September 15, 2026

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Introductions

Representatives from Active 4 Youth cross country program shared about the free program for K-6th grade in all District 81 elementary schools. Hamblen has 145 participants this year. They are asking for a donation to the non-profit. Last year PTG donated $1,500.00 and it was decided to match this same amount this year, which was already in the budget.

Treasurers Update- Husky Haul in May the most successful in its history. Fiscal year is July 1-June 30 for treasurer. Brought in $66,149.00 in that fiscal year and spent about $64,000.00. Husky Haul brought in about $43,000.00. Treasurer worked on the budget for this year and based on what we brought in, we will be able to spend what we did last year. Currently we have 63,293.98 in checking and about 5,000 in savings. Recent expenses for the new fiscal year starting July 1 include 6,500.00 to teachers, a new paper cutter, lunch, coffee, bagels for first week at school for teachers/staff. Ice Cream Social, insurance for Ice Cream Social, donation to Indian Trail PTG.

Open Forum- updates from teachers/staff present-

A) Mrs. Wrozek asked if the PTG had discussed helping to fund programs like Dreambox and Lexia that were removed from district budget. Principal Lewis said that he was going to pay for Dreambox, which is $10.00 a student for certain grade levels. Lexia is 36.00$ a student and not feasible for PTG to fund at this time. Teachers will continue to work with school on solutions to this program that is no longer funded.

B) Mrs. Saunders is also the Active 4 Youth Manager and shared about how cross country is going so far and appreciation for PTG contribution to beginning of the year welcome

C) Teacher requests for PTG funding for books for the resource room and 1st Grade Field Trip in the spring, which were approved.

Principal's Update- First anual Popsicles and Play happened this year for new Kindergarten families joining Hamblen. Successful Ice Cream Social. He is focusing on helping with the staff changes that have been happening this school year, as many teachers move grade levels, class sizes, disbanding the k/1 combo class and working together in their teams through this transition. Main fucus this year for the school is evidenced based having Belonging, Consistency and Cohesive Systems helping students work to be able to move to the next grade. This is surveyed through tasks and assessments. 1st Graders have already started testing and are testing high in there reading ability thanks to Kindergarten work. **Visitor badges** will now be required for anyone in the school and please only go in through the front door for student and staff safety. First assembly happening Friday and Spirit Day the last Friday of the month, focusing on belonging and matching with others in the class.

Husky Store dates and information. Stefanie is volunteering to head that again this year. It is for 3rd -5th graders. She does need volunteers at the store and for the two parties they have during the year. Dates of store/parties: 10/16, 11/20, 12/11 (party), 12/18, 2/5, 3/5, 3/18 (party), 4/9, 6/4 or 6/11 for the clearout. Hoping that someone can help come up with a solution for photos with friends at the party. Will continue to work on a plan for that.

Presidents Update/Announcements-

A) New leadership needed for next year, will continue to announce and hope for early volunteers so there is crossover in helping with the transition.

B) Principal Lewis will help with the ongoing need for a crosswalk on 37th and Crestline and Napa and 40th/39th.

C) Author visit scheduled for October 8th K-2nd grade, Wishing Tree Book Store helping with this, and working for an author for 3rd-5th to visit.

D) Husky Haul committees for this year. Day of event committee Kimberly McCann, Corporate sponsorship and auction sub-committee Sarah Knight, still need T-Shirt Committee chair.

E) Monster Mash happening October 30th, Principal Lewis has a DJ in mind. Chelsa will order pizza and water, more than last year because we ran out. Food service worker already lined up to help in the kitchen, need help with decorations/blow ups. Will provide art supplies, flyers to send home, lanyards for volunteers.

F) Winter family event 1/13 will be Book Bingo again.

G) Book Fair 10/5-10/8 in library and volunteers needed. Reminder you need to be cleared to be a volunteer every year, go to SPS website

Next PTG 10/27 because of the break

Hamblen needs In Building/Recess Aids which is posted and PTG will also do a social media post for.