

East Hanover PTA Meeting minutes

October 22, 2025

East Hanover Middle School Library, 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Minutes approved from last meeting by Zobia and Kerri.

1. School News

a. Frank J Smith – Mr. Tuorto

- i. Mr. Tuorto thanked everyone for their support throughout Teacher Takeover Events
- ii. October 24-Preschool and Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Day
- iii. October 31- Halloween (Early Dismissal)
- iv. November 13: FJS Picture Retakes
- v. November 19th-20th: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- vi. November 21st: Turkey Trot (students only)
- vii. November 25th: Kindergarten Feast
- viii. November 26th: 1st Grade Balloon Parade (students only) (Early Dismissal)
- ix. December 4th: Kindergarten Winter Pictures
- x. December 5th: Pushcart Players Performance (PTA)
- xi. December 11th and 12th: FJS Holiday Boutique
- xii. December 15 - Trimester 1 Grades Issued
- xiii. December 16th: Kindergarten Winter Performance
- xiv. December 17th: Grade 1 Winter Performance
- xv. December 19th: Pajama Day/Hot Chocolate Day/Tentative Winter Wonderland Event
- xvi. December 22nd: Class Parties
- xvii. December 23rd: FJS Sing Along/Holiday Colors

b. Central- Miss Falcone

- i. Ms. Falcone thanked everyone for their support throughout Teacher Takeover; there were between 550-600 kids in attendance!
- ii. Book fair was a success
- iii. October 24 - 4th grade - Liberty Science Center
- iv. October 31 - Halloween (Grades 4 & 5 - 11:45 am, Grades 2 & 3- 12:10) pm
Students should wear costumes to school. Parties after parades.
- v. November 3 - Rotary Club - Dictionary Project
- vi. November 12 - Retakes
- vii. November 12 & 13 - NJSLA-A Testing for Grades 4 & 5 only (makeups on November 14)
- viii. November 14 - Wear Blue for World Diabetes Day
- ix. November 18 (5th grade only) 19 & 20, 21 (5th grade only) - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- x. November 26 - 2nd Grade Balloon Parade
- xi. December 4 & 5 - Holiday Boutique

- xii. December 10 - Holiday Concert
- xiii. December 15 - Trimester 1 Grades Issued
- xiv. December 19 - Ugly Sweater Day/Holiday Colors
- xv. December 22 - Pajama Day/Class Parties
- c. Middle – Mr. Tuorto
 - i. October 24- Pink Out- Bake Sale (after school)
 - ii. October 28&29- EHMS Book Fair
 - iii. November 12&13- NJSLA-A
 - iv. Nov 13- End of 1st Marking Period
 - v. Nov 14 photo retakes
 - vi. Nov 19&20- parent/teacher conferences
 - vii. Nov 21- Pep Rally Dance
 - viii. Nov 26- Pep Rally

2. Officer Reports

- a. President – Marisa Marra
- b. FJS VP – Clara Dattolo- no additional updates
- c. Central VP – Kerri Gieger – no additional updates
- d. Middle VP – Jackie Elwood/ Toni Levine
 - i. 8th grade parent meeting Thursday 10/23 6-7pm to discuss 8th grade events
- e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh – all on track
- f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
- g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
 - i. Spiritwear will open again and ready for delivered – early Nov for 2 weeks, arrive mid-Dec.
 - ii. You can always call Alfreds an place an order for spiritwear
 - iii. Purse bingo end of March - TBD
- h. Lunch – Racine Elsman
 - i. Closed for Nov
 - ii. Always open on 10th – 17th for orders the next month
 - iii. Pictures have been posted online of the food
 - iv. Working on adding a calendar with a main lunch options for easy viewing
 - v. Also added some options without sides
 - vi. Marisa mentioned that utensils must be sent in with packed lunches.
 - vii. Question was asked about gluten-free; they can't guarantee cross-contamination.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Camille Beck
 - i. Big thanks to everyone that participated in the membership contest. Any feedback welcome.
 - ii. Staff membership contest is running until Nov 10th. Winner announced that week.

- b. Holiday Grams – Lucia Pitti – All on track
 - c. Ornament Activity – Sury Easwaramurthy and Emily Serrano
 - i. Frank J did activity in art class – Emily needs to pick up – Clara to follow-up
 - ii. Sury - Middle school activities collected it today.
 - iii. Sury - Central school papers collected tomorrow.
 - iv. Some Central classes did them at school, some sent home. Oct 14th an email was sent with instructions.
 - v. Art to remember will send the order papers directly to home
 - d. Fall Bookfair:
 - i. Frank J – Sindhu Syamaprasad, Emily Serrano, Mariam Ghobrial
 - ii. Central – Destiny Donatiello, Gina Serumola, Tanya Yanuzzi, Payal Tyagi
 - iii. Middle – Meg Caponegro, Jackie Elwood
 - e. Holiday Botique
 - i. Frank J – Sindhu Syamaprasad, Lauren Saracino, Emily Serrano
 - 1. Shopping is completed
 - 2. In process of putting together sig-up
 - ii. Central – Jen Taccetta, Tricia Mattia, Camile Beck – Everything ready
 - iii. Money available from last year’s boutique to put together a fundraiser from the planning company worth \$5k.
 - f. Cultural Arts – Debbie Jordan
 - g. Pretzel Coordination – Amy Matusheski/ Megan Gilmore
 - h. School Photos – Kim Brutofsky
 - i. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
4. Meeting adjourned 7:39pm