HSC Meeting

When/where: 9-23-2025 Tuesday, Ann Mullen Library, 6:30pm

(**Start** 6:32 p.m. **End** 7:45 p.m.)

Next Meeting: October 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm In person in the Mullen Library or Online

Attendees were online and in the Mullen Library – sign in sheet handed out.

HSC Officers...

President:	**Vice-President:**	**Treasurer:**
Shayla Campbell	Natasha Squair	Tye Harris
Rec Secretary:	**Corresponding Secretary:**	**Preschool Rep:**
Jennifer Echeverria	Kelly McKenzie	Mari Mendez/Amber Hageman
Council of Schools:	**Administration:**	**Teacher Representative:**
Helena Rosati	Mr. Lyons	Ms. McMaster

1. **Introduction to the Officers**

Shayla, President spoke primarily to intro the HSC officers and noted about the MullenHSC.com blog.

2. Treasurer Report

Tye, Treasurer spoke primarily to discuss the balance, funding, Pre-K, and stating up more $ than last year. Treasurer report attached.

Square memo important (Ex: Gym uniform vs snack gram)

Parent mentioned line item to put in – in orientation there was no link.

Tye mentioned when high volume coming in – there needs to be better way to track specifics on Square.

3. Principal's Report

Mr. Lyons opened with thanking for Teacher Appreciation breakfast.

Noted that there are about 950 children with 125 Pre-K. Enrollment is up- houses being built.

Need way to help with chronic absenteeism.

10% chronic absent- 18 or more days last year. Well below state average. 13% chronic absent recently and need incentives for perfect attendance. Missing parental support – parents work etc.

Academic initiative, Math bldg., classrooms w/ whiteboards – new Science labs, kids experience everyday. Tutoring programs to begin after progress report cares – any subject.

Haunted Hallways, Oct. 24th, 6 p.m. There will be a Fall Fun Fest at Mullen- student/parents involved.

HSC could maybe provide donations towards the Fall Fun fest such as snacks, décor (no candy) – apple cider, apple cider donuts, pumpkin pie, cookies, pretzels, etc.

Implementing CARE – Collaboration Accountable, Respectful, Empathetic and PBIS points helps with reducing discipline and student engagement. HSC could help with donations/student rewards if possible.

General trend- discipline decreasing is goal.

Picnic in the park – 150 PBIS pts with no MAJOR referrals and is a few hours in GT park October 7-9th.

Questions:

1. Are absences a grade trend? >>varies, last year was 6th grade but this year is now 7th grade. Survey was sent out to parents for absenteeism. If child is absent 2 days per month, after 10 months that is 20 days. It adds up.
2. PBIS pts being updated. >> when get PBIS pts for ELA from the Summer for example, ELA list is separate... return book, quiz, waiting to tally this at the moment.
    a. With these points – can an announcement be made rather than visiting each PBIS items on the App?
3. PBIS pts being earned vs gained. Other ways to accrue if unable to have someone assist/bonuses>> throughout the day teachers should giving them points. Trends for teachers are reviewed and also if goal is not met, teachers are told to reach their goal by Admin.
4. PBIS pts for Pre-K- different and do their own thing. Program state grant – use their curriculum model – parent said there is another portal – they are separate school inside Mullen. Activities to give back to Pre-K in class vs portal. Email communication came from rep with folders last year – 'one woman show'. Teachers communicate differently such as Tad Pole App.
5. PBIS 3 years now – is there trend/does it encourage the children? >> There is trend. There are posters throughout the school, it is taught, practiced and modeled and CARE noted throughout school day.
    a. Tier 1 – 80-85%
    b. Tier 2 – 10-15% (need help, check in/check out, mentors, goals, end of day checkout)
    c. Tier 3- 5%
        i. Bad or struggling more attention where those being Good may be ignored.
        ii. Balance needed- to know expected behavior. Mr. Lyons noted we call it acknowledged and gratitude for their good/expected behavior, more of a thank you- mind shift – do not need an incentive to do what they're supposed to do.
        iii. Rutgers researched – Good behavior with a trip, etc.
6. Is there a PBIS committee? >> there is a mentor at Rutgers, 2 Mullen Vice Principals, 3 teachers/leaders, and 5-6 universal teachers who see what is happening in the halls and there are some Child Study team members.

a. Can parents get involved? >>Crystal Davis, in meeting, studies behavioral and interested. Appreciate any volunteers, noted picture day ran much smoother that year prior.

