
Hickory Grove Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

April 21, 2026

Attendees:

Jeremy Etnyre, Gretchen Primeau, Elizabeth Fung, Suzie Jeziorczak, Rhiannon Rotondo, Courtney Pierce, Roxanne Olmsted, Courtney Young, Mary Robben, Megan Krisher, Annie Cohen, Grant Day, Tiffany Eccelles, Judy Oler

Not In Attendance:

Cassie Wells, Katlin Reardon, Nicole Scott, Fangpin Yang, Karla Anderson-Sarquis, Christy Daily, Emily Taylor

Meeting Minutes:

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM.

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

- a. Thank you for attending.
- b. The proposed PTO slate we will vote on tonight has been distributed.
- c. Reminder to put in your name for tonight's door prize drawing.

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

HGES Upcoming events

- a. Administrative Professionals Day April 22
- b. Spring STAR Testing April 22-May 6
- c. 1st grade (1T) field trip to Tippy Creek Bee Farm April 23
- d. 1st grade (1D and 1DS) field trip to Tippy Creek Bee Farm April 24
- e. 4th grade field trip to Northwoods Park April 24
- f. 1st grade (1DO and 1R) field trip to Tippy Creek Bee Farm April 27
- g. Kona Ice day April 28
- h. DMS 6th grade orientation at DMS - 5th grade students April 29
- i. After school band practice at BES April 29
- j. After school band practice at HGES April 29
- k. DMS 6th grade parent orientation at DMS - 5th grade parents April 29
- l. 5th grade field trip to Three Sisters Park April 30
- m. School Lunch Hero Day May 1
- n. HGES PTO Rock the Stage event May 1
- o. Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8
- p. 1st grade field trip to Discovery Museum May 5
- q. 4A, 4C, 4S field trip to Sommer Park May 5
- r. No school for Bright Futures May 6
- s. School Nurse Day May 6

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- t. KC and KM field trip to Wheels of Time Museum May 6
- u. 4th grade Famous Person presentations May 6
- v. After school band practice at BES May 6
- w. After school orchestra practice at HGES May 6
- x. KJ and KS field trip to the Wheels of Time museum May 7
- y. HGES & BES Band/Orchestra concert at HGES May 7
- z. Kindergarten field trip to Children's Museum May 8
- aa. 4H and 4M field trip to Sommer Park May 8
- bb. 5M and 5B Rocket Launch May 11
- cc. 4A - Ag in the Classroom field trip to Linden Farms Dairy Farm May 11
- dd. STARS - Field trip to Peoria Zoo May 12
- ee. 5G and 5W Rocket Launch May 12
- ff. PTO Meeting May 12

Updates / Announcements

- a. Field Day Friday May 15
 - 3rd - 5th grade (8:45 - 11:00 am)
 - K - 2nd grade (12:20 - 2:20 pm)
 - Rain date is May 18
- b. 5th Grade Awards Program is May 20 (8:15 - 9:15 am)
- c. Staffing for 2026-2027
 - Additional Counselor
 - Additional Resource Teacher
 - Mr Peacock - 3rd grade
 - Ms Trotter - 2nd grade

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent cultural fair.

IV. **Teacher's Report - Ryan Mayhew/Holly Webster**

- a. Thank you for the staff support making it an even better place to work.
- b. Upcoming activities: Kindergarten had grandparents day and ABC countdown. Field trips for Kindergarten to children museum, 1st Grade to Bee Farm, and 2nd grade to Wildlife Prairie Park.

Officer's Reports:

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

- a. Shared what happened since March.
- b. Elizabeth requests Remaining reimbursements by May 8th.
- c. Question - Does Raise Right send a receipt?

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VI. Secretary's Report - Suzie Jeziorczak

- a. Met quorum with 13 board members present.
- b. Elizabeth Fung made a motion to approve March minutes. Courtney Pierce seconded that motion. Minutes were approved by everyone.

VII. Vice-President of Communication - Courtney Pierce

- a. Everything is going well.

VIII. Vice-President of Fundraising - Rhiannon Rotondo

- a. We are working on gathering donations and items for auction at Rock the Stage. We did get a fire truck ride.
- b. We still need a replacement for the position.

IX. Vice-President of Membership - Cassie Wells (absent)

- a. Gretchen led voting for the proposed slate. Motion to approve slate was made by Roxanne Omstead. Mary Robbin seconded that motion. Slate was approved by everyone.

X. Committee Reports

Spirit Wear - Annie Cohen

- a. Spring store is opening and flyer will be sent on Friday.

Cultural Fair - Megan Krisher

- a. The event went smoothly this year with performers and volunteers. We had 300 student attendees (up from last year); less booths - 12 this year compared to 8 last year. Lots of good food. There were 15 total performances. Six countries represented with 6 baskets raising a total of \$400.
- b. We ordered new signs this year that can be reused.
- c. Megan has documented the process and will work with transitioning the role to Love Ugorji.

