

Hopewell Valley Regional School District
STRIVE PTO Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025
7PM
Central High School Media Center

The STRIVE PTO is a Parent Teacher Organization Supporting Students with Physical, Cognitive, Mental Health, Developmental & Medical Challenges. STRIVE operates as the NJ state mandated SEPAG for the Hopewell Valley Regional School District six schools as well as for out of district students and parents. Please feel free to join us at any of our events. All STRIVE sponsored events are at no cost to HVRSD families. Have questions? Email us at HVRSDSTRIVEPTO@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15, 2025	7PM	General Business Meeting	CHS
		School highlighted: Toll Gate Grammar School	
May 23, 2025	7PM	Men's Bowling	TBD
June 3, 2025	6PM	STRIVE Recognition Night	CHS
June 7-9, 2025		Municipal Alliance: Come Out & Play Event	TBD
June 20, 2025	8PM	Moms Meetup	TBD
July, 2025	TBD	STRIVE Summer Picnic	TBD
July 2025	TBD	2025-2026 Planning Meeting	TBD

A. Meeting participants

Pauletet DiNardo, Lauren Cavanaugh, George Needham, Katie Schooley, Maya Yatom, Katie Furrey, Jacqui Genovesi, Jenna Meyers-Kane, Katie Hamm, Ivy Weitzman

B. DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES REPORT: Paulette DiNardo and George Needham (Grade 6-12 Supervisor)

a. Monthly Report

- i. Jordan Toma is coming next week
- ii. Increase in number of special education kids in the district, currently at 1200 students. District is supportive of student needs and following student needs
- iii. E-Learning Activities for the upcoming day

b. [Inclusion Month & TMS School Update](#)

- i. Inclusion month activities review

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C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. [March 2025 Minutes](#)
- i. Approved by Lauren Cavanaugh, Seconded by Katie Furrey

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. HVRSD DPC (District Parent Council)

The Hopewell Valley Regional School District Parent Council is a group comprised of Parent Teacher Organization executive committee members from each of the six schools in the district. One or two, but no more than three, PTO executive representatives attend these meetings with the superintendent once a month. The purpose of the District Parent Council is for members to share common interests or concerns, exchange information on matters affecting one or more of the schools, and to speak frankly with the superintendent on those matters.

-EcoPTO

-ICE in the District

b. HV Municipal Alliance [Minutes](#): No update

c. Monthly Meeting with Pupil Services Administration

- i. No update; meeting is later in May

d. Inclusion Month & Staff Appreciation

- i. First No judgment playdate was held at Rosedale in early May.
- ii. Teacher Appreciation: Moms met over two days to put together teacher appreciation week.
- iii. Inclusion Sports playdate in late April was well attended

E. TREASURER AND REPORT AND APPROVAL: Lauren Cavanaugh

a. [April Treasurer's Report](#)

- i. Approved by Katie Furrey, seconded by Maya Yatom
- ii. Lauren is asking for help to appreciate the large donors
- iii. A group has formed to discuss fundraising and how to get word out to increase engagement. Paulette asked if we can include something in the registration packet to ask families if they wanted to be contacted by a STRIVE rep.
- iv. Looking for volunteers to speak at back to school nights and man a booth. Consolidation if we should also go to the open houses at the schools.

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F. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Bear Tavern:** Community Event at BT at Colonial Bowling. Event was inclusive and Jenna was asked to write a paragraph about how it was inclusive. 5 parents replied that they understood now what inclusivity could look like, and felt more comfortable attending

(Representatives give reports at our monthly business meetings from their respective school and share STRIVE events for addition to school based PTO calendars)

G. OLD BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Question about how Back to School Nights would be set up in the fall. They were set up as a more student-led nights.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

K. MOTION TO ADJOURN

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

June 3, 2025	6PM	STRIVE Recognition Night	CHS
June 7-9, 2025		Municipal Alliance: Come Out & Play Event	TBD
June, 2025		Senior Night Scholarships	CHS
June 19, 2025	7PM	General Business Meeting/Annual Elections School highlighted: Stony Brook	CHS
June 20, 2025	8PM	Moms Meetup	TBD
July, 2025		STRIVE Summer Picnic	TBD