

Huddleston PTO March 2026 Meeting Notes

Date: March 6, 2026, Time: 8:00am

I. Call to order and welcomed Natasha Greenstein at 8:07am.

II. Treasurer's Update: Treasurer Deanna Kattner reviewed Treasurer report.

Things were a little slow, but we're seeing momentum pick back up this month with the Spring Carnival and the landscape project. Overall, everything is looking good and we're on track to meet our goal. Spirit Nights are performing exceptionally well—well above our expectations—which is helping offset the areas where sponsorships are coming in lower than planned.

III. Principal's Update: Mr. Noland- Principal

a. **Spring Student-Led Conferences:** Great turnout in the fall; hoping for similar participation this spring. Opportunity for students to display their work to parents.

- **Time:** 7:10–7:40 AM
- **Tuesday, March 24:** 2nd & 3rd grades
- **Wednesday, March 25:** 1st & 4th grades
- **Thursday, March 26:** Kindergarten & 5th grades

b. 90-Day Impact Review: Achievement levels are consistent with last year; steady but always aiming for improvement.

c. Spring Beautification Days: Strong turnout for the landscaping project. Planning one after-school cleanup day per month with parent and student volunteers. Projects will be small, kid-friendly, and focused on campus areas like the courtyard.

d. Continuous Needs Assessment: Looking for 10–12 parents to participate.

e. Literacy Roundtable: Purpose: Explain elementary literacy and increase family involvement. Dates to be shared soon. Aim to schedule during school hours for parent convenience. Focus on creating a practical plan to support literacy at home. ELA standards have changed; parents will be informed on how to support children.

Attendee Suggestions:

Include literacy discussions during parent–teacher conferences.

Offer a summer reading challenge with three small assignments from teachers.

f. School Council Seats: Google form coming for next year's nominations.

Meetings required at least twice a year; goal is four times. Will cover school updates, data, and planning.

g. Budget & Staffing Updates: Board Meeting (March 23) and more details will be shared once approved. Pending approvals:

Class Projections: 5th grade: 5 classes 4th grade: 5 classes All other grades: 4 classes (pending approval) Kindergarten projected for 4 classes, based on enrollment.

Hiring season underway: Floyd retiring. Powell and Frank transitioning so entire new Pre-K team. 5th grade teacher Sanders is retiring this year.

County tax exemptions affecting school budgets; Huddleston will feel the impact next year.

IV. Outdoor Classroom: Big Thank you to Mr. Noland and the families that helped get all the rock laid down. Now completed and open for lunch visitor and outdoor learning!

V. Board Member: We are currently in need of a Treasurer and would love someone to begin now so they can shadow Deanna. We are also looking for volunteers interested in shadowing for Secretary and Vice President roles for next year.

VI. Committees/Volunteers: Committee work has been going strong. A full list of committees, along with contact information, is available on the website. Carly chair of hospitality has begun planning and is looking for help, especially with finding community partners willing to provide donations. (Event dates: April 13–17). Jessica, chair of Landscape committee, will need additional support for upcoming projects.

VII. BoxTops: Continue promoting Box Tops—collections are going great! Jessica, our chair have a table at the carnival with a raffle and will help families sign up and learn how to scan receipts to earn money for our school.

VIII. Spring Carnival – March 7th at 4:00 PM. We still have plenty of opportunities for volunteers—any help is appreciated! Entry gate raffle: \$1 per ticket. Featuring 17 vendors and a food truck. Performances from JC Booth Dance Team and ABB Karate. Bounce houses will be open until 7:00 PM. The movie Ice Age will begin around 6:30 PM, planned for outdoors in the back school parking lot. If weather becomes an issue, it will be moved to the gym. Please invite friends—this event is open to everyone, not just Huddleston families!

XI. Community Connection Bash: Has been rescheduled and going in a different direction. This Spring was going to happen this Spring but will be postponed to next year.

X. Ice Cream Volunteers: In need of volunteers for Weds and Friday. Sign up has been sent out on Parent Square and Facebook. Grandparents are welcome too.

XI. Upcoming Spirit Nights: March 18th TCBY 3pm-8pm and April 21st Partners Pizza 12pm- to close at both locations.

XII. Next PTO Meeting: April 3, 2026, 8am

XIII. Other Business: None

XIV. Meeting Adjourned: 8:49am

Attendees:

Natasha Greenstein, Devan Klucas, Deanna Kattner, Kate Ingram, Jessica Kopec, Sabrina Miller, Josh Noland, Maeve Irvin, Carly Ellis, Maelle Soudais, Sebastien Soudais, Cara Lempka, Kourtney Sorensen, April Starrett, Julie Anewalt, Beth Yeager