

**Worthington Hooker PTA Meeting  
Minutes November 7, 2018**

Call to Order, 6.05  
p.m.

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

Staff present: Mrs. Gethings, Mrs. Ackerman, Jessica Light

Mrs. Gethings introduced; she will begin her position the week after Thanksgiving.

Volunteer Appreciation: Thanks to those who ran Picture Day — Alana, Tori, Sean, Sacha, and LaTanya most notably.

October minutes  
approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report delivered by Dan instead. In brief: things look good.

Fundraising necessary for many purposes, among the most important, hiring tutors, needed schoolwide. Mrs. Gethings explains "tiers" of schools, as determined by the State, how availability of different types of funding depends on what "tier" the school is; Mr. Langstaff (Gr. 5 teacher) is willing to do after school tutoring. Q: Can we use volunteers or interns to meet this particular need? A: in brief, not really, as specific types of training are needed depending on field. Though parent volunteering as a supplement to formal tutors would be theoretically welcome.

SPMT Report: Rhonda reports. SPMT's School Improvement Plan should be available soon. Discussion of how this year's SPMT committee was created in very atypical fashion due to unusual circumstance of needing to be involved with the unexpected challenge of finding new principal so early in school year.

Discussions of ABAR; of principal search process; of asking BoE to hold to its pledge that this process will be operating citywide from now on. Emphasis: all are welcome to attend SPMT meetings.

Fundraising: GALA! Lunar New Year Celebration slated for Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2-4 will be childrens' activities, 4-6 performances. There will not be a Winter Carnival, an idea proposed at a previous PTA meeting. Advocacy: Dan and Rhonda went to city-organized community event for PTA leaders — City Wide Parent team were present, as well as New Haven Advocates.

January PTA meeting moved to the 16th. Meeting adjourned 7.26 p.m.