



ALWARD ELEMENTARY

PTC

Public Board Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 6:30pm

1. Attendance
 - a. Audra Kotman, Tom Holmes, Rachel VanKoevering, Heidi Mucha, Heather K, Anna Boglitch, and MJ Hernandez are present.
 - b. Stacey VanderBent, Allie Gonzales, and Ali Westhuis are not present.
2. Officer Reports
 - a. Presidents
 - i. Want to recruit people who are willing to become PTC members in the next couple years with the goal of working up to President in the next couple of years - email alwardptc.hps@gmail.com with your interest
 - ii. Will start working on the budget for '25-'26 in January - specifically getting budget requests
 - iii. ISAC meeting was last week - Dr. VanderJaagt mentioned that there is a proposal on the ballot for Hudsonville Schools for special education. This is a renewal.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. See [attached file](#)
 - ii. We've made a little extra money from our passive fundraisers, so that's a bonus
 - iii. Reconciled balance of \$38,652
3. Principal Report
 - a. Students are in the middle of testing - Delta math assessments are happening now, reading happened before break
 - b. At the end of January, teachers will dig into the data to find targeted interventions for students
 - c. Report cards will be coming home soon
 - i. You will have an email sent when they come home. They will come in an envelope
 - ii. If you have questions and concerns, contact the teachers first.
 - d. 100/101 Day is coming up soon
 - e. One School, One Book is coming up after Spring Break. Books have been ordered. Thanks to Mrs. Fellows for the hard work picking the book and to the PTC, who funds this program.
4. Teacher Report
 - a. Kindergarten is going to celebrate Day 100 soon

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- b. 1st grade is going to celebrate Day 101. It will be 101 Dalmatian themed.
- c. Teachers are prepping for report cards
- d. Workroom has been working really hard, and the teachers really appreciate all the work that they have done
- 5. Upcoming Events
 - a. Early Release Day on Friday, January 17 is our Chuck E Cheese fundraiser.
 - i. Starts at noon, come whenever works for your family
 - ii. You need the flyer so that Alward gets part of the proceeds.
 - 1. It was sent home in folders, it's on our PTC facebook page, and someone will have a small amount of them at Chuck E Cheese.
 - b. Valentine's Day Parties Check-In - Friday, February 14
 - i. We're looking for volunteers to help do check in for the parties. If you're interested email alwardptc.hps@gmail.com
 - c. Skating Party Tarry Hall 6:15-8:15pm - February 27, 2025
 - d. Boys & VIP Bowling 6-8pm - March 7, 2025
 - i. Sign ups for registration will go out soon
 - e. Early Release Day on Friday, March 14 is another Chuck E Cheese fundraiser
- 6. Committee Report Questions
 - a. Highlight - Santa Shop needs some shoppers for next year. If you're interested in shopping and finding good deals, please connect with Stacey VanderBent (PTC President).
 - b. Walkathon needs volunteers so that they will be able to take over in two years when Heather is no longer the lead. If you're interested, please connect with Heather (PTC Social Media)
 - c. Family Dance will be a glow theme - getting a committee together to plan soon.
 - d. Popcorn Days are now on early release days to make it easier for everyone involved.
- 7. Announcements
 - a. Executive Board Interest - email alwardptc.hps@gmail.com.
 - i. We will put together the ballot in March and distribute so there is time to look over it before the Annual Meeting in April
 - b. Sensory Fence design has been tweaked and should be installed before March 1st
 - c. Budget requests for the next fiscal year (2025-2026) should to be submitted to the Executive Board by February 28, 2025
- 8. Questions
- 9. Dates to Remember
 - a. February 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm Public Board Meeting

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- b. February 28, 2025 - email alwardptc.hps@gmail.com if you are interested in being on the executive board for '25-'26
- c. February 28, 2025 - '25-'26 budget requests/additions submitted to executive committee
- d. April 16, 2025 @ 6:30pm Annual PTC Meeting
 - i. This meeting approves next year's budget and all present get to vote in the '25/'26 PTC Executive Board

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PTC Executive Committee Meeting

January 16, 2025 @ 7:30pm

1. Social Media Calendar
 - a. Put out call for new PTC Members in mid-February
 - b. Friday, February 14 - Valentine's Day Parties Check-In
 - c. Thursday, February 27 - Skating Party Tarry Hall 6:15-8:15pm
 - d. March 7, 2025- Boys & VIP Bowling 6-8pm
 - e. Friday, March 14 - Chuck E Cheese fundraiser 12-9pm
 - f. Family Dance - Save the Date for Friday, March 28
2. Unfinished Business
 - a. Sensory Fence
 - i. Rachel is on it. She's going to plan it out.
 - ii. Audra will contact and let her know we'll buy whatever is needed and if she needs help installing to let us know
 - b. Fundraising committee
 - i. No updates - Tom sent the information from last meeting to the three people
 - ii. Have a meeting to do the prep work so that next year we can implement (in summer of 2025)
 - c. Committees leads for next year
 - i. Kristen Jones agreed to run Tarry Hall skating parties in 2025-2026
 - ii. Still up in the air with Walkathon, Workroom, and VIP events
3. New Business
 - a. Budget discussion for fiscal year '25-'26
 - i. With no budgetary increase, we need to raise \$40k
 - ii. Walkathon budget will need to raise \$32k to hit the funding that we have now
 - iii. End of School Picnic wasn't on 2024-2025 budget
 1. MJ motions to budget \$250 from overages for this year's picnic. Tom seconds. Ayes - all. **Approved (5-0).**
 - iv. Soccer goals to fit AYSO nets & basketball hoops
 1. Build into Walkathon fundraising overage goals
 - a. \$1k over we get new balls every year
 - b. \$___k over we get new soccer goals

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- c. \$___k over we get basketball hoops
 - v. Spending levels & spending categories
 - 1. In 2026-2027, we'll have to increase the 4th Grade budget since there will be four sections.
 - 2. We need to include the storage unit into the Santa Shop budget
- 4. Dates to Remember
 - a. February 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm Public Board Meeting
 - i. **Officer and Committee Reports due February 10**
 - b. March 20, 2025 @ 6pm Executive Committee Meeting
 - c. April 16, 2025 @ 6:30pm Annual PTC Meeting
 - d. May 15, 2025 @ 6pm Executive Committee Meeting

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