



PTO General Member Meeting:

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, 6:30pm, Library

Board:

- Tawnya Thomas, President
- Rachel Pierson, Co-President
- Staci Trinh, Treasurer
- Angela Dewey, Volunteer Coordinator
- Nicole Wieteska, Communication Chair
- Bridgette Macke, Secretary

Members Present: Tracey Whitney

Teachers/Staff Present: Sarah Johnes, Becci Stanton,

6:34 PM - Welcome -

Agenda:

- Sarah
 - Demographics: 489 students as of right now, 51% identify as white, 10% identify as multiracial, 8% identify as hispanic/latino, 25% identify as asian, 5% identify as black
 - 10.4% of students receive SpEd support
 - 13.5% receive ELD support which is provided through both push in during science and/or small group
 - 11.23% are chronically absent (which means they have attended less than 90% of school days)
 - This number does not count tardiness which is also an issue
 - Average daily attendance is 93-94%
 - ODE research: Kindergarten attendance has a direct correlation to senior year attendance
 - 100% of students in the building receives small group reading instruction regardless of their level to meet their specific needs
 - OSAS - ELA
 - 2023-2024 3rd graders grew 20% in percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards



- Overall mid 60% of kids at HVE are meeting the benchmark (scored 3 "meets" or 4 "exceeds")
 - Goal is to have above 90% of students at benchmark
 - District as a whole is looking at 2nd grade so students have the skills to be meeting or exceeding in grades 3-5
 - Sarah is proud of the work the district is doing on trying out different strategies for different schools
 - 40% of kids are leaving elementary school not reading at grade level so there is still a lot to go
- OSAS-Math
 - HVE is doing better than state and school district averages, but around 50% of students are considered below grade level
 - District is really focused on 3rd grade math and diving into data and looking at different strategies
 - These tests are given to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders once a year in May
 - Test prep skills are taught but we don't want to teach to the test, scores don't define students/teachers/etc. Instead use the data to inform instruction through working backwards and vertical alignment within grade bands
- FastBridge reading and math is given to all grade levels, given fall, winter, spring - all multiple choice, computer, no essays, no fill in blanks
 - (Fall scores presented); often there is a lower score in winter due to jump in test difficulty, but usually rebounds in spring
 - Scores are higher than OSAS
 - Reading is CBM which tests number of words correct in one minute, no comprehension tested
 - Use data as one piece of the puzzle, use this data to help form small groups
 - New small group space is awesome, helping with focus, PTO helped buy extra tables
- Amazing News
 - Community oriented prizes: Proud of PTO for creating prizes that help build community
 - Precision Elite, Movie night, etc.
 - Focus on supporting the community and partnership with HVMS during the SNAP pause and also recognizing that our community has more and more needs, how can we partner together to support families in this building
 - Ex. Food bags, amazon lists, venmo donations
 - LEAP is part of ESD, not school district, so we are able to include them in building-wide support as well
 - Kids and Curriculum days
 - Once a month teachers meet with SpEd, paras, ELD to meet about students or curriculum, provides opportunity for collaboration that they didn't have before
 - Lexia Core 5
 - Hit our first goal!
 - Nelson Feeder Math Night: great to bring the community together and watch kids do math together, was at HVMS, about 450 people came
 - Reminders: picture retakes, conferences, winter reading challenge
- Bylaws



- We edited the bylaws because there was no way for us to touch our reserves, we would like to change bylaws to be able to use more reserve money and take a break from so much fundraising
 - Reserves would be used for cleaning up/fixing atrium and hill above playground
- Couldn't move money out of reserves before, edited so that we can use unused money for other purposes
- Was presented at last meeting, all 8 people present at this meeting voted bylaws in
- Budgets
 - Adopted in Oct: \$97,950 in income, 120,500 in expense - reserves can cover the difference
 - Board and Sarah met at end of last year to discuss needs and came up with a detailed plan with placeholders, that's how we came up with this year's expense budget
 - Atrium plan: mural, take out trees to be able to put tables and chairs in that space, would be good to spend by the end of June
 - Now that bylaws have been approved, Sarah can work on getting district approval
 - Bylaws allow money to be moved around, repurposed, etc.
 - One time movement from taxes to staff appreciation which is one positive aspect of bylaw change
 - Expense and income are kept separately
 - OBOB expense is increased by 500 because they are receiving 500 in registration fees so its neutral
 - Math night - we fronted money for pizza but are getting reimbursed
 - All 8 people present vote to use money for atrium
 - In the past HVE fundraised for staffing/paras and that is no longer allowed which has created more of a savings
- Winter Blitz
 - Canned food drive went great, 2,422 items and \$64 were collected
 - High schools are coming to pick up items, may save some items for HVE/HVMS families in need
 - Food bags: will send home each Friday, HVMS has about 30 families, we have just a couple, it is confidential
- Bottle Drop
 - 15th - volunteer well help - Oregon City drop
 - 19th - Rachel and Michael - Milwaukie drop
- parent night out
 - Nov 15th - we have 75 kids signed up
- Jog a Thon assembly
 - Nov 20th - silly string and pie, Sarah is working with teachers to identify a "pie-er" from each grade level via raffle, 2 kids from each class for silly string: top fundraiser and a raffle
 - Also popcorn and pajama day
 - Have enough volunteers to pop popcorn that morning
- Conferences
 - PTO will cover staff lunch, Chik fil A will provide 2 large chicken nuggets, PTO will fill in with Bellagios, salad, etc.
- Movie nights
 - Dec. 5: K-2 Trolls World Tour, Dec. 12: 3-5 New Stitch
- Winter break reading challenge



- Party Jan. 16 - will need volunteers