

HAE PTA Meeting

August 26, 2024 | 5:30pm



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Board members

Sarah Price, President | Megan Acito, VP, Chelsea Flessner, VP Events | Elaina Marinik, Treasurer | Kaleena Smith, Secretary

Time	Item	Presenter
5:30	Welcome / Call To Order Approve April 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes are available at HAEPTA.org Board Introductions Motion to approve April 2024 minutes approved: 1 st -Christy, 2 nd – Chelsea Flessner	Sarah Price
5:35	Treasurer's Report NEW 2024/2025 Proposed Budget Audit Review HAE PTA Financial Review. Completed July 27 th and was submitted on August 31 st . Thanks to Megan and Andrew Acito and Courtney Sakry for reviewing the financial review binder. Total projected income is nearly \$27,000 Removed Shelor incentives and Coke Rewards Total projected expenses around \$43,000. Part of this expense is spirit wear that isn't ordered every year, and generally the money is made back over time. We try for 200 PTA members, and we have around 120 currently for this year. Motion to approve budget: 1 st - Chelsea and Christy 2 nd - unknown. Questions? Difference between income and expenses is coming from where? There is nearly \$29,000 also is PTA savings that could cushion should we need it, but we do overestimate expenses in order to not have to come back to the general assembly to increase line items and account for inflation. Last year we almost were exactly even between income and expenses. How many students in this school? 270	Elaina Marinik
6:00	Principal's Report This is Ms. Settle's 2 nd year at HAE, 24 th year in the division, and 16 th year as a building administrator.	Mrs. Settle

School Construction Update

- We were relocated at Gilbert Linkous for summer school so they could replace 5 HVAC units.
- We are getting doors and walls installed in the front of the school to limit access to the school. The start date of this has been bumped to later in Fall.

Focus Areas for Staff:

- Feedback, instruction, and intervention
- Student engagement and achievement
- Teamwork and overall school atmosphere

School Improvement Plan:

- Positive SOL results in reading across all subgroups
- Continued focus needed in math, particularly for students with disabilities.
- Reminder: Refusal of SOL tests results in automatic failure in the schools score.

Staffing Updates:

- New second-grade teacher, Dawn Restrepo, starting on September 12
- Dawn will visit students on September 6

Playground Equipment:

- Issues with playground equipment shipment being addressed
- Anticipated arrival of at least one new piece in November

Upcoming Events:

- Curriculum Nights:
 - K-2 and 3rd grade on September 4
 - 1st, 4th, and 5th grade on September 5
- Fall pictures on September 18; makeup day on October 23
- Fall festival on September 19

Communication:

- Regular updates to be provided every two weeks via email
- Encouragement for parents to attend curriculum night for insights into teacher goals

Contact Reminder:

- Important to use provided email for transportation and attendance issues to ensure clear communication

Questions?

	Could the county- for families with lots of kids-coordinate so that curriculum night does not fall on the same dates. This leaves parents having to pick between which child's they attend? I do try to coordinate with the middle school and will continue to try to so.	
6:10	Committee Reports A. Box Tops for Education- Elaina Marinik Give backs you do online and it very basic in the sense that if you allow pop ups it will give back when you shop various websites. Box Tops are no more cutting out and it is scan your receipt using the app. We have made less money this way, but you can now link you walmart account if you want. Another passive way to give back is Amazon give back which can be set up for Harding as well. B. Beautification - OPEN C. Communications- Courtney Sakry We are going to spotlight a new teacher and existing teacher each month. These will come out once a month. It will also be posted on social media. D. Spirit Night - Beth Hartsock We work with local restaurants, and they give a percentage back to us when people eat there that night. We try for 2-3 a semester. We will still send flyers home and post on social media, but we will also send a save a date flyer with all of them listed so you can have them all in one spot. E. Events- Chelsea Flessner, Courtney Sakry, and Kaleena Smith Chelsea: This my third year on the event committee, Sept 19th is our largest event, Fall Festival. We will have the option again of being able to purchase tickets online. Information about this will be coming out and home soon. Still looking for one community business donor to fund one of our bounce houses. Pumpkin decorating contest will be in the fall too. 5th graders get real pumpkins to decorate, and they will be displayed in the library. November is Turkey Bingo, there will be a PTA meeting that night, but it is very short. There are ten rounds of bingo with the winner of each round taking home a prize. The grand prize is a frozen turkey. F. Hospitality- Sara Madsen and Megan Acito Sara's last year as she will be moving onto middle school, so we are looking for someone to join this committee in this way. We alternate with either a small treat in teachers' mailboxes or taking the sunshine cart around. We put out sign ups to stock the teacher lounge. The other big thing they do is teacher and staff appreciation, usually in May. We do a theme and something each day for that week. We do a cookie exchange around the holidays and lunches on some teacher workdays. G. Website/Tech Support- Ron Jarrell H. Wellness- Meg Martin I. Small Events Helper - OPEN	Chairs
6:20	Old Business None	Sarah Price
6:25	New Business Cub Scouts- girls and boys K-5th grade meet Monday nights. If you have anything around the school that needs done our scouts can come help for their service projects as character building. Getting to see the kids grow and give back to the community is really special.	Sarah Price

	Questions: When would you want notice if we do have a project? Anytime would be fine Oct 7th is our next PTA night. Spirit wear give away: Christy won!	
6:30	Announcements / Adjournment / SAVE THE DATES Annual Fall Festival - Thursday, Sept 19th 5:30-7:30 NEXT PTA MEETING - Monday, October 7th at 5:30pm	Sarah Price