



General Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025 at 10:00am

HBT Cafeteria

Good morning, everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 10:04 am) with a quorum present (*majority of the board - 14 members - Section 4 of Article 11*). An attendance will be taken by sign in sheet. Please make sure you sign the sheet on the tables.

I. Approve minutes - March 2025

We had distributed the minutes via email from our last PTA meeting in **March** for review. Does anyone have comments, changes, or questions? If not, minutes stand as approved. Thank you.

II. Treasurer's Report – [Sunita Hansraj](#)

Opening Balance 2/22/2025 \$51,723.14
Income/Deposits \$2,736.39
Expense/Cash Disbursements \$0.00
Checking Balance (3/21/25) \$54,459.53
Savings Balance as of 3/30/2025 \$6,253.15
Total Cash on Hand as of 3/21/2025 \$60,712.68

All Balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Sarah Lin. Thank you, Sarah.

III. Correspondence – none

IV. President's Report

I would like to thank Tara Ginsburg for helping to organize From the Fire- Voices of the Holocaust for the 8th Graders. It was a very informative presentation to go along with their curriculum.



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We are busy planning for the end of year with spring events, including our 8th grade events. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our various fundraisers. They go directly to fund our events here at the school. This week we will start selling raffle tickets for the spring concerts, you will be able to try and win 4 front row tickets to the concert.

As we begin to plan for next year, please be on the lookout for committee sign up sheets. Helping plan these fundraisers and events help create wonderful memories not only for our children but for us as well. You get to meet other wonderful HBT families while working together to plan these events. Please know that our committees are made up of plenty of working parents, so the flexibility and opportunities are there. Although, you do need to be a member to participate or chair a committee.

We would like to now thank all of our HBT students who participated in Reflections this year - Sarah.

V. Principal's Report

Mr. Bonanno -

- Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team made it to states for the first time since 2017, came in 13th out of 40 in the state
- Successful trip to Broadway - 170 7th graders went, thank you to Mr Narraine and Ms Rubinfeld
- DC meeting for current 7th graders - 180 signed up so far
- Other trips coming up - Great Adventure for 8th grade (did a google form for interest - 300 students are) in June, will be other options for students who do not want to go; May 19th Bronx Zoo for 7th grade; June Adventureland for 6th grade

Mr. Narraine -

- Kids were amazing at Broadway trip - respectful, quiet during show
- State testing ELA Tuesday/Wednesday this week on chromebook from about 8-10:30, abbreviated day after



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- After break 29th/30th Math state test
- Students who opt out of tests go to cafeteria to read, draw, write but no chromebooks; if dropping off late do not drop off later than 10:15

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. 8th Grade Committee - Jen Biondo

Don't forget to order your lawn signs and pre order your flowers for Graduation.

B. SEPTA - Wendy Chiu

Next meeting - April 30th at Robbins Lane (7:45 p.m.)

Unity Tennis - can still sign up

Softball clinic May 18th - details to follow

C. Staff Recognition - Inna Choi

The HBT staff recognition lunch will be held on Fri, May 16. Please check the PTSA weekly email for a link to donate. A sign up genius to volunteer at the lunch will be sent out this week. Let's do our best to make this a successful event thanking our wonderful teachers and staff for all they do for our children.

We will now hear the report of the Council Committees given by our Delegates

- a. Annual District Election & Budget - Sarah Lin**
4/21 and 5/12 budget presentations at BOE meetings
- b. Cultural Unity**

The committee is excited to announce they will start collecting artwork for the "Celebration of Culture." The showcase will take place on May 29th at 7pm at Southwoods Middle School. We invite students to submit a piece of literature, art,



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digital art, photography or dance/music composition that answers one or all of the following:

-What does culture mean to you? How is culture celebrated in your home? What has culture taught you? Or anything that defines culture to you!

-Entries will be divided into the following categories:

-K-2, 3-5, Middle School, and High School.

Each participant will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple winners will be picked randomly from each category. All submissions should be sent to syocouncilcultural@gmail.com by email. The deadline for submission is May 3rd, 2024.

c. Reflections - Sarah Lin

Gave out certificates/gift cards to the participants (29 submissions) in the cafeteria.

Dates to Remember

Finally, we are up to our dates to remember. Please keep an eye on our dates to remember in our weekly updates, facebook and instagram for any additional date changes between now and our next meeting.

- April 14th-18th - School Closed
- April 21st - District Budget Information Session #3 at 8 pm
- April 23rd - BOE meeting at 8 pm
- April 30th - SEPTA meeting at Robbins Lane (7:45 pm)
- May 5th - HBT PTSA MEETING @7PM

If there is no further business, the meeting will stand adjourned.

The meeting is adjourned at 10:24 a.m.