Events - Judy Oler

- a. The Rock the Stage event is May 1 from 5 - 7 pm. Judy sent out volunteer sign ups in 1 hour blocks. Working on silent auction baskets. There will be 4 food trucks. Everyone is encouraged to come even just for dinner. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. If you have large yard games we could use, please let Judy know. Flyers will be sent home.
- b. 5th grade ice cream is May 18 with Kamelas Creamery.

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Outdoor Learning Center - Emily Taylor (absent)

- a. Mr Enterye updated that we had 3 tons of mulch delivered and the cub scouts helped to spread.
- b. Thanks to Emily Taylor and family for planting 30 pine trees.

School Supplies - Fangping Yuan (absent)

- a. The portal is open to buy the school supply kits and a flyer was sent home. So far we have sold 52 kits.

Restaurant Nights - Grant Day

- a. Today is restaurant day at Great Harvest all day.
- b. We have raised almost \$3,000 for the year.
- c. The top fundraisers were Weavers, Culvers, Panera so we will likely do those next year.
- d. Grant wants to thank Mary Robben for distributing flyers and Chris Walker and Courtney Pierce for all your work on communications.

Staff Appreciation - Roxanne Omstead, Courtney Young

- a. Teacher appreciation sign ups went out today. We are providing lunch from Hickory River, a popcorn bar, and pie pockets from the Pie Doctor.

Yearbook - Nicole Scott (absent)

- a. We sold 450 yearbooks (50 less than last year). We will receive a check for the surplus of \$502.54 and will have 30 extra for the school to sell. With the 54 5th grade ad sales this puts us at an income of roughly \$4,700.
- b. Yearbooks should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. Nicole will label and drop them off at school.
- c. For next year, Nicole would like to work closely with the incoming room parent coordinator to get photos.

Fundraising Programs - Tiffany Eccles

- a. We have still had very little activity. Box tops around \$150 for the year.
- b. Discussion of distributing flyers with all three programs to send out at the end of year and have a table at orientation.

Book Fair - Kaityln Reardon

- a. We have scheduled Spring coin wars and the book fair. Dates look good and spaced well with direction donation and fundraisers in the fall.

Accelerated Reader - Christy Daily (absent)

- a. Suggestion to have volunteers help with super readers programs and remind teachers how to use the program.

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Copy Coordinator - Mary Robben

- a. Everything is going well. Ask Fangping to connect on sending flyers for school supply kits.

Room Parent - Karla Anderson-Sarquis (absent)

No update.

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

- a. Suggestion to encourage PTO membership during school events such as the cultural fair and musical program. Courtney and Gretchen did a good job promoting at the cultural fair.
- b. Wear PTO shirts during the Rock the Stage event. Question about how to buy a PTO shirt. Follow up with Annie Cohen.
- c. Suggestion to place tall signs at events with QR codes with description of positions for visibility.
- d. Still looking to fill positions for VP of Fundraising and VP or Membership.
- e. Door prize winner is Grant Day.
- f. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm.

XII. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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Supplemental Material & Written Reports

Proposed PTO Slate for voting

Position	Terms	Name	From Year	End Year	Email	Phone
President	2	Rhiannon Rotondo	2026	2028	rhiannondmooney@gmail.com	727-742-6750
Treasurer	2	Elizabeth Fung	2025	2027	we.are.the.fungs@gmail.com	309-258-3040
Secretary	2	Suzie Jeziorczak	2025	2027	suziezi@gmail.com	309-657-7050
VP of Membership	1		2025	2028		309-857-5778
VP of Fundraising	1		2026	2028		
VP of Marketing/Communications	2	Courtney Pierce	2025	2027	courtneybickerman@yahoo.com	309-256-0242
Book Fair	1	Katlin Reardon	2025	2027	katlinreardon@gmail.com	309-657-4216
Spirit Wear	2	Annie Cohen	2025	2027	aparkin12@gmail.com	217-390-8685
Year Book	2	Nicole Scott	2026	2027	nm.scott28@gmail.com	309-265-4111
Restaurant Nights	1	Grant Day	2025	2027	grant.andrew.day@gmail.com	309-740-5899
School Supplies	2	Fangping Yuan	2025	2027	kanonyuan@gmail.com	309-213-1341
Staff Appreciation	1	Deanna Roman	2026	2028	d.hunter1180@gmail.com	309-648-7677
Staff Appreciation	1	Emily Starzynski	2026	2028	emily.starzynski@gmail.com	309-550-4686
Room Parent	2	Courtney Young	2026	2028	courtney.mcnay@gmail.com	309-536-3568
Accelerated Reader	2	Christy Daily	2025	2027	christydaily213@gmail.com	309-453-1775
Copy Coordinator	2	Mary Robben	2025	2027	sparklerobbenfamily@gmail.com	309-258-3474
Events	2	Judy Oler	2026	2027	judy.oler23@gmail.com	443-640-8376
Culture Fair	1	Love Ugorji	2026	2028	loveugorji@gmail.com	
Fundraising Programs	1	Tiffany Eccles	2025	2027	tiffany.eccles@gmail.com	309-241-7986
Outdoor Learning Center Project Manager	1	Emily Taylor	2025	2027	elarke@gmail.com	309-265-6607