PTA Waverly Elementary School

General Membership Meeting

October 27, 2026 6:30pm

Virtual via Google Meet

Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm Call to Order (President)

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Update from Mrs. Brown (Principal)

-Thank you to everyone for their trunk-or-treat participation

-School closed on 10/28

-Also closed on Election Day

-American Education week information will be forthcoming (no visitors during lunch or recess, no littles please)
-November 6 to register for parent teacher conferences (ends on the 19th)

-Report cards coming out on November 6 as well

Update from Mrs. Santoni (Asst. Principal)

Time to dress the kids more warmly as the weather changes

Update from Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liaison)- nonw

REPORTS FROM EXEC BOARD

Update from PTAHC Rep (Ben Bach)

- Ben, do you have anything to report this evening?
    - Elections are coming up, December 21st there is a local hearing for bills being proposed. Make sure to vote vote vote!!

- Facilities readiness review update (please reach out to Ben directly)

SECAC and Special Education rep (Yi Han)

Yi Han cannot make it to tonight's PTA meeting. His update:

1. HCPSS special education program clarification

https://www.hcpss.org/f/special/continuum-of-services.pdf

2. new administrative review process for IEP disagreement

https://www.hcpss.org/special-education/family-resources/

3. HCPSS FY28 budget started

This year seems less challenging even though we still need continuous support from county above MOE.

Update from Sarah Girardi (President)

- Trunk or Treat was a great success! We had almost 40 Trunks! I just want to say Thank you to everyone who decorated and setup fun stuff for the kids - there were some really elaborate and fun trunks!
  A Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped to sell spiritwear, set up and clean up, and everyone who attended!
- Upcoming Events:
  - Turkey Trot!
    - Turkey Trot Run: November 14th at Mount Hebron HS from 9-11AM
    - Rain Date: November 21 at Waverly ES field from 9-11AM
    - If you haven't seen a Turkey Trot flier yet please look in your student's backpack, on our PTA Facebook page, or in your email from school. Register your Wildcat (or student) today to earn a Wildcat bracelet. Other prizes for fundraising are described in detail on the fliers and in a Display case at school.

        - This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is a virtual fundraiser - you will make a page and send out to family/friends for donations. Students will earn prizes for fundraising and get to participate in a Trot around the HS with their friends.The event is a great time - please put it on your calendars! The kids get a sticker for each lap they complete - it turns into a healthy competition.
    - International Day: January 22, 2027
        - International Day
        - Moved to January - Jan 22
        - Be on the lookout for a signup genius, great opportunity to volunteer for assembly and classroom, let me know if you are interested in helping

- Update from PTA Meeting with HC Board of Education
  1. Student Discipline, Suspension, & School Environment
     - **In-School Suspensions (ISS) & Interventions (ISI):** There were questions regarding how In-School Suspensions will be handled, with concerns raised about not having enough resources and questions around suspension practices. Notes also point to skewed data between ISI and ISS.
     - **Disciplinary Action Plan:** The district has had a real initiative over the past 2 years, utilizing a disciplinary team that meets every 2 weeks.
     - **Disproportionate Discipline:** A question was raised in the chat about longstanding issues with disproportionate discipline and what plans are at the forefront to solve it. The Chief School Officer responded that they are focused on it and actively working on it.
     - **Bathroom Vaping:** Brought up as an ongoing issue, with a question raised about whether there is a way to get monitors in the bathrooms.
  2. Facilities, Overcrowding, & Construction
     - **Hammond Elementary:** The PTA President expressed concern about overcrowding due to a new building in the area. The Chief School Officer noted they are well aware and monitor it frequently. The Superintendent added that there is an established process for looking at new buildings/developments, noting that redistricting happens often.
     - **Jefferson Elementary HVAC Project:** The Jefferson PTA President asked when schools should plan major construction projects, specifically inquiring about doing them during the school year. The Superintendent

noted that while the Chief Operations Officer wasn't present, general policy avoids construction during the school year, though they could be open to changing that.

3. Staffing & Teacher Shortages
    - **Special Education Staffing:** A representative from SECAC asked if the gap has been closed with special education staff. The response was that they are working on it and utilizing "open positions"—a strategy where they promise an open position to candidates earlier with the flexibility to move people where they are needed most.
    - **Teacher Shortage Initiatives:** Discussions focused on combating the teacher shortage through a workforce diversity policy and incentivizing education majors at college programs by bringing them out to spend time in classrooms.
4. Budget, Funding, & State Legislation
    - **Budget & Maintenance of Effort:** The PTACHC President raised budget concerns. The CFO discussed a proposed bill to add inflation for the "Maintenance of Effort," but noted that it is currently in the hands of the Delegates.
    - **School & Class Length Proposal:** A working group is pushing at the state level to make all grade lengths the same, which would increase elementary school days by half an hour to an hour. The Superintendent noted this is a budget issue, highlighting significant funding going toward increased teacher and staff salaries.
5. Programs, Community Partnerships, & Logistics
    - **Partnerships:** Mention of a Shakespeare interactive experience/poetry partnership ("they don't want to lose them"), with the Board agreeing they are actively looking for partnerships to improve student experiences.
    - **Recess & Meeting Logistics:**
    - Mention of a petition to increase recess by 30 minutes.
    - Discussion on potentially moving the yearly joint meeting from October to November (since there is already another board meeting in November).
    - PTACHC President requested more direct power to make requests.

Update from Ben Bach (Treasurer)

- As of 9/2025 our balance in Savings was…. $20,269 our balance in checking was…$4182 looking good!

Update from Ashley Jolissaint (VP of membership)

- Membership numbers: 219 members
- No other updates

Update from Erin Miller (VP of fundraising)

- Sold spirit shirts at Open House: Made $2,000
- Sold spiritwear at Back to School Party: Made $150
- Yogi Castle Fundraiser: $337
- White Oak Tavern Fundraiser: $200
- Future restaurant nights
    - Ledo's November 3, 12-8pm *Day off school - come for lunch!
    - Chipotle December 20, 4-8pm
- Our fundraising goal this year is $20,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality

- Next hospitality event is the Teacher Conference dinner, will need volunteers for this Monday (11/23)?

Other committees (probably no updates right now)

- Cultural Arts committee
    - International Day
- Backpack Buddies (Jill Ruppe)
- Green School (Mrs. Van Horn)
- Yearbook
- 5th Grade Committee

Attendance

Ashley Hooper	Ladi Laoye
Ben Bach	Nordia Williams
Cherilyn Brown	Stella Lee
Cherly Santorini	Tiffany Tagen
Dionna York	Viola Bello
Hannah Toyin Olaoye	Jessica Ball

Janet Gates	Mazhar UI Hague Syed
Michelle Li	Mercy Debele