

Harper PTO

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Attendance: Jennifer Hessel, Christa Millstein, Katie Sluis, Ken McKim, Andrea Clark, Dhalia Garas, Beka Tsai, Kari Fisher Lee, Theresa Costa

Call to order @ 7pm

- I. Review of Sept. meeting minutes: Andrea Clark Motions to approve, Ken McKim seconds. Approved unanimously.
- II. Review of Oct. meeting minutes. Andrea Clark Motions to approve, Ken McKim seconds. Approved unanimously.
- III. Teacher Report
  - A. Jennifer Hessel: RSP, thank you for the PTO grants. Teaches special education reading class. Direct instruction reading to students in her classes.
    1. Entirely new SPED department at Harper this year: teacher, SLP, psych.
    2. 20 paras between inclusion and resource.
    3. There are openings for para educators at Harper now.
    4. Grateful for the team at Harper who supports SPED.
- IV. Teacher Report: Mr. McKim
  - A. Sickness has affected attendance
  - B. Thankful for hospitality
  - C. Growing out beard, kids and families can vote on beard choice (\$1 per vote). Money goes to Tree Harper. Options: Rainbow leopard spot, 6-7, truffle tree, and batman logo
- V. Counselor Report
  - A. Going into all classes between December and January to discuss course planning.
  - B. Will be advertising incoming parent nights
  - C. Da Vinci and DHS will have incoming parent nights too
- VI. Principal Report
  - A. First Fridays: nice to connect with parents and answer questions
    1. Talked a lot about opportunities when students get to high school
    2. First Friday in Dec. will be next one: **DECEMBER 5th**
  - B. Harper Hearts is starting
    1. Liza Lopez is starting to send info out
  - C. Partnering with STEAC to donate supplies, especially food that goes to families
  - D. Staff has been out too. Maggie Woo taking a leave of absence. Working on long-term plan to support classes.
  - E. Traditional Rally next week
  - F. Dance, end of January
  - G. Climate: Youth Truth Survey and Know Better, Do Better Pledge, student welcome to begin a club about how to make Harper safer and more inclusive.

- H. Discipline has been good this year.
- VII. Treasurer Report:
  - A. \$16K in account
  - B. Paid DPU and various grants
  - C. Wrong address on checks. Not a huge problem, the routing number is correct.  
The wrong address on the check doesn't exist.
- VIII. Fundraising Report
  - A. Mr. McKim, appreciated update on gift cards and that all had been fulfilled.
  - B. Gift cards will be coming next week.
  - C. Fundraising nights have gone well.
  - D. Round Table fundraiser 11/14 and 11/15 for Harper ASB
- IX. Hospitality
  - A. Wednesday, 11/19 lunch for staff
  - B. Sign up Genius
  - C. Drop off any donation to the office before 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm