

**Worthington Hooker PTA Meeting
Minutes September 5, 2018**

Call to Order, 6.12
p.m.:

Welcome and Introductions: Rhonda Roumani, Dan
Gurvich

PTA Board members present: Rhonda Roumani, Dan Gurvich, Hani Mowafi, Eva
Geertz, Lani Rosen-Gallagher, Dina Roginsky, Mike Delaney

Staff present: [Neither principal present for this meeting; do not recall if other
staff were present.]

Monthly 2018 minutes were
approved.

Financial Review Committee: Anthony Law (Hooker parent, previous PTA
treasurer) reviewed documents with Rich Bowles and was impressed with
Hani's work on automating many payment operations and record keeping
efforts. All statements seem fine. Report approved.

Introduction to PTA Board: In this first meeting of the year, assembled
parents are introduced to the PTA Board, positions explained.

Hani offers explicit explanation of fact that because Hani and Rhonda are
husband and wife, Rhonda is not a signatory on PTA accounts; of the two
co-presidents, only Dan is signatory.

All After School Program (ASP) registration processes are online now, along
with PTA registration operations.

Discussion of funding issues that arise because, as a high-performing school,
Hooker inevitably doesn't qualify for certain types of funding. Discussion of
issues relating to advocacy. Anyone interested in being Head of Advocacy
should please reach out to PTA officers.

Discussion of School Events: explanation that ALL school events are volunteer operations, parent-organized. What do parents want to see this year?

Principal's Report: [Neither Dr. Robles nor Mrs. Aiello present, so no Principal's Report given this month.]

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Treasurer's Report: We are rolling forward this year with old budget from last October, having ended the year in June with ~\$75K in bank. Best practices (to have ~2 months' operating funds on hand) would require \$60K, so as of Sept. 5, we have a buffer.

Last year, PTA reinvested ~\$96K back into the school.

PTA would like to reduce fees for ASP to make it more accessible. Reminds parents that of the \$10 charged for PTA membership, \$7 goes to PTA CT, *not to the school*.

SPMT Report: SPMT has been meeting frequently to discuss issues relating to the hiring of a new Principal, since Dr. Robles will be leaving Hooker as of September 7, 2018.

Opening the Floor to Parents: Q: Can we hire a full-time guidance counselor for the school? A: We are not in a position to hire a union ratified guidance counselor. We CAN try as a PTA to backfill, but this is not easily achieved.

Issues for PTA and parents to address: * Focus on what our skills are (do events take advantage of what we can actually do?) *Request from Jef Wilson for School of Rock type program *Need to reach out to other NHPS PTA orgs. to push for all schools to be strengthened via PTAs, not merely Hooker

Meeting Adjourned: 7.13
p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., Canner
Street.