

Huddleston PTO January 2026 Meeting Notes

Date: January 16, 2026, Time: 8:00am

I. Call to order and welcomed Natasha Greenstein at 8:03am.

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

- a. We are currently in need of a new treasurer, so please keep an eye out for potential candidates. We plan to post the position on ParentSquare next week. Ideally, we would like to fill the role sooner rather than later so the new treasurer can shadow the current one through the end of the year.
- b. Sponsorship Update: We are not on track to meet our sponsorship goal of \$15K—we're currently at \$5K, leaving a noticeable gap. However, we still have the Carnival ahead, and Boosterthon performed exceptionally well this year. We are hopeful that, as usual, we will still be able to provide a year-end check to the school. Spirit Night and Box Tops are both performing above expectations, and combined with Kroger Rewards, we anticipate strong totals by the end of the year. Jessica has been doing an excellent job leading these efforts. The overall goal is for sponsorships to cover all school event costs, allowing Boosterthon funds to go directly toward school needs such as field trips, Leader in Me, safe fall playground improvements, outdoor courtyard updates, and more. If sponsorships cover event expenses, we hope to provide another \$10–15K donation to the school at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in seeking sponsorships now or over the summer, Danny can provide the necessary forms.

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

- a. Box Tops are essentially free money for the school, but participation is low—our highest month had only 28 participants, and we're currently at 38. The Box Tops app is simple to use: scan a digital or paper receipt, and it automatically credits the school. Let's encourage more families to join in. Kroger Rewards is another easy way to help—families just select the school online, and a percentage of every grocery purchase comes back to us. Maelle suggested creating a "how-to" video to make sign-ups easier for parents.
- b. February 10 – Fine Arts & STEM Winter Olympics Night. Students will participate in STEM challenges and activities throughout the evening.
- c. Courtyard Workday (Date to be determined): We're organizing a volunteer day to finish the learning courtyard and work on the cafeteria courtyard. This will involve moving 7 cubic yards of rock, plus additional loads from Deanna's house. Maelle will post details on Facebook. Natasha will send the signup to Beta Club students.

Needed: wheelbarrows, buckets, and simple day-of tool donations to help us save money on labor.

- d. CCRPI Results: The school's final CCRPI score increased significantly from 86.5 to 96.1, placing us in the green for all sub-scores and ranking us as the 2nd highest elementary school in the district. This is a huge win for the school and community. The next major focus is literacy—ELA continues to be our greatest area of need. Teachers want to collaborate more closely with parents to support reading and conversations at home. Leadership is gathering input from parents, teachers, and the media center to provide better resources and strategies.
- e. School Council Elections: At the end of the year, we will elect a new School Council: 2 parents, 2 staff members, and 1 community representative. Meetings are held quarterly, with a focus on schoolwide needs across all grade levels. More details coming soon.
- f. Monthly Habit Meetings for Parents: We're in year three of Leader in Me, and starting in May, we will begin hosting monthly parent meetings to help families apply each monthly habit at home. This school-funded program includes many valuable parent resources. We also plan to expand student-led sessions from twice a year to quarterly.

IV. Outdoor Classroom: Tables have been put together and waiting on umbrellas. A workday will be taking place (date to be determined) to lay rocks. Sign up will go out. Getting there, almost ready to go. Thanks to HERNs, help with landscaping. Looking for help on 1/24.

V. 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 signs up genius and parent square for other forms of communication.

VI. Committees/Volunteers: Committees have been going strong. List of committees can be located on the website, with contact info.

VII. BoxTops: Jessica our chair is hitting the ground running, every day we are raising more. So, download the app and scan those receipts.

VIII. Sponsorship Committee: Danny provided update.

XI. Bingo Night: Feb. 6th 5:30pm start. 2 Shifts available, Johnnys Pizza available for dinner. If large enough waitlist may add 3rd session.

X. Book Fair: February 9th-13th. Sign up and more info coming out soon. Volunteer signups are coming soon.

XI. Spring Carnival: March 7th 4-6pm 6:20-8:00pm movie. Big changes for this event. Activities & Attractions: Bounce houses and inflatables, Zip line, obstacle course, and carnival-style games, Adopt-a-Pal station, Face painting, Sand art, and Vendor booths. Performances by the dance team and karate demo group. Music provided by Mr. Burns' speakers. Food options including Johnny's Jazz and a sweet treat vendor Note: We are not doing the cake walk or small school games this year. Additional tickets may be needed depending on which activities families want to enjoy. Raffle Baskets: Drawings will begin around 5:30 PM. Wrap-up by 6:15 PM so we can start the movie on time. Inflatables: Will remain open until 7:30 PM. Pricing: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 day-of. Thanks to major discounts from More Than Moonwalks, we've cut event costs in half while still expecting revenue comparable to last year.

XII. Holidays Around the World: Went well! Good turn out and lots of fun. Was amazing, thank you to all who participated and helped!

XIII. Community Connection Bash: The Community Connection Bash, originally scheduled for March 20th at MHS, has been postponed until Fall. This event will bring together all MHS feeder schools for the first time in a large, community-wide gathering. The vision for the event is similar to a night market, with school clubs and groups hosting booths. All profits from items sold will go directly back to the participating clubs. PTOs will contribute a booth fee to participate, and food trucks will return a percentage of their sales. Revenue will also be generated through drink sales. Our PTO plans to host a booth featuring spirit wear. Students will also have the opportunity to participate individually—there will be a \$10 booth fee for kids who want to sell their own items. The event will be open to the entire community when it launches in the Fall.

XIV. 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. Need help please. Need more volunteers. Danny will help by passing out flyers in car line. Even grandparents.

XV. Upcoming Spirit Nights: January 16th Fun Bowl in Fayetteville. Doing it again, they gave us a great percentage back last time.

XVI. Next PTO Meeting: February 6th 8am

XVII. Other Business: Tuesday Hospitality 4 pallets or donations from Wal-Mart. Thank you to Hospitality.

XVIII. Meeting Adjourned: 9:18am

XIX: Attendees: Natasha Greenstein, Josh Noland, Devan Klucas, Deanna Kattner ,
Danny Palma, Officer K, Maelle Soudais, Sebastien Soudais, Jessica Polish, Carly Ellis,
and Jacqueline Collins.