

Huddleston PTO September 2026 Meeting Notes

Date: September 11, 2026, Time: 8:00am HES Hound Hub

I. Call to order and welcomed by Devan Klucas at 8:05am.

II. Treasurer's Update: Treasurer Sabrina Miller reviewed budget sheet. Recognized how well the Chick-Fil-A spirit night turned out earning our school \$350. Also shared information about the check PTO cut for Culture Arts who will have a Flamenco Dance assembly for our kids on 9/23/26.

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

a. HES block has started. It is important for students to arrive before 7:45 a.m. whenever possible. This aligns with the Student-Led Leadership Conferences. The conference will also be used to promote a cash-lead competition to raise funds for Boosterthon and avoid losing a percentage. A "pie in Noland's face" event during recess will serve as an incentive.

b. End-of-September Goal Getter Celebrations will recognize students who meet their goals. Celebration options include a glow-in-the-dark gym party and a library-based alternative for students who prefer a quieter environment. Josh will proactively identify students who are not meeting goals and work with them to modify goals as needed, helping ensure all students can participate in celebrations.

IV. Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear is being made and will be sent home in the week of Sept 14th. It will be sent home with your child.

V. Feeder School Event: Last Friday was the first ever MHS Feeder School night and it was a great success. A lot of hounds came out and was fun to see them on the field. This is something that may become a yearly event.

VI. Website: 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.

VII. Committees/Volunteers: We are currently seeking a Spirit Nights Chair to coordinate and manage these events. Additional volunteer opportunities include Rais Right, Ice Cream Sales, Hospitality, school events, the Media Center, Book Fair, and more. Please check ParentSquare and the school website for updates and sign-up opportunities.

VIII. Copier: At the end of the year, the copier that had been donated to the PTO more than six years ago stopped working, and replacement parts are no longer available. Anticipating this need, the PTO set aside funds last year for a replacement. Several options were explored, including purchasing a larger machine, outsourcing copies, and buying a smaller tabletop printer. After reviewing quotes, Danny recommended a Brother printer costing just over \$500. Because the purchase exceeds \$500, a vote was required. April motioned to approve the purchase, Erin seconded the motion, and the vote passed. The PTO approved the purchase of the new printer.

IX. Sponsorship Committee: Danny is looking for a co-chair to help lead the Sponsorship Committee and is happy to provide more details about the role. The sponsorship program is structured as a business partner program, where local businesses support the school in exchange for recognition through signage, marketing materials, and other advertising opportunities. Danny is serving his final year in this role, so anyone interested is encouraged to reach out. We are excited to welcome Brain Balance as our first Gold Sponsor of the school year.

X. Boosterthon: This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We have a lot of stuff we want to accomplish for Huddleston, and this could really help us. We will need everyone on board and really work hard to hopefully exceed our goal. Registration opens Sept. 14th, Kickoff is Oct. 1st, Booster Week is Oct. 5th-9th, Run day is Oct. 9th. Every REGISTERED student will get a free Great Wolf Lodge ticket if we reach our goal. Student MUST be registered to get the ticket. They don't have to do anything but register. If they are not registered, they will not get a pass.

XI. Cart or Treat: October 23rd 5:45pm. This is a great event. Info will start going on soon for people to sign up to host a golf cart. You will decorate your cart and pass out candy. You will provide your candy, and PTO will have a limited number of extra candies to refill if needed. We will do a movie in the GYM after trick or treating and band performance.

XII. Save the Date: Book Fair Sept 14th-18th and Cart or Treat Movie Night is coming up October 23rd info will go out soon, so those who are entering the Cart contest have time to figure it out. Helping Hounds Nov 23rd at Midwest Foodbank.

XIII. Upcoming Spirit Nights: So far have done great on the Spirit Nights we have had so far! Let's keep going. Sept 24th Beignets and Brews 3-7pm and Oct 6th Curious Pig.

XIV. Next PTO Meeting: October 2, 2026, 8am. Midwest Foodbank Speaker.

XV. Other Business: Counselor Mr. Tatum gave an amazing presentation about Resiliency and how parents can best help their kids in becoming a resilient person. Please see attached document for Mr. Tatum's presentation.

XVI: Meeting Adjourned: 9:05am

Attendees: Juliana Vera, Walter Pinochet, Abigail Stone, Molly Crumbie, Daniel Klucas, Meredith Mazzillo, Erin Faber, Julie Ulbrich, Maelle Soudais, Sebastian Soudais, Cizon Copeland, Patricia Graham, April Starrett, Josh Noland, Kim Baxter, Zoe Singleton, Devan Klucas, Sabrina Miller, Danny Palma, Mr. Tatum