

## Feb. 8, 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes

PTA: Hammond Elementary School PTA, General PTA Business Virtual Meeting, via Zoom

Date: February 8, 2021

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### I. Call Meeting to Order: Leigh String

Roll call, Introductions

#### II. Review and approval of the minutes from Nov.. 17, 2020: Natalie Albanesi

#### III. Reports of Officers

- President's Report: Leigh String
  - Maryland PTA Virtual meeting update – *We are able to make revisions to our budget and vote for members online now.*
  - Big picture fundraising vs. support – *We are reducing what we are asking for in fundraisers and redistributing what we have.*
  - Restaurant Night Chairperson needed
  - Bylaws revision
  - Nominations committee needed: President opening
  - Restaurant Night Chairperson needed
- Treasurer Report: Stephen Price – *Current account balance is \$50,297.51. We have currently only spent 3,600 of budget expenses so far. Our biggest fundraiser is the Read A Thon, but that will not be happening this year. We have saved from other years so we are in good standing with our current budget. Proposal was made to adjust the current budget. Proposal #1 – Deduct form student activities to add more recess equipment. Proposal #2 – Reduce educational grant to support hybrid.*
- Membership Report: Christie O'Brien – *We currently have 159 PTA members. Since November, we have 8 new members.*
- VP Communications Report: Becky Eng – *Send spirit day pictures of your child participating virtually to be posted on website.*
- PTACHC Report: Aisha Applewhite and Christina Felsen – *A survey was distributed in the chat for HoCo by Design. This will help the county provide feedback as a way to calculate capacity and buses.*
- Administration Report: Ms. Ciarapica

**HES has created a reopening committee that will focus on how the hybrid model will work for HES. The committee is considering:**

1. Which direction students will navigate through the halls.
2. What opportunities children will have to wash their hands.
3. The committee is focusing on the nuts and bolts of reopening.

NOTES:

As of today, there are 113 families that have not completed the survey.

HES will not know which teachers are returning before the survey is due to be completed.

If parents decide on hybrid, then they may switch back to virtual.

A Building HVAC report will be shared in the upcoming week.

Students will use the same supplies they have now.

Windows will be open on the bus.

Students will bring their Chromebooks and chargers.

Indoor recess books will be needed.

No sharing of materials.

Car loop directions will be shared.

- o [Health Checks](#)
- o [PPE for staff](#)
- o [Donations](#)

IV. Old or Ongoing Business

- Fall Photo Session Fundraiser: \$252.50
- Restaurant Nights: Chipotle: \$229.00, The Corner Stable: \$181.00, Mod pizza \$32
  - o Future Nights
- Box Tops approx. \$25.00
- Square 1 Art Fundraiser: \$92.00 - You can still order
- [Spirit wear](#): \$1200 in sales so far - *\$130 in profit*
  - o Free shipping weeks: Feb.26 - Mar. 14

V. New Business:

- Reading Night: canceled
- Spring Photo Session Fundraiser
- HES "Spread the Love Rock Garden"
- Teacher Appreciation updates
  - o Lunch provided Feb. 22
  - o Return to school bags
- School support for virtual and hybrid learning
  - o \$839.40 for noise canceling headphones
  - o Water jugs for classrooms to replace water fountains vs. donated water jugs
  - o Recess equipment support
  - o Power Strips - (8 - 10 ft. cord) ([one example](#))

- o Water Dispensers ([one example](#))
- o 5 ounce paper cups ([one example](#))

VI. Announcements:

- Wed., Feb. 24: Restaurant Night at Pepperjacks
- Tues. Apr. 20 General Meeting/Nominations
- Tues. May 18 General Meeting / Voting
- Tues. June 8 General Meeting

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

VII. Adjournment: Leigh String

# HES PTA General Meeting 2/8/21

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
Is there a way to know if our child's teacher will be returning prior to completing the survey?	
Will children be able to change between virtual and hybrid instruction?	<a href="https://help.hcpss.org/in-person-students/virtual-to-hybrid">https://help.hcpss.org/in-person-students/virtual-to-hybrid</a>
I have heard some teachers have concerns about wearing a mask while teaching through a computer. Are there ways the district, the schools, or the PTA can support them? (would bluetooths or headsets help, if so, are they being provided with these items?)	The WorkGroup is working on budget items and will work closely with the PTA. Thank you so much for your support!
Was the building HVAC updated in any way?	<a href="https://help.hcpss.org/health-safety/HVAC">https://help.hcpss.org/health-safety/HVAC</a> Thank you! I've seen this information, but this doesn't speak specifically to Hammond ES :)
What school supplies will kids need?	<a href="https://help.hcpss.org/in-person-students/additional-supplies">https://help.hcpss.org/in-person-students/additional-supplies</a>  A recommended school supply list will be sent to parents. The WorkGroup is working on this as well :)
Will school supplies be stored at school?	They will be taken home everyday.

Should we label them?	
<p>What if a student forgets the supplies? ): At home</p>	<p>This will be handled on a case by case basis. This happens in normal operations as well :)</p>
Do we need additional supplies for related arts?	<p>A recommended school supply list will be sent to parents. The WorkGroup is working on this as well :)</p>
What can we do as parents and/or as a PTA to help staff feel supported?	<p>Hi - Mrs. Duggan here. Teachers love getting positive emails and notes!</p>
How is drop off and pickup going to work for the non-bus riders or those who chose not to ride the bus?	<p>The WorkGroup is working on this and we will send out parent communication soon.</p>
You mentioned headphones - are the students expected to have headphones on for instruction all day? What are they to be used for?	<p>Students are encouraged to bring headphones if they have them.</p>
At home, parents or others are able to help the students sign-in and handle tech issues, who's doing that in class for example logging into the wifi? Will the school network handle the bandwidth for all the students and staff?	