7. PBIS – what items can contribute to/donate? >> Bring or donate from Amazon – mail to school 400 Sicklerville Road. There is an Amazon Wish List. Specifics items they are not picky with. Something that students care about such as fashioned lanyards, ear buds, air pods, $5 gift cards, Roblox cards, electric scooter was example of last year.
    a. Pins on lanyards are okay.

4. Teachers Report

Ms. McMaster was the teacher online, there is no report. (She does help with PBIS too)

5. Preschool Report

Chuck E. Cheese 10/7- everything is done separately, own budget and activities and calendar. Confer with HSC however in meetings.

10/25 is Pre-K back to school – snack grams – HSC needed, Pre-K design in HSC store.

Funding last year – benefit from general fund but did own event. There is still general fund, if plan different activity – candy gram for instance, if not enough to cover- see HSC.

Chat n Chew 10/15 for school district – HSC vs school difference noted. This is open to ALL preschool at Lewis school. (Jennifer to meet w/ Pre-K to outline ideas) – if need $ - see Tye, Treasurer.

6. Executive Board Report

A. Gym Uniforms – order form sent in July- still getting orders. Filled and delivered next day. There was some confusion with the ordering – anyone order was not received or still needed. They have been letting teachers know, calling, text if needed.

B. HSC Membership Perks – $20 to support, 10% off store merchandise, does not include gym uniform, Holiday merch and/or clearance items. 25 PBIS points are given to their student(s) if signed by October 1. Monthly newsletter sent, HSC inclusive event and extra PBIS pts are given when volunteer at certain events. Gold card was given at time of signing up for store discount.

C. Upgrade to Blog – MullenHSC.com – info about officers, stay updated with events and recognition and Facebook page.

D. New Payment Method – no longer Venmo, it is Square Point of Sale which utilizes credit card, Cash App, & Apple Pay and After Pay

E. New Phone Number is 856-258-0801 – respond to within hour or 24 hours latest. Call or text – Shayla responds.

7. **Recap of Events for August and September** (discussed overview)

A. August 28, 2025-6th Grade Orientation – parents/students involved.
B. September 4, 2025-Teacher Breakfast – That Breakfast Spot – owner and siblings attended Mullen– food great!
C. September 4, 2025-Water Ice Social & Mullen swag was for Sale.
D. September 18, 2025—Back to School Night (Middle School) – parents visited classes.
E. September 19, 2025-6th Grade Social – pictures to come.

8. **Upcoming Events** (discussed overview)

A. September 25, 2025—Back to School Night (Preschool 6:00pm-7:30pm)
B. September 26, 2025-Spirit Day followed by 7th & 8th Grade Social 2:45pm until around 3:45 – no busses!
C. Texas Roadhouse Dine Out Night (October 16, 2025) – flyer coming.
D. Pre-School Dine Out Night Chuck E Cheese (October 17, 2025, 5pm-9pm)
E. GLOW Fundraiser (October Pending) – more to come

Question/Responses on GLOW – other schools use this – watch dates! (Pricey, & tons of traffic, there is normally a 2-week window given and do not want negative experience for parents/students.

Pre-K fundraisers- are extended to all.

Helena's knows rep and maybe able to help with GLOW fundraiser

9. **Council of Schools/ Board of Education 9/18**

Helena attended – all 3 Middle schools received A/C in Summer – cost $22 million.

Use Rooms App - Some teachers may not use it. Some teachers told parents they will not use it. Email is fine – but all teachers should be using it (Mr. Lyons discussed). When teachers go off the path – message may be missed – emails vs Rooms App. Some use it religiously – it is a transition and some glitches. Also, parents may not know what to do – teachers are texting or calling or emailing. Rooms app addressed w teachers – some veer from it.

