



## **EAST HANOVER ELEMENTARY PTO | General Meeting Minutes**

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*Tessa Boyd, President*

*Reannin Daniels and Ashley Foreman, Co-Presidents*

*Kahly and Brian Smith, Treasurers*

*Leah Krull, Secretary*

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**Date/Time/Location:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at East Hanover Elementary Library.

**Meeting called to order by** President Tessa Boyd at 4:01 p.m.

**Attendees:** Tessa Boyd, Kahly Smith, Reannin Daniels, Ashley Foreman, Leah Krull, Bryan MacLeod, Liz Livingston, Sarah Bright, Jess Rohacek, Athena Garrison

**Welcome and Introductions:** Boyd welcomed everyone. All attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 15, 2025 general meeting were reviewed. Reannin Daniels motioned to approve the minutes. It was seconded and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Kahly Smith

The budget was presented with income and expenses already processed this year. Current available balance is: \$23,022.36. This includes profits from the Mini-Thon R&K sub sale (\$1960), but not the apple dumpling sale.

**President's Report:** Given by Tessa Boyd

The Nominations Committee recommended Leah Krull for the open secretary position for the two year term to run through 2027. No one else at the meeting volunteered or was nominated. Krull will run unopposed at the May meeting.

PTO received \$500 from St Johns United Women in Faith to benefit teachers. After discussion, it was decided that the money would go to \$20 gift cards of the teachers choosing. PTO agreed to cover the additional costs so that all direct instruction teachers will receive a gift card.

East Hanover Reads has asked the PTO for financial support to provide a snack for a class prize. Decided to donate ice cream left over from Family Fall Festival and put money budgeted for EH Reads to field trip transportation, which was over. Discussion regarding the March 21 motorcycle parade.

The spring assembly, funded by the PTO, has been scheduled for the afternoon of June 4. Steven Courtney will be the presenter at the cost of \$1000.

**Principal's Report:** Given by Bryan MacLeod

MacLeod shared an update regarding the school's HVAC system. The replacement/repair has been moved to Phase I of the district's plan. Engineers have

already made a visit and will return to review classroom space. There is no timeline for the replacement/repair at this time, but could be as early as 2026.

Lower Dauphin School District School Board approved adoption of CKLA district wide for ELA K-5 in 2025-26. Also adopting "Leader In Me," a Social & Emotional Program. It is a school improvement model developed by Stephen Covey, based on the principles of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, aiming to foster leadership and life skills in students, educators, and families.

Superintendent Dr. Gildea submitted his resignation, effective August 2025. An email was sent to families on Tuesday, March 11.

**Teacher's Report:** Given by Athena Garrison (Music and Band Instruction)

Talent Show, chaired by Miss G will be Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. All 4th and 5th grade students will be eligible to participate. Deadline to register is April 11. Dress Rehearsal will be May 19. PTO to have a fundraising table (TBD) at the show. This event will take place every 2 years - the next time it will be held will be January 2027.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### *Past Events:*

Academic Fair: Given by Leah Krull

We had 12 projects and 16 students participate. This does not include the MLK displays around the school or the robots from Computer Lab. Discussion: Academic Fair to move to every other year, rotating with egg drop now that Miss G is taking over a talent show. Take aways for 2027: Provide more notice to families; limit event to 1 hour; keep displays so students/staff can see them during the school day.

#### Mother/Son Event:

A member addressed that decorations and gym were damaged by participants. A different activity other than a dance should be considered for next year.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

Meal on Every Table: Given by Leah Krull

Goal to provide a meal/additional food for around 20 families for the spring break. A grant has been received by Thrivant to supplement the cost. A sign up genius link will be sent via Dojo/Newsletter for additional items. Guidance/Nurse/Front Office work to identify families who may benefit from these meals.

Donuts with Grown Ups: Given by Jess Rohacek

The event will be held March 27 and 28. A Sign up for volunteers will be sent out with handout and on DOJO. A quick turn around of the gym will be required for Friday, March 28 due to an assembly for K-1 students.

Daddy/Daughter Event: Given by Ashley Foreman

The event will be held Saturday, April 5. It will also have a Western Theme, similar to the Mother/Son event. Miss Garrison will provide music.

### **Old Business:**

Website Update: Lower Dauphin School District launched a new website on Friday, Nov. 8. During this time the PTO website has reverted to summer 2004 and the PTO does not have access to make changes. Any pertinent information, including the PTO minutes will continue to be posted in the school office and on our Facebook page until resolved or until PTO can create an independent website. We thank our members for their patience during this time.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Kindergarten Registration: March 18-20
- East Hanover Reads Closing Ceremony: Friday, Mar 21
- Donuts with Grown Ups: March 27 & 28
- Spring Break Meal Drive: April 1
- Daddy Daughter Event: April 5
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9

**Next meeting and elections** is May 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the school library

**Meeting adjourned** at 5:02 p.m.

**Minutes compiled by** Leah Krull, Secretary