
Hickory Grove Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

February 10, 2026

Attendees:

Jeremy Etnyre, Gretchen Primeau, Elizabeth Fung, Suzie Jeziorczak, Rhiannon Rotondo, Courtney Pierce,, Nicole Scott, Grant Day, Roxanne Olmsted, Courtney Young, Mary Robben, Emily Taylor, Judy Oler, Leah Santee, Cassie Wells, Christy Daily, Tiffany Eccles, Fangpin Yang, Katlin Reardon

Not In Attendance:

Annie Cohen, Karla Anderson-Sarquis, Megan Krisher

Meeting Minutes:

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

II. **Welcome and President's Report - Gretchen Primeau**

- a. We are working on the PTO board slate for next year. We are working to have ready in March for voting in April.
- b. Reminder to put in your name for tonight's door prize drawing.

III. **Principal's Report - Jeremy Etnyre**

- a. The guest speaker is Mr Johnson, principal at Dunlap Middle School. Mr Johnson spoke about opportunities for incoming sixth grade families to get involved in the parents club. They like to have representation at 6th, 7th, and 8th grade level. Not as time consuming at middle school level. One fundraiser for the year that has done well and helped revamp gym and directional signs at the school. Email him with any questions. Sixth grade orientation will be coming in the spring.
- b. HGES Upcoming events
 - i. Field trip for third grade Wednesday, Feb 11 to Riverfront Museum
 - ii. SIP day Friday, Feb 13 and classroom valentines parties. No prek bright futures but they will have family fun event that day.
 - iii. Student Resource Officers Appreciation Day Sunday, Feb 15
 - iv. Presidents Day no school Monday, Feb 16
 - v. St Jude Store and Board of Education meeting Wednesday, Feb 18
 - vi. Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser for American Heart Association Monday, Feb 23

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- vii. Tornado drill Tuesday, Feb 24
- viii. Restaurant Night at Culvers on Centerway Drive Tuesday, Feb 24
- ix. Music program for second and third grade Thursday, Feb 26
- x. End of third quarter Friday, March 6
- xi. Jim "Basketball" Jones Assembly ("The Power of Yet") Friday, March 6
- xii. SIP day Friday, March 13
- c. 5 Essential Survey - Please fill out. We need 20 percent participation
- d. 2025-26 School registration
 - i. Incoming Kindergarten students must be 5 years old
 - ii. SNAP codes will come late in March for both new and returning families. Good opportunity to pay online if you want to do that.
- e. School supply lists are being reviewed by grade level teams now.

IV. **Teacher's Report – Jenny Lawless, Lindsay Brown, Lori Cunningham**

- a. Thank you for all the support and looking forward to Olive Garden lunch on Friday.
- b. Second grade is learning cursive and taking ownership in that. Parents volunteered to read to the class for world read aloud day and everyone enjoyed that. March Madness basketball event coming to the second grade. Information will be sent for second graders to bring one special guest.

Officer's Reports:

V. **Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Fung**

- a. Elizabeth may be revamping the reimbursement form and is looking for feedback from anyone who uses it. Any other budget questions, ask her.

VI. **Secretary's Report – Suzie Jeziorczak**

- a. Met quorum with 17 board members present.
- b. Mary Robbins made a motion to approve January minutes, Nicole Scott seconded that motion. Minutes were approved by everyone.

VII. **Vice-President of Communication – Courtney Pierce**

- a. Communication form updated as time had lapsed. Courtney registered with a new email and shared. The form is also available on the website.

VIII. **Vice-President of Fundraising – Rhiannon Rotondo**

- a. Music bingo night did have some fundraising. Thank you to Shermans and Integrity Solutions for sponsoring.
- b. Rhiannon reached out to Country Financial and they have reached fundraising quota for the quarter and to contact for next quarter.

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- c. Thank you to The ISI Companies for sponsoring 5th grade ice cream social in May.
- d. Considering live auction for the spring Rock the Stage event and March Madness event to bid on gift cards donated by companies.

IX. Vice-President of Membership – Cassie Wells

- a. Anyone interested in open position, email Cassie.
- b. Slate committee meeting soon with the goal to have ready by March meeting and vote at April meeting.

X. Committee Reports

Events - Judy Oler

- a. Music Bingo Night was successful with sponsors. We overbought concessions and will use extras for other events. Thank you to Courtney Pierce for the DJ and prizes.
- b. Donuts with dudes for third grade on March 20
- c. Rock the Stage May 1 - looking for ideas for entertainment such as a talent show, band, dance a thon or game night. 3 food trucks already booked and considering balloon artist and face painting. Let Judy know if you would like to be on the planning committee.

Cultural Fair - Megan Krisher

- a. The committee is meeting on Thursday, Feb 12 at 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and help is needed for the event April 11.

Outdoor Learning Center - Emily Taylor

- a. No updates; Ramp and railing almost completed

Spirit Wear - Annie Cohen (absent)

- a. No update. Will open store in Spring

Restaurant Nights - Grant Day

- a. Restaurant night at Potbellys made \$500. Thank you again to Potbellys for their generous support.
- b. Next restaurant night Tuesday, Feb 24 at Culvers on Centerway 5-8 pm. Thank you to Mr Entryne and teachers who are volunteering to work shifts. No flyers needed that night.
- c. Grant is researching potential restaurant night in April at Great Harvest.

Staff Appreciation - Roxanne Omstead, Courtney Young

- a. All set for Olive Garden and ice cream on Friday, Feb 13.

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- b. Roxanne and Courtney would like to hear from teachers and staff what they like for staff appreciation week.

Yearbook - Nicole Scott

- a. Nicole sent order forms for the yearbook and will send reminders until April.
- b. Fifth grade ads are due Feb 20.

Fundraising Programs - Tiffany Eccles

- c. Low for all programs. Tiffany is now connected to all accounts.
- d. Boxtops - 9 users in January. Considering posting reminders of the Boxtop app on social media. All you have to do is scan the receipt.
- e. Raise Right - 2 users in January. Need to build awareness and demo at Back to School Night.
- f. Kroger - low usage

Book Fair - Kaityln Reardon

- a. Looking at dates for next year to avoid fall fundraiser or consider moving fall fundraiser to spring.

Accelerated Reader - Christy Daily (absent)

- a. No updates

Copy Coordinator - Mary Robben

- a. No updates

School Supplies - Fangping Yuan

- a. Waiting on school supply list once finalized from Mr Etnyre. Need to get advertising yard signs out earlier this year.

Room Parent - Karla Anderson-Sarquis (absent)

- b. No updates

XI. **Open Discussion - Old Business, New Business**

- a. No new business
- b. Door prize raffle winner is Lori Cunningham
- c. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10

XII. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Supplemental Material & Written Reports

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