Science kits noted (learning about metabolism for example, real world application) - teachers are trained on these also – some resistant – do not like change or new things- all trained will be kinks at first.

Bus drivers needed - $30 per hour for a few hours a day – trained.

School fundraisers and Back To School for each school was noted during the Council meeting.

NOTE: Board of Education meeting– October 29th at Mullen Library at 7 p.m. – parents can express concerns.

10. New Business

A. Revamp of School Store – under construction – old vs new budget for restock - $1K mentioned- building from ground up
    a. Ideas such as bracelets, fidget toys (NO chips), calculators, water bottles, staplers, electric pencil sharpeners, Five Below items, slime? Wide leg pants, pajama pants, self-care such as deodorant, mini hand sanitizer, lip balm, hair ties, clips, hand creams, knitting items, building kits, (middle school only)
        i. There are pre-k items in there – need stuff for everyone.
            1. Schedule them to come down or rolling cart come to them.
    b. Keep items revolving and fresh. Tired of seeing same thing.
    c. Holiday items to come – buy for friends, parents etc.
    d. Maybe rotate adult/children go to classes- cart.
        i. McMaster does take rolling cart to teachers- coffee, muffins.
    e. New design(s).
    f. Reach out to ARB/VPs
        i. Show on Mullen Day break designs. C. Stanz connect too.
    g. 8th grade has t-shirt contest – may put out to other grades.
    h. Maybe they can vote for PBIS pts – will raffle for store items.
        i. Kids voices heard, design next big thing. Surveys are easy to send through Google Classroom.
    i. Candy may compete with cafeteria- bus referrals came a lot with the candy.

11. Questions/Concerns

- Big Bro Big Sis to interact more with Pre-K, they were receptive with Rocks club, NJHS and Helping Hands.
- Aside from school store- families in needs – counseling department currently has something, if kid identifies as such need. Lewis school does something – CC library too.
- School store takes cash – PBIS discounts will be discussed
- Gym uniform – cannot use PBIS pts but was asked.
- Maybe a 'Pay It Forward'- parent help – toys, uniforms, can use PBIS pts exchange rate on pay it forward fund.
- Old uniforms were collected, and gym teachers utilize for those in need.
- Parents to purchase gift card(s) so students can purchase school store items.
- Home Depot and IKEA help with charity. (ARB with the gnomes/IKEA).
- End of year – officers being nominated sooner than later – interests in December and election in January?
    - Smoother transition needed to stay fluid (EX: Tye, Treasurer leaving end of school year)
    - No open roles now/all filled.

12. Adjournment (end 7:45 p.m.)

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To Do mentioned throughout meeting:

- Square POS **memo** important (Ex: Gym uniform vs snack gram)
- HSC could maybe provide donations towards the **Fall Fun fest** such as snacks, décor (no candy) – apple cider, apple cider donuts, pumpkin pie, cookies, pretzels, etc.
- HSC to help with student rewards/**PBIS**- Amazon wish list – how HSC contributes to PBIS
- **GLOW Fundraiser** (October Pending) – more to come - Helena's husband knows rep.
- Reach out to RB and VPs on revamping **School store.** – Show on Mullen Daybreak designs.

Ann A Mullen HSC Treasurer's Report as of 9/20/2025

TD Bank Checking Account Current Balance	$14,231.04
Middle School/General	$11, 819.31
Pre-K	$2,411.73

Account Summary

Beginning Balance (July 15, 2025) **$12, 438.35**

Monthly Credits (+) **$13, 959.19**

Spirit wear/Gym Uniforms	$13,238.19
HSC Membership	$350.00
Back to School Night Snack Grams (via Square Up) *Gym uniforms?	$261.00
Venmo acct closeout Transfer- need specifics	$110.00

Monthly Credits (-) **$12,166.50**

Spiritwear/Gym Uniforms	$10,399.70
Back To School Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast-Breakfast Spot	$1,157.42
Back to School Community Icee Event	$500.00
Back to School snack grams	$81.00
General Supplies (Door lock, Sign holders)	$27.70