 – Valentine's Day Treat
- Tuesday, February 16, 2027 – Eanes ISD Staff Appreciation
- Tuesday, March 9, 2027 – Teacher Lunch
- Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – Teacher Lunch
- Monday–Friday, May 4–8, 2027 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 12, 2027 – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon & Teacher/Staff Retiree Celebration
- Friday, May 21, 2027 – Last Day of School Teacher Lunch

Cougar Club Events

- ~~August 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Bag Stuffing & Hill Country Hello Prep~~
- ~~August 7, 2026 | 2:00-4:00 PM | Hill Country Hello~~
- ~~August 10, 2026 | 12:00-2:00 PM | 6th Grade Back-to-School Pool Party~~
- TBA | Fall Parent Social
- November 11, 2026 | Time TBD | Veterans Day Assembly
- February 26, 2027 | 9:15–10:15 AM | Career Fair
- April 9, 2027 | Time TBD | 6th Grade Party/Dance
- April 16, 2027 | Time TBD | 7th Grade Party/Dance
- May 21, 2027 | Time TBD | 8th Grade Carnival