



## PTO General Member Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 18, 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: Brandy Walton, Hannah Acevedo, Aly Wronski, Shay Witten, Dana Poon, Choi Wong, Tammy Wong, Bonnie Ng, Erin Hudson

Teachers/Staff Present: Becci Stanton, Allison Bach

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6:36 PM - Welcome - Rachel - Handouts - Budget, calendar,

City of Happy Valley

- Community center, bond handouts
- Ashley Hague - Communications, Mayor Tom Ellis
- Ashley: Bond on ballot for community center this November, outreach has been done to community
  - Cost of facility is \$75 million, \$20 million from city, \$5 million from state, bond measure is for \$50 million to cover the rest.
  - \$0.51 per \$1000 assessed value of your home.
  - Shared gym space, walk/jog track, cardio, weightlifting, reservable community rooms, recreational pool - these were priorities from the community
- Mayor: Bond cost averages about \$200 per house per year
  - Will add ball fields, soccer, pickleball, after community center is built
  - City bought 40 acres where community center will go,
  - City/community have been talking about this for years, encourage you to vote yes if you are passionate about it
  - Designing the pool so that a competition pool could be added to it.



- City website has info. The drive-in movie on 27th is on the property so you can see where the future community center is going to be.
- Questions -
  - Is it typical for something like this to be paid for by bonds?
    - Answer - Yes, very common due to scale of the project and cost.
  - Do we have to pay to access it?
    - Answer - If you live in HV fee residential rate will be substantially less
  - What if it doesn't pass? What do you do with the money?
    - Answer - Take recommendations, hold on to it and re-vote in several years, build a different park, acreage could be used for ball fields, sold, etc. \$5 million from state is contingent on bond passing. 25 year bond, after 25 years no more property taxes for community center

## OBOB

- Bridgette Macke and Allison Bach presented - Oregon Battle of the Books is a reading and trivia competition. Students across the state read books and "battle" against teams using trivia questions about the books
  - 16 books selected by librarians across Oregon
  - Sign up deadline is 9/26
  - Starts 10/7, Tuesdays after school 2:00-3:00, will start Wednesdays after Thanksgiving - games, crafts, book talks, jeopardy, snacks
  - Students read at least 4 books, don't have to read all 16, but more than 4 supports team
  - School battle to find top HVE team, goes to regional battle and possible state
  - Teams will be formed a few weeks in, students can be paired with a friend
  - Volunteers can help with after school, during recess, providing snacks, etc.

## PTO Membership Challenge

- Kindergarten is in the lead, based on percentages
- You can sign up for PTO throughout the year, no commitment necessary - just to support and to be in the know,
- Members need to sign up so that PTO can access your email address,
- 61 families have signed up, but this is a big decline since last year, please sign up!

## Open PTO Spots



- We still have openings:
  - Bottle Drop Lead: ~3 events, collect cans, give blue bags, do a Saturday morning and after school and need a truck
  - After School Clubs Lead: lead would create afterschool club setting
    - Ex. chess club, art club, piano teacher, lead would coordinate,
    - HVE hasn't had clubs in a long time, no buses available, have to go to CARE or parent pick up, would have downstairs atrium and 1-2 rooms.
    - Typically once a week
    - Possibly fall, winter, spring sessions
- Questions-
  - Language class - what if it costs money? Yes, can have students pay.

#### Review of Calendar

- Need to change winter blitz due to High school, they want it before Thanksgiving break

#### Budget

- Staci: Thank you to everyone who is here, without dedication and support we wouldn't have a budget conversation. Last year's events have allowed us to raise funds to set us up for this year.
- Current proposal is less because of bylaws, In November we will vote on a supplemental budget, we can't right now because we need revision to bylaws
- Met with board and Ms. Sarah to plan as closely as possible
- Guardrails used to set budget, based upon funds we raised last year, based on last year's performance
- Proposing income of \$97,950 expenses of \$120,500 for net difference of -\$22,000
- Income is less than last year, auction basket fundraising donations require high effort to secure. Teacher experience auction will remain.
- Expense estimate of \$120,500 is consistent with last year, net difference of -\$22,550 will be taken from our reserve to fund
- Budget proposal is strategic and well thought out but would like feedback
- Income: Fun Run \$28,000, Jat \$35,000, Carnival/Auction \$17,500, Other \$14,000
- Expenses: mostly Teacher support \$120,000,
- New for this year: OBOB added, rugs for 2nd and 5th, completing rock wall
- completed sensory space, headphones last year
- Increases in spending: added more to 5th promotion, more to math and reading



assemblies, website hosting, teachers - staff stipend, field trip stipend

- Expenses: school spirit: family nights - \$8500 budgeted: covers food and misc costs, family recess, OBOB - \$2000, student support: education enrichment - 5000 math night, assembly, School needs - testing, supplies, Learning programs - Raz licenses, Break enrichment
- Teacher support includes: staff appreciation, \$350 to teachers, specialist different, paras \$50, \$1500 field trip, library stipend
- Operational costs: tax fees, website hosting,
- All adds up to \$120,500
- Rachel proposes the budget , Tawnya seconds, 20 votes in favor (all people present)

### Jog-a-Thon

- Oct. 8 - early for weather, awesome prizes focused on grade level and school wide prizes, goal is \$35,000, cougar sticker,
- \$15,000 - Ms. Sarah wears a costume, \$20,000 - movie and popcorn, \$25,000 - surprise assembly, \$30,000 - pie the principal (2 kids get raffled), \$35,000 is our goal - silly string teachers. If above goal, PTO will provide Precision Elite night - rent out facility, parents night out
- Volunteers - open to everyone to volunteer
- Will launch JAT next Friday, papers home and in email

### Walk and Roll

- Partnered with city of HV to launch safety campaign
- Everyone gathers at HV Park, mascots, police officers, fire dept, kids mingle, take home fun light up things, snacks, playground time, raffle prizes, all walk to school together,
- Opportunity to bring awareness to safety zone around our school, Typically gather around 7:00, head out by 7:30
- growing year after year, incredible to see so much support - have added lights to crosswalk and improvements
- Oregon impact, Safe Routes, crosswalk sting between elem and middle start times

### Dine and Donate

- Weds, Oct 1 - Baskin Robbins by safeway, teachers come in to scoop, really fun
- Dine and donate will happen every other month

### Bylaws

- Should be revised every 2-3 years, haven't been revised in 5+



- Want to be able to pull from savings for things like atrium clean up, picnic tables outside 20,000 and current bylaws do not allow that,
- Vote will be at November's meeting

7:36 pm - end of meeting