

Hopewell Valley Regional School District
STRIVE PTO Meeting Minutes
January 16, 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

January 31, 2025	7PM	Men's Meet Up	Wildflowers
January 25, 2025	10A-2P	Annual Camp & Resource Fair	CHS
Jordan Toma even canceled			
February 21, 2025	8PM	Mom Meetup	TBD
March, 15, 2025		STRIVE Scholarship Applications Due	
March 20, 2025	7PM	General Business Meeting	CHS

A. CALL TO ORDER: PROMPTLY AT 7PM

B. ROLL CALL

- i. Beth Hoffman, Katie Furrey, Maya Yatom, Kate Hamm, Krista Gerleit, Ivy Weitzman, Abigail Asher, Allyson Mooney, Michelle Brennan, Sherrie McKinley, Erin O'Brien, Nicole Mangone, Tori Giacino, Ilene Astemborski, Kelly Brown

C. DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES REPORT: Paulette DiNardo and Beth Hoffman (Grade PK-5 Supervisor)

- a. Monthly Report
- i. ESY 7/1-7/31 for special classes, resource 7/7-7/24, location(s) TBD, likely 9-12:30 for all, M-Th
 - b. School Highlight: [Hopewell Elementary School](#)

D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. [November 2024 Minutes](#)
- b. Katie motion to approve, 2nd by Ivy, approved by all

E. 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

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or concerns, exchange information on matters affecting one or more of the schools, and to speak frankly with the superintendent on those matters.

- Dr. Treece is visiting each of the school based PTOs to discuss the district budget and plans in light of the referendum not passing.
- BOE meetings will be held at different schools to allow community members to see the school. 1.27 meeting will be held at BT at 6:30pm, with a tour of the school available at 5:30pm.

b. HV Municipal Alliance Minutes

c. Monthly Meeting with Pupil Services Administration

STRIVE is a state mandated special education parent advisory group (SEPAG). The NJ regulation requiring a SEPAG allows parents and school district leaders to create and run an advisory group that meets local needs. SEPAG requirements open the door to collaboration that can make a difference. A SEPAG should be structured to benefit all students with disabilities, not just a single group of students, or a single issue. The more inclusive a SEPAG is, the more opportunities there are to achieve positive outcomes. Interested in what this means? Click here: [NJ SEPAG](#)

- Celebrating April as diversity month - form a committee.
- Strive will partner w/district to celebrate diversity month. If anyone would like to be on committee or have input please reach out to Maya or Katie. Beth has spoken to building principals and will speak to SEL committee about getting involved.

F. TREASURER AND REPORT AND APPROVAL: Lauren Cavanaugh

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

G. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Central High School: **Parent(s):** Heather Mott
 Staff: Michelle Brennan and Nicole Mangone

Timberlane Middle School: **Parent(s):**
 Staff: Stephanie Capasso and Lizzy Cornell

Toll Gate Elementary: **Parent(s):** Maya Yatom
 Staff: Erin O'Brien & Deb Burd

Hopewell Elementary: **Parent(s):**
 Staff: Abbi Anker & Allyson Mooney

Stony Brook Elementary: **Parent(s):**
 Staff: Ilene Astemborski & Arianna Stevens

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Bear Tavern Elementary: **Parent(s):** Jenna Myers-Kane
Staff: Kelly Brown & Carla Duncan

Out of District Schools: **Parent(s):** Jackie Mullen
Staff:

H. OLD BUSINESS

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

January 16, 2025	7PM	General Business Meeting	CHS
		School highlighted: Hopewell Elementary	
January 24, 2025	7PM	Men's Bowling	TBD
January 25, 2025	10A-2P	Annual Camp & Resource Fair	CHS
February 7, 2025	8AM	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Closes	
February 14, 2025	12PM	Krispy Kreme Delivery to Schools	
February 16, 2025	6PM	PARENT SPEAKER: Jordan Toma	CHS PAC
February 21, 2025	8PM	Mom Meetup	TBD
March, 15, 2025		STRIVE Scholarship Applications Due	
March 20, 2025	7PM	General Business Meeting/Nomination Comm	
		Appointment	CHS
		School highlighted: Timberlane Middle School	
March 28, 2025	7PM	Men's Bowling	TBD
April 11, 2025 (TBD)		Spring Fundraiser & Silent Auction	TBD
April 18, 2025		Mother's Day Art Project	Art Sparks
April 18, 2025	8PM	Moms Meetup	TBD
April 22, 2025	5AM	School Bus Driver Appreciation	HVRSD
		Transportation Office	
May 5-9, 2025		Teacher Appreciation Week	All District Schools
May 6-12, 2025		Nurse Appreciation Week	All District Schools
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

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June 8, 2025		Father's Day Event	TBD
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	CHS
		School highlighted: Stony Brook	
June 20, 2025	8PM	Moms Meetup	TBD
July, 2025		STRIVE Summer Picnic	TBD