



January Hanover Parent Teacher Alliance Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Topic	Details
Executive Board Updates	<p><u>Meaghan Hohl, PTA President:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on final calendar of events for remainder of school year • Setting goal for 2025-2026 to finalize calendar in summer of 2025 • Working with Social and Community Engagement Committee on a trivia night event for the spring • Looking forward to Christina Apfel (PTA Vice President) presenting at the School Committee meeting in February • Welcoming our new incoming Center School reps, Meg D'Andrea and Erin Overbey, who met this week to begin a transition from Shannon Harmon • Communicating with Choose Booster about a possible fun run in the fall, pending schools' input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Next steps: planning to put a call out for feedback from the schools before moving forward <p><u>Nicole Duggins, PTA Treasurer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared that we currently have about \$100k in funding, which we expect to use about half of in the coming months for programming • Highlighted recent investments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Anti-bullying programming for high school and middle school students ◦ Blue Man Group programming for Center students ◦ Teacher appreciation the first Tuesday of every month <p><u>Christina Apfel, PTA Vice President:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared that PTA offers high school seniors whose parents are involved in the PTA the opportunity to apply for scholarships • Currently working on program for this year and have funds already set aside, but are awaiting next steps
Building Rep Updates	<p><u>High School, Matthew Mattos (Principal) and Jodie Phillips (Rep)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation process - takes place every ten years, and we have NEASC visit coming up in Nov. 2025



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps: PTA to be involved with visit, coordinate snacks and food for the NEASC reps, support other asks in preparation <p><u>Middle School, Alica Chiiasson and Chrissy Hoadley (Reps)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focusing on helping to get the library back up and running - recently met to restock and organize the library and are now focusing on having volunteers to staff it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps: Brittany to apply for library grant for additional supplies in collaboration with the schools, potentially tapping high school librarian for support and sign off ● Assembled planning committee and kicking off planning for eighth grade spring fling <p><u>Center, Jane DeGrenier (Principal) and Shannon Harmon (Rep)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning upcoming events, including culture show (second grade), mini musical (third grade), and a Titanic field trip (fourth grade) ● Looking forward to upcoming Blue Man Group event, supported by donation from the PTA ● Seeking yearbook volunteers with current volunteer stepping back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps: Erin Overbey and Lindsey Chase to support ● Welcoming new Assistant Principal, Kristen Sciulli, with an already smooth transition ● Collaborating with Cedar to streamline spirit days across the two schools and more widely, where possible, to eliminate confusion <p><u>Cedar, Ellen Burns (Principal) and Eliza Kennedy and Diana Biega (Reps)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared updates on fall and winter events, including the pumpkin stroll, kindergarten playdate, gingerbread house celebration, and turkey trot ● Implemented new gift bags for incoming kindergarteners and are in conversation about giving those out in the spring at the kindergarten screening dates ● Currently planning for One Book, One School in April and May, as well as field trips coming up to the Police and Fire (first graders) and the farm (pre-K and kindergartners)
Committee	<u>Social Media, Brittany Bailey and Lindsey Chase</u>



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Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting off new series to showcase PTA members and will be in touch for next steps Seeing good success using the Social Media Intake Form - the earlier the better to share requests with Brittany and Lindsey Working on highlighting PTA investments across social channels (i.e. typing class as the Middle School) - reach out with any ideas there Ask: members to share social posts from the PTA on their own social channels to boost awareness and engagement <p><u>Passive Fundraising, Lauren Delaney and Erin Bertrand</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on calendar of events for remainder of school year, focused on not oversaturating and alleviating any overlap for larger impact Coordinated events in the fall, including a gift wrapping event at Evviva, VIP Tires partnership, and Toy Box event Looking ahead to the spring, looking at hosting something with Sullivans (Jan. or Feb.) and offering dumpster drop offs for donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps: lock in dates and socialize and consider adding shredding partner to dumpster event <p><u>Active Fundraising, Chris Tracy and Tim Brown</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed active fundraising is done for the school year <p><u>Social and Community Engagement, Diana Biega and Lauren Nauman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning trivia event for the spring <p><u>Teacher Appreciation, Trish Sullivan and Caitlin Imbrogna</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback on teacher appreciation Continuing to plan appreciation for first Tuesday of every month
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed need to build awareness of importance of voting in the town meeting on May 5 to make voices heard on the budget