



PTO General Meeting  
11/07/2017 - Minutes

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 8:35am

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 10/03/17 were reviewed. Ilse Rassin motioned to approve and Al Vickers seconded. Vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Principals Update (Dr. Shetzer):

- Library will have new carpeting within the next few weeks. It will be closed during installation. The library will undergo some remodeling. The computer desks will be removed and replaced with foldable tables and the desktop computers will be replaced with Chrome books. Also some new furniture will be added. Our librarian Ms. Jennifer Demoss has a map of the new library layout posted in the library. Stop by and check it out.
- Sophie Hinh, 8th grade won the HISD Holiday competition beating out many other middle schools in the district. We are so proud. Congrats Sophie Hinh! The holiday cards can be purchased via the HISD website featuring Sophie's design.
- Pershing Debate has been doing very well in competitions and our football team had an undefeated season!
- We have hired a new guitar teacher Dr. Sarre, and he will likely start after Thanksgiving.
- Testing before holiday break will not have a different schedule. There will just be a regular A/B schedule and no extending classes for testing.
- The ropes course is up and running and just needs a few trees trimmed next week to be fully operational.

Spaghetti Supper/ Fine Arts Showcase November 9th from 6-8pm: Jennifer Fernandez and Kim Marosis

- Please sign up for volunteer shifts listed on the website. There has been low volunteer turnout this year.

VP of Outreach: Ilse Rassin ([ilserassin@gmail.com](mailto:ilserassin@gmail.com))

- 8th Grade Activites: Chick-fila fundraiser will be rescheduled for after Thanksgiving
- 8th Grade t-shirts ( please see PTO website for ordering information)
- Ms. Williams is hosting a Lip Sync Battle for 8th Graders; Nov 17th at 2:10. Students only, \$5 a ticket.
- Trip to Typhoon Texas (May 25th); tickets are \$30 and go up to \$35
- Community Service: Our Pershing volunteers have provided over 35 hours of service to local elementary school fall carnivals. Our Pershing volunteers donated their time at Longfellow, Horn, Twain and Roberts.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive has started please donate in the Pershing Lobby. Donations will be accepted November 6-15. This food drive will benefit the Emergency Aid Coalition, a non profit organization that feeds, clothes, and ministers to Houston's poor and homeless community.

President: Beth Lane ([bethlane91@gmail.com](mailto:bethlane91@gmail.com))

- Bingo will be Feb. 2nd, 2018 (Friday)
- VP Membership: Michelle Fassell - Please join the PTO; we currently have 280 members.
- The group spoke a length about improving communication between parents and teachers and coordinating calendars with school events.
- Manisha Dalwadi:([manisha@dalwadi.com](mailto:manisha@dalwadi.com)) (Neighborhood Communications) Please send any Pershing related stories to Manisha along with a photo. There are many events going on around the school and we would like to highlight them in local publications. As a group we discussed how to encourage people to send in articles. The group spoke a length about improving communication between parents and teachers and coordinating calendars with school events.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30p