



2026

Thursday, August 20th,

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 5:46pm

Attendees: Mr. Hathaway, Liz Krugliak, Chantel Koker, Staci Altman, Amy-Lynn Pelaez, Brandi Mark, Kat Eaton, Elaine Leaning, Tanya Dunning, Julie Gropper, Alexis Dzion, Holly FRandsen, Amber Showater, Beth White, Brittany Housley, Chelsea O'Keefe, Samantha Gagnon, Catrina Prost, Scott DesRoches, Lacey DesRoches, Kenda McClintic, Camille Gordon, Samantha Pounds, Brianna Gracie, Ashley Roccio, Stacy Ann Cornell, Isabel Doerbecker, Nicole Napolitano, Colleen Salinas, Manon Reeves

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Staci approved. Chantel seconded.

Welcome and Introductions Board introductions

Principal Hathaway's Report:

1. Introduced himself
2. SAC meetings will be 4x per year now, did not have one tonight, encouraged all round join
3. Resource scheduled has changed to a 6 day rotation (ABCDEF), we now have STEM- Ms. Sherman moved from 4th, music, art- new hire Ms. Grey, PE x2 and media
4. Took a "field trip" to the new elementary STEM room
5. Added A/B lunches for middle school, too many scholars to have one lunch
6. The district has implemented a new food policy due to allergies, permission forms now required for all food/snacks distributed through classrooms, currently discussing a plan for PBIS snacks for middle schools students
7. Class ratios have changed; K-3rd was 18:1, now 20:1, 4th-5th was 22?:1, now 24:1 for all core classes. Dean-Thornell floats among kindergarten classes, Oldrup is working with Ms. Antol in 4th, 5th grade needed to add 2 new hires at the start of the year (apologies for the last minute teacher assignments), MS is well balance with teachers but electives are full, planning to add an additional elective STEM
8. Regarding dress code, the no slides is not a district policy but an ask by HCA for safety reasons. Also reviewed dress code policy regarding, shirts, shorts length and rolling shorts., which can be found in the Code of Conduct

Executive items:

1. President's Report

1. Thank you for coming, added many new chairpersons this year
2. So far this year we had a successful event with Popsicles at the Playground for kindergarten families, ordered umbrellas for the picnic tables
3. Check the PTO website for many volunteer opportunities, our PTO is welcoming and inclusive to everyone and we want open communication
4. Please follow the chain of command when needing to get in touch, on-going committees such as room parents coordinators or teacher appreciation for example please reach of to Staci, event committees please reach out to Beth and Chantel, budget or website questions go to Amy-Lynn, and Google Drive updates should go to Carly.

5. When signing up for events, for example picture day, please don't take the whole day right away, give others a chance to sign up too. You can absolutely stay longer, but we'd like others to have the chance to volunteer as well.
6. Committees are able to create their own Sign Up Geniuses but please reach out if you need help.
7. Beth is the #1 for events, she is like your personal ChatGPT and knows all of the paperwork needed

2. Membership/Volunteer Report

1. Meet the Teacher was successful, bringing in 92 new memberships
2. Would like the new room parents to share the PTO info on joining and where to find volunteer opportunities

3. Treasurer's Report

1. In our account as of 8/20/26: \$90,240
2. Actual collected since inception: \$72,624
3. Actual expenses since inception: \$25,877

Approval items: budget Staci and Chantel approved; new for this year are teacher grants

Review of accomplishments and impact:

1. Successful 1st year (did not have flyer handy to display accomplishments)
2. Would like to do more giveback this year

Reminder: website and communication channels Website looks great, Hurricane Headquarters is where you find spirit wear and PE uniforms, chairpersons are listed on site, please reach out if you would not like your name on their

Upcoming activities and Chairperson reports:

1. Middle School Skate Night:

1. Samantha presented; 9/4 "Glow Back to School" at Skate Station
2. This year we are combining with FCA
3. Is a drop off event but parents may stay if you think your child needs supervision
4. Will need volunteers; encourages presale of tickets
5. Planning more middle school events this year

2. Goodies with Grands:

1. Brittany presented; 9/11 in the cafeteria
2. Volunteers needed, high schoolers are welcome
3. Will have a Photo Booth, balloon arches
4. Need more food donations; in talks with Dunkin and Costco
5. Tickets sales at 41% currently

3. Book Fair:

1. Chantel presented; Scholastic book fair 9/10-17 in the 300 hallway this year
2. Teacher preview 9/9
3. Will need volunteers, waiting on class scheduled to completed
4. Parents are welcome to shop with their child

4. Sunshine Cart

1. Stacy and Julie presented; first cart will be 9/10; planning for the 2nd Thursday of the month
2. Donations needed 2 days prior to allow them to assess stock and check expiry dates!!
3. Love bringing sunshine to staff; make them take at least 5 items
4. First cart will be the whole school, thereafter they alternate between upstairs and downstairs
5. Bin in office for collections

5. Teacher Appreciation

1. Holly presented; will be doing something monthly and celebrating all staff holidays; purchased umbrellas for RAIN theme
2. 9/16 doing caramel apple bar again- big hit last year, October- Hallo-wings, November- make a lanyard & coffee bar
3. Encouraged to share pictures with Liz and Staci or upload to the google drive

6. Room Parent

1. Samantha presented; planning to hold a room parent meeting as soon as she hears from the remaining teachers
2. Co-room parents can evenly distribute tasks
3. As she received the Staff Favorites they will updated on the website; allergies/diet and "does not need" listed

7. Partners in Education

1. Laura not here, Liz presented; so far 21 sponsors this year totaling \$47,500
2. Grateful to all of our sponsors
3. Planning 2 events this year for them
4. State Farm rep (Brandy) in attendance thanked the entire room for the breakfast

8. Trunk or Treat (thinking ahead)

1. Kendra presented; 10/16, first community event, Carnival theme
2. Encourages trunks to be decorated or offer a game
3. Planning more games this year to encourage kids from going through loop again
4. Save the Date coming soon; PIE will receive this first, small entrance fee for businesses that want to join who are not sponsors
5. Using the larger parking lot this year, asking if food trucks can use bus lane; hoping for 10% give back to fundraise
6. Looking for candy donations and yard games

9. Raise Craze (thinking ahead)

1. Camille presented; 11/6 kickoff, runs through 11/16 with Fun Run on 11/20, replacing Boosterthon
2. Will include acts of kindness while asking for money, some examples of community kindness acts are making Veterans Day cards, food drive, book drive @ Linda Lees ice cream, possible trash clean up; kids win prizes throughout
3. Volunteers will be needed to bag and distribute prizes, help with Fun Run and MS Color Run
4. Elementary will have a superhero fun run with possibly obstacles, MS will have the Color Run
5. Fundraiser coming up are Spirit wear Pop Up at the RT Fall Festival 10/10, Chick-fil-a 12/17 and ongoing Name Bubbles

Upcoming calendar items:

1. 8/28: First Spirit Friday --- sign up on the website, we dress up and have a good time passing out prizes
2. 9/4: Middle School Skate Night
3. 9/7: No school
4. 9/8: Open house (grades K-3)
5. 9/10-9/17: Book Fair
6. 9/11: Goodies with Grands
7. 9/15: Open house (grades 4-8)
8. 9/25: No school
9. 10/12: No school
10. 10/16: Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival
11. 11/6: Raise Craze Kick-off
12. 11/12: Veterans Breakfast--- moved to 11/10

13. 11/12: PTO Meeting (in the a.m.)— in person meetings now quarterly, alternating morning and evening times as requested in the survey results; will have chairperson meetings in between

Meeting adjourned: 7:11pm

Signed:

Chantel Koker, HCA PTO Co-VP