

## Huddleston PTO October 2024 Meeting Notes

October 8, 2024, 9:15am

I. Call to order and welcome by Natasha Greenstein at 9:19am.

II. Treasurer's Update: Deanna Kattner went over Treasurer's report.

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

A. October 15<sup>th</sup> is deadline to have grade level WIG scoreboards up.

B. In need of parent volunteers to continue Runch and Zero period.

C. School counsel will look different this year. There will be no formed student counsel this year, however these opportunities and activities will be with the Hearts in Action club.

D. Student clubs. There were over 200 requests from students. Mr. Noland and Mr. Tatum are reviewing and will get letters out to students and parents. It is on a first come bases from signup and unfortunately there will be a waitlist for those who did not receive a spot.

IV. Guest Speaker: Lisa Ivaska from Midwest Foodbank.

A. About: <https://midwestfoodbank.org/> A faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition and providing disaster relief. Our vision is to serve those in need with excellence, providing physical and spiritual nourishment.

B. Impact: Midwest Food Bank currently distributes nearly \$34 million worth of food to over 2,200 non-profits each month. They stand ready for disaster relief efforts and can get food-filled relief boxes to those in need, within 24 hours. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the valuable work of volunteers, and most importantly, the blessings of God, Midwest Food Bank now shares the blessings worldwide. In 2022, we distributed over \$415 million worth of food. All Fayette schools receive snacks from Midwest. Huddleston pickup snacks monthly to provide to classes.

C. Volunteer: PTO will create a signup to help Midwest in November. Please visit their website to find other volunteer opportunities as well.

V. Website:

A. Deanna and Amanda have worked very hard on our brand-new PTO website. [heshoundspto.com](http://heshoundspto.com) here is where you will find all things PTO. We no longer have Konstella and will be utilizing sign up genius and or parent square for sign ups and will make sure all flyers, forms and links are available on our website as well!

#### VI. Committees/Volunteers:

A. We have a big year planned and a ton of volunteer opportunities. Please go to [heshoundspto.com](http://heshoundspto.com) to sign up for volunteer positions. In addition to our regular volunteer opportunities, like Ice Cream Sales, events, media center, etc we have a couple new ones as well; AM Car Line Drop off and Lunch Recess. Ice cream volunteer signup will post later this week. Extremely needing AM Car Line Drop off volunteers.

#### VII. Boosterthon:

A. What a great Race Day we had! The kids all did awesome. We currently are just under \$23,000 raised. We have over \$3,000 eligible for Match donations. We will contact the parents who have not submitted to their employers yet and see if we can collect that amount and hopefully get us to at least \$25,000.

#### VIII. BookFair:

A. Book fair was great! We will have another in February. Preview family night will be Friday before and night of Valentine bingo night.

#### IX. Cart or Treat:

A. This Friday starts at 5:45pm for trick or treating and the Hounds band will begin around 6:15pm. Jazz Burger and Kona Ice trucks will be there. We will have tables to enjoy your meal with family and friends. If anyone still wants to set up a cart and pass out candy, please let us know!

#### X. Thanksgiving Feast:

A. Sign up will be going out this week for Thanksgiving Feast volunteers.

#### XI. Helping Hounds:

A. Working on volunteer opportunity with Midwest Food Bank will be November first day of break and possibly a time after school in December. November 25th- will send out an rsvp to let them know how many families can come help.

#### XII. Holidays Around the World:

A. December 14th. More info coming out soon! If your family would like to host a table from a different country, please let us know! Will partner up with Hearts in Action club on yard sale so they can have a table at the event too for shopping and raising money. Will leave table up so kids can also shop Monday morning at school.

XIII. Sponsors:

A. Danny Palma is hitting the ground searching for business sponsors in the community. If anyone has ideas of places or knows places, we should get in touch with please let us know. If you would like to help Danny and cover more areas that is great too!

XIV. Upcoming Spirit Nights:

A. October 22nd Curious Cantina Dine In only 4-9pm (Huddleston family) and November 9th Starlite Roller Rink 1-4pm

XV. Next PTO Meeting:

A. November 12th 9:15am in Hound Hub

XVI. Attendance:

A. April Starrett

B. Sara Painter

C. Kate Smith

D. Natasha Greenstein

E. Danny Palma

F. Deanna Kattner

G. Devan Klucas

Meeting Adjourned 10:00am