

Huddleston PTO October 2025 Meeting Notes

Date: October 10, 2025, Time: 8:00am

- I. Call to order and welcomed by Natasha Greenstein at 8:05am.
- II. Treasurer's Update: Treasurer Deanna Kattner not able to attend. Will review report along with Boosterthon numbers next month.
- III. Principal's Update: Mr. Noland not able to attend.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Lisa Ivaska with Midwest FoodBank. Lisa Ivaska from Midwest FoodBank shared volunteer opportunities for individuals and families (ages 5+). The organization supports nonprofits that serve the public by receiving bulk food donations (often misprinted or blemished items) from companies, repackaging them into family-sized portions, and distributing them to agency partners helping those in need. She highlighted their mission: *"Love thy neighbor. Together we drive change."* Midwest FoodBank originated in Illinois in 2003 and now has 7 employees and over 5,000 volunteers in Peachtree City. They also provide disaster relief services. Volunteer opportunities are structured around school schedules, with group sizes ranging from 20 to 50. A special volunteer event is planned for **Monday, November 24**, during the first day of Thanksgiving break, with **three time slots available** for families to sign up. Sign-ups will be handled directly through Midwest FoodBank, and a link will be provided closer to the end of October. For more information or to sign up, visit: <https://midwestfoodbank.org/georgia>
- V. Spirit wear: Shirts have been distributed. Any extras will be sold at events.
- VI. Boosterthon: Amazing Week! We made our GOAL!!! Prizes will be sent to school hopefully by end of next week or the beginning of next and will be distributed to kids' classrooms.
- VII. Outdoor Classroom: Tables have been put together and waiting on umbrellas. Mr. Noland is working on some landscaping to begin soon. Remove remainder of grass and fill it with rock beds. Getting quotes and hoping to move forward soon.

- VIII. Website: Deanna and Amanda have worked very hard on our PTO website, heshoundspto.com here is where you will find all things PTO. We will utilize sign up genius and parent square for other forms of communication.
- IX. Committees/Volunteers: Committees have been going strong. List of committees can be located on the website, with contact info. Spirit night! Putters point was huge success. Next Spirit night/ event is Fun Spot in Fayetteville.
- X. BoxTops: Jessica our chair is hitting the ground running, every day we are raising more. So, download the app and scan those receipts.
- XI. Sponsorship Committee: Danny provided update. The Development Committee currently has 7 members and is actively growing our Business Partner Program, which offers a variety of advertising opportunities. Last year, we had 2 partners, and this year we're already up to 8! Please feel free to share this opportunity with any small businesses that may be interested in expanding their reach through our school community. Also, a big thank you to Sebastian for sharing his talents and creating fantastic Boosterthon videos that contributed to this year's success!
- XII. Cart or Treat Movie Night: October 24th 5:45pm-10pm Cart or Treat begins at 5:45, band will perform around 6:15pm and then movie begins at 7:15pm. Jazz Burger and Alsies Ice Cream trucks will be there. Movie will be Casper the Friendly Ghost. Will have drinks and popcorn for sale, spirit wear booth and box tops set up. We will need at least 10 more carts to sign up to continue with the event.
- XIII. Thanksgiving Feast: Feast will be November 5th & 6th. More info will be coming out soon. We will need volunteers for this.
- XIV. Upcoming Spirit Nights: October 11th Fun Spot America and November 18th Texas Roadhouse.
- XV. Meeting Adjourned: 8:34am

XVI. Attendees: Natasha Greenstein, Ms. Irvin, Devan Klucas, Danny Palma, Nicole Bello, April Starrett, Maelle Soudais, Sebastien Soudais, Kourtney Sorensen, Stacey Clarke, Laura Johnson, Karlin Davison.