

Hartwood PTO General Meeting Agenda

September 5, 2023

Hosted in-person and virtually at 7 pm

In-person: Hartwood Library

Virtually via Zoom: Link to be Emailed Sept. 5

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Fischbaugh -

New teachers:

- *4th section of 2nd grade - Carolyn Whitney*
- *4th grade Amy Zotolla - sabbatical. Building sub Yaryna Korenovska taking that position this year.*
- *Reading support - Jen Burmeister transitioned from Kerr*
- *New strings teacher - Zachary Piper*

Standardized test scores:

Grades 3, 4, & 5 #1 in the southwest region out of 7 counties & 105 school districts.

Fox Chapel is #2 overall in the southwest region.

Grade 3 & 5 reading performed at 83% proficiency

Grade 4 reading performed at 90% proficiency

Grade 3 & 5 reading performed at 84% proficiency

Grade 4 reading performed at 93.3% proficiency

PTO Board

President - Heather Echard

Vice President - Ashley Marutiak

General Director - Jan Fox

Meredith Webb - Secretary

Treasurer - Many Gallagher

Web Master - Sheila Papale

2. How to be involved in Hartwood and the PTO - You are welcome to participate at any level that makes sense for you! - What does the PTO do? - Provide funding for buses for field trips, teacher grants, and school improvements; fun events throughout the year; assistance for families in need; and more!

3. Membership Drive

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Class with the most sign up wins prize as well as teacher

**PTO social 9/10 from 1-4pm to meet the PTO and other Hartwood families.*

4. Financial Report - 2023-2024 Budget Discussion - Voting and How to Vote on the Budget - Financial Audit Update

**A copy of the budget is available by email: hartwoodelementarypto@gmail.com*

**Audit on last year's budget before the end of the year. Need a member and non-member volunteer to help review. This will be 1 meeting to review together.*

**Budget can ONLY be voted on by PTO members so sign up ASAP!*

**All members will receive a copy of the budget and a link to vote soon so keep an eye on your inbox for more info!*

5. School Directory

Working with Megan Collett on how to gather and share school directory information. More information to come on this. If you shared your information last year you don't need to do anything to be included again this year.

6. Upcoming Events - Book Fair (October 6- October 12) - Volunteers needed for student shopping during the day - Volunteers needed for family shopping the evening of the 12th - Bake Sale (October 12) - Food donations and volunteers needed to sell - Fall Festival (October 20) - Numerous volunteers needed!! - Apparel Sale (Sept- Oct)

**Yearbook email coming soon. We are using Treering again. 10% off if ordered before the end of Sept. \$21 soft/\$27 hard. 2 customized pages.*

** Book fair 10/6-10/12. 10/12 - evening bookshop & bake sale (home and store bought baked goods welcome!).*

** Fall festival - this is a HUGE event and we need tons of volunteers. Whether you can do the whole day or just a few hours consider participating!*

** Apparel sale*

7. Committee Updates

**Lots of open positions for chairs, assistant chairs, and committees.*

***Keep an eye out for an email to sign-up for the list of open committee positions and a chance to join!*

8. Other business

**Teacher wish lists being compiled by Katie Ziegler and will be available once compiled.*

**Nominating committee. People who work together to identify potential PTO board members for next year (24-25). Heather Echard (President), Ashley Marutiak (VP), Katie Ziegler (teacher), Jeana Hollis (parent), Dr. Fischbaugh (Principal)*

***President will be open for current board members.*

***Vice President open for anyone who is a chair this year.*

**Gaga ball pit being added to the playground.*

**Courtney Killian - Emmerling Park meet ups by grade. Snacks offered. This is a great way to meet other kids and other parents!*