

East Hanover PTA Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2025

East Hanover Middle School Library

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Toni Levine. Toni introduced new E-Board members Clara Datollo (VP Frank J) and Marisa Marra (President) and Racine Elsmann (Lunch chair)

Minutes from 4/25 were approved

2025 Budget was approved

1. School News

a. Frank J Smith – Mr. Tuorto

- i. School thanks the PTA for the first day breakfast
- ii. We got off to a great start! Great welcome back assembly to review core values
- iii. Picture day was a success
- iv. Working with Mrs. Scarneo to review assemblies
- v. Team Makers assembly coming up on 10/17
- vi. Week of Oct 6th – Week of respect (flyer will be shared)
- vii. Oct 7/8 – FJS Book fair
- viii. Week of Oct 20th – School violence awareness week (flyer will be shared)
- ix. Oct 31 – Halloween – working on schedule and this will come out soon
- x. Working on schedule for musical theatre performances
- xi. Huge Thank you to the PTA for the 3D printer they supplied for the school!

b. Central – Ms. Falcone

- i. School thanks the PTA for the first day breakfast
- ii. We got off to a great start! Kids are acclimating well to CES. Welcome back assemblies were held where the new guidance counselors/DOS were introduced, reviewed core values and explained about the houses
- iii. Picture day went well
- iv. Working with Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Yanuzzi and Mrs. Boinoski to finalize this year's assemblies and residency
- v. Oct 6 – 3rd grade Dictionary Project (Rotary Club)
- vi. Oct 6-10 – Week of Respect
- vii. Oct 13 – Italian Club will be walking in the Columbus Day Parade – need one parent to accompany each participant
- viii. Oct 21/22 – Book Fair
- ix. Oct 20-24 – School Violence Awareness Week
- x. Oct 24 – 4th Grade Liberty Science Center Field Trip
- xi. Oct 31 – Halloween – working on schedule which will come out soon

c. Middle – Mr. Tuorto

- i. School thanks the PTA for the first day breakfast
- ii. Thank you for the Hallway Monitor – all the teachers love it
- iii. EHMS Pink Out is Oct 24th – Apparel link to expire on Oct 1st
- iv. Picture retakes and fall sports pictures is on Friday Nov 14th

- v. Morning announcements are on PowerSchool each day – please check for sign-ups for sports and clubs
 - vi. Oct 28/29th – Middle school book fair. A sign-up will go out for a small number of volunteers.
 - d. Natalee Bartlett
 - i. Working on the budget for the year
 - ii. There has been a large increase in families in our town and we are looking at how to manage the increase in students.
 - iii. Considering taking the Cobblestone building (next to Dean D’Ambola Field) and converting to pre-school
2. Officer Reports
- a. President – Marisa Marra
 - b. FJS VP – Clara Datollo
 - c. Central VP – Kerri Geiger
 - d. Middle VP – Jackie Elwood/ Toni Levine
 - i. Pep rally Dance is on Nov 21st
 - ii. Pep Rally is Wed before Thanksgiving
 - iii. Link will go out to purchase apparel for the dance/peprally
 - e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh
 - f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
 - g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
 - i. Spiritwear will be coming out soon this fall
 - h. Lunch – Racine Elsman
 - i. Lunch ordering will happen on consistent dates each month - 10th-17th
 - ii. Looking to add photos of the food to the My Food Days website
 - iii. Looking into posting a monthly menu on the PTA website & Social Media
 - iv. A la cart entrees (without sides) were added to the menu
 - v. Working on a menu/food survey for parents – will be sent out soon
3. Committee Reports – All committees must coordinate with chairs & reach out to EBoard if they’re unsure of next steps. Amy will send committee list to all volunteers again.
- a. Membership – Camille Beck
 - i. Membership contest closes Sept 30th. There will be a drawing for 3 lunch-credit gift certificates from all of those who join the PTA by Sept 30th.
 - b. Holiday Grams – Lucia Pitti
 - c. Ornament Activity – Sury Easwaramurthy and Emily Serrano
 - 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 – Sindu Syamaprasad, Lauren Saracino, Emily Serrano
 - ii. Central – Jen Taccetta, Tricia Mattia, Camile Beck
 - f. Cultural Arts – Debbie Jordan
 - g. Pretzel Coordination – Sury Easwaramurthy

- h. School Photos – Kim Brutofsky
- i. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
- j. Other

4. New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:32.