

**Thematic Learning Community PTO
Hooker Oak Elementary School
Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024**

Meeting Called to Order at 5:33 pm

A. Introductions & Attendance (voting, committee members, and principal only):

Co-Moderators(2): Michelle Palmquist Amanda Harris	Events Coordinators(2): Sarah Van Hout Selina Barrera
Secretary(1): Olivia Wilson	Parent Commitment Coordinator (2):
Treasurers(2): Lindsay Fee Mallory Serrao	Corporate Liaison(1): Vacant
Publicity Coordinator(1): Vacant	Principal: Emily Mullins
Green Committee: Kristen Varga	Arts Committee: Jenn Brown

B. Appreciations:

- a. Appreciation for the work done on the TK/Kindergarten yard.
- b. Appreciation for Francisco (parent) for Jog-A-Thon water donations and to teachers for their help in getting t-shirt sizes for students' field trip shirts.
- c. Appreciation for staff room improvements.
- d. Appreciation for Selina's reliability for upcoming events when Sarah had some other commitments.

C. Action Items

- a. Olivia made a motion to approve the May and August 2024 meeting minutes, Michelle seconded, no discussion, motion passed without opposition.
- b. Amanda made a motion to approve the drafted bylaws as of September 14, 2024 as presented, Michelle seconded. Discussion of the changes ensued, motion passed without opposition.

D. Teachers' Reports:

- a. **Third Grade:** Mrs. Tracie and Mrs. Kelly shared about the upcoming field trip to the bowling alley as part of the motion theme and after which their first essay will be written. The next theme will be government. The students are very excited about the cursive unit.

E. Classroom Reps:

- a. Sp-ed: Students are exploring hidden rules, expected and unexpected behaviors, emotions, and brain functions.
- b. TK: The focus is on learning classroom routines and colors. To foster community, students shared personal items from home.
- c. Kindergarten: Engaged in the ABC bootcamp theme, preparing for an upcoming ABC fashion show. Classroom routines and school rules are also being emphasized.
- d. 1st grade: Concentrating on phonics and addition, with an emphasis on strategies for solving word problems. Students completed a "Me on the Map" project for homework.
- e. 2nd grade: A field trip to the Gateway Science Museum is planned.
- f. 3rd grade: Themes include change, fairy tales, and seeds. Students wrote poems about change and will soon attend a fairytale play at Laxon.
- g. 4th grade: Students have participated in two field trips with more planned, including a spring visit to the state capital. Appreciation is extended to those who supported the animal shelter drive.
- h. 5th grade: The curriculum covers governmental processes and long division in mathematics.

F. PTO Committees' Reports

- a. Arts Committee: The committee is working with the Events Coordinators on the changes to the Art Show.
- b. Green Committee: The Nature Center clean up day was successful. Mrs. Groody is assisting with the coordination students' clean up days. Another clean up day is being planned for mid-October and Sprouties will be offered to incentivize attendance.
- c. Staff Room Updates Committee: An update was given on current improvements and a discussion of the approval process for expenditures within budget.

G. PTO Officers' Reports:

- a. **Co-Moderators:** An update on the schedule of those scheduled to attend the upcoming staff meetings.
- b. **Treasurers:** A general financial update was given.
- c. **Events Coordinators:**
 - i. Skate Night at CalSkate had a great turnout.
 - ii. Fundraising for Jog-A-Thon is going well and preparations are underway for the event.
- d. **Corporate Liaison:** No report
- e. **Publicity Coordinator:** No report

f. **Parent Commitment Coordinator:** No report

H. Principal's Report:

- a. Fall blood drive is coming up on October 23.
- b. Excited about the first Sprouty Store on October 4. A reminder that the Sprouty Store also accepts gently used toys as donations.
- c. Wellness Store is taking donations, especially for snacks.

I. Old Business: None

J. New Business:

- a. Discussion of other outdoor improvements and the solicitation for skilled parents who can help on specific projects. A request for specific projects will be posted in the Sprouty News.
- b. Classroom disbursements to be discussed next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Next meeting Monday, October 21, 5:30 pm