



Harmony Elementary PTA

General Meeting - Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2025

5:30-6:00 pm Socialization and tacos

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Goshen Library Meeting Room

Executive Board Members

President, Allison Akers (pta.president.hes@gmail.com)

VP Programs, Caitlin Ryan (pta.programs.hes@gmail.com)

VP Membership/Communications, Andrea Hoggard (pta.communications.hes@gmail.com)

VP Fundraising, Erika Furlong (pta.fundraising.hes@gmail.com)

Treasurer, Maral Etienne (pta.treasurer.hes@gmail.com)

Financial Secretary, Kaley Bennett

Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Sorg

In Attendance: Allison Akers, Desiree Chastain, Jessica Ulrich, Elizabeth Sorg, Bryn Taday, Chelsea Boyle, Christina White, Amy Vandever, Kaley Bennett, Jennifer Sherrard, Whitney Griffin, Liz Carver, Gage Gilson, Adria Zeppa, Daisy Ramirez, Katie Waller, Stuart Armour, Kelly Fowler, Jessica Lees, Carolyn McManus, Caitlin Ryan, Disha Shah, Andrea Hoggard, David Fiorini, Maral Etienne

Welcome/Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Allison Akers, President.
- Introduction of everyone present at meeting, 25 present

Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Sorg

- Minutes not needed to be approved for this meeting as this is the first of the 2025-2026 school year

A Message from Principal/Teachers, David Fiorini

- Thanks to all those in attendance
- Reinforcing the community involvement and engagement just comes back to nourish/fulfill the kids.

President's Report, Allison Akers

- Positions to fill (Website Admin, Harvest Coordinator, Spirit Wear Coordinator, Winter Event Coordinator, Community Rewards Coordinator)
- 2025-26 Goals (Increase parent engagement, fundraise for cafeteria revamp and purchase poster making machine, bring back Harvest, bring back Husky Hustle, celebrate teachers all year round).
- Review of 2025-26 PTA Calendar Highlights

Treasurer's Report, Maral Etienne

- Overview of expenses of 2024-2025 spending (raised approximately \$60,000, spent \$54,681)
- PTA membership dipped last year to 65 PTA members
- Fundraising goal for 2025-26 is approximately \$70,000

- want to increase teacher spending allotment to \$150 per teacher
- want to purchase poster printer
- cafeteria revamp will cost approx. \$72,000 divided over several years
- community events – \$17,000
- spoiling teacher and students – \$40,000

- Proposal to change bylaws to increase dues from \$5 to \$7. (KY PTA has allowed all PTAs to raise dues by \$2 to cover increased rates). Amy Vandever motioned to increase membership rates to \$7 and Christina White seconded the motion.

VP & Committee Chair Reports, Caitlin Ryan & Committee Chairs

- Membership drive – reviewed incentives for PTA membership per class
- Fundraising – Erika Furlong heading this committee this year. Fundraising opportunities (raffle, Husky Hustle, Harvest, Spirit Wear sales, sponsorships, restaurant nights, cookie dough sales, chili cook off, and family fun nights).
- PTA Raffle taking place between Aug 18-22nd (raffle prizes include bedtime story with select teachers, special activities to school events, behind the scenes tour with Mr. Fiorini, fire drill helper, principal for the day, etc).
- Biggest fundraiser for the year will be Husky Hustle Fun Run (Sept 12)
- Discussed Harvest date/time options (either Friday, November 7th evening time or Sunday November 9th in the mid-afternoon time).
- Also discussed type of gathering options (either Harvest Hop with bounce houses, food trucks, carnival games and prizes or Boo Says Halloween is Over with haunted hallways, food trucks, a few of the carnival games, and prizes)
—> will vote on these options at next August meeting
- New logo unveiled
- Reviewed Volunteer opportunities (room parent, classroom volunteer, copy room help, even committees, field day, library helpers, school supplies distribution, and non-homeroom appreciation lunches
- Reviewed opportunities for working parents (attend meetings, read meeting minutes, weigh in, offer professional skills, donate supplies or services, micro-volunteering, advocate and promote, ask PTA what they need).
- Request for 2 volunteer spots (hand out school supplies on August 6th and writing note of appreciation for ancillary support staff).
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Open Forum/Anything else?

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Announcements/Upcoming Events

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Next Meeting August 13th, 9:30am-10:30am.at Goshen Library Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm, without further business or other open floor discussion. Motion to end meeting by Caitlin Ryan, second by Andrea Hoggard.