

Harbor View Huddle

HVPFO General Meeting Agenda Meeting Notes
Friday, September 4, 2026 8:45 AM Multi Purpose Room



Start time: 8:52am

1. **Presidents' Report** – Jennifer Jackson + Stephanie Gabriel

- Welcome and Thank Yous
 - Excited to kick off the year! The Huddle is a place to share information and ask questions.
 - Extra thank you to our communications and PR team, Family Annual Giving & Corporate Sponsorships, and Spiritwear.
- Committee Updates
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Thank you to the committee who hosted a wonderful lunch for the staff and teachers.
 - Spirit Wear
 - New products online! We have a great team.
 - Yearbook
 - Working with the same company as last year. Keep an eye out for information.
 - There's a 10% off discount code until the end of October.
 - Send photos of 3 kids or more throughout the year.
 - Garden Project
 - Amazing opportunity for the kids to garden at recess together. Students learn about plants, life cycle, etc. PFO purchased a new cart for the program.
 - Book Fair and Read-A-Thon
 - Book Fair is Sep 28th – Oct 2nd – Kicking off with a Read-a-Loud in the MRP. Thank you to Laura and Jamie.
 - Read-a-Thon is the following week.
 - These are a great way to raise funds for our school!
- Facilities Improvements: goal is to net zero but when we make more

funds, we put the funds back into the campus.

- Risers: updating 20+ year old risers for the MPR
- Window Wraps: Outside the lunch area. HV and Viking themed.
- Next Harbor View Huddle with Lisa Pearson - October 16th
 - Lisa is our rep on the NMUSD Board of Education. She's an advocate for our school. Bring questions and topics to discuss.

2. **Financial Report** - Meghan Michalovsky + Michele Yian

- 2025-26 Financials
 - We raised \$588k, last year. \$315k went towards teacher salaries, \$156k towards fundraising expenses, \$20k+ and remaining went to school related expensed, art education and more. \$26k legacy capital went towards instruments, new rugs, and other items on campus.
- 2026-27 Budget
 - Target is to raise \$538k and we will spend \$555k.

3. **Teacher's Corner**

- Teachers' Report - Ms. Ericastilla
 - Teaches 2nd grade and reports back to the teachers and staff what was discussed.
 - Spirit wear is loved by the teachers! The back to school lunch and Aloha Collection tote was greatly appreciated.
 - The mini grants are generous but thankful for the sum of money given by the PFO.
 - High attendance and engagement at Back to School night. Open communication with the teachers is welcome!
 - Classroom donations are generous! It's a wonderful start to the school year and telling how great this school is.
- Principal's Report - Mr. Lempert
 - Agree with everything Ms. Ericastilla says. Feels so fortunate to

be at Harbor View with our vibrant community. Been in education for 20 plus years and appreciates being at Harbor View for his 4th year.

- School year started off normal with our students being engaged, vibrant, excited, and knowing what's expected of them.
- HV was recognized as PBIS Platinum award, the highest level.
- Back to school night was awesome! Great attendance and teachers did a great job.
- Safety: always something that's a passion for HV.
 - Cameras are installed and helpful.
 - Over the summer, a darker film was place on all classroom windows to make them tempered and prevent easy breaking.
 - All staff members now have a lanyard button when hit 3 times to alert Mr. Lempert and others if an emergency or other low impact issues. Communicates what teacher and where located. If 8 touches, it will put the school on lock down.
- Technology: LAUSD eliminated technology for 2nd grade and below. NMUSD is defining how and when to use technology. It will be a thoughtful process to develop. Teachers are working to define their why for using technology. We welcome parents to be curious about technology and discuss with their teacher.
- Appreciate this community and our PFO!

4. Announcements

- Family Annual Giving - Kate Gresham + Liz Keramati
 - The PFO raises a lot of funds for our school to cover important elements on our campus: teacher salaries, teacher grants, PE, art, etc. These things really impact our children and make HV what it is! We are looking to reach our goal. There are only 8

hats left! Sponsorship tiers are online at hvpfo.org.

- Art Masters: Liz and Olivia are doing a ton of work for the year with supplies, preparation, etc.
- Corporate Sponsorships - Sandra Hekimian
 - New position this year to cultivating positive relationships with companies in our community to make an impact at our school.
 - Diamond level sponsors: Casey Leshner, Sevall Investment, Keck Medicine
 - Welcoming any leads! We're gaining a lot of traction.
- Membership - Monica Houpt + Vanessa Blauer
 - Exciting to see new faces! Helping to manage volunteers, committees, helping Lead Room Parents, etc. If interested, please reach out!

5. Harbor View Dads – Robbie Blauer

- Fun fundraising! Get your beach tickets. Encourage your husbands to come to the BCYC meeting next Thursday. It's a great community for Dads to be involved at HV.
- David Hekimian – HV Dads is the PFO liaison working with the PFO together for our kids. Dads help focus on events off campus! Come and show up.
- Beach Party is for all adults (no kids).
- Whatsapp group communication.

OPEN FORUM

- How late is too late to attend the Dads event? 5pm is the board meeting and 6pm is the hangout and runs until 9pm. Just come when you can!
- Parents Night Out? It's our biggest fundraiser in the spring, April 16th with a silent and live auction. Some Annual Giving levels provides tickets to the event.
- Is HVE involved in the CDM Third Thursday? It's a great idea. Maybe to bring Spirit Wear. Sometimes there's a group of families that unofficially meet up and walk together. Possible to team up with B Candy and have a HV booth there.
- Technology issue – is it reasonable to establish a time cut offs per grade. Lisa will address how the district will establish their technology policies. Important for

parents to voice their opinions. NMUSD is trying to establish their policy by October.

- Other topics for Lisa are welcome!
- Has Go Guardian gone out for this year? Teachers will be sending it out or Mr. Lempert. It's a great tool for parents to see what kids are doing on their chromebooks.
- Teens/Tweens: Next Tues Sep 8th 5-7pm UCI is having free event with four speakers addressing technology and children. Video games, social media, and the entire landscape.
- Schoology: can parents log into Schoology? It may have kicked out a number of parents over the summer but try to reset your password.
- Thank you for coming and spending the time with us!

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36am

Next Harbor View Huddle

October 16, 2026 - 8:45 in MPR

September 2026	
1	PFO Executive Board Meeting
2	Art Masters Lecture - Escher MPR
3	Recess Art 12:00 - 12:50pm
3	Vision and Hearing Testing Day
4	PFO General Meeting (8:45am in MPR)
7	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
8-11	Art Masters Lessons in classrooms - Escher
10	HV Dads Welcome Back - Dads only (5pm)
22	Picture Day
26	HV Dads Beach Party - Adults only (5-9pm in Cameo Shores)
28-10/2	Book Fair (MPR)
28	Book Fair Read Aloud 5:45pm
October 2026	
1	Recess Art 12:00-12:50pm
5	Read-A-Thon Kickoff (10/5-11) - 6:30PM ZOOM Party with Principal Lempert
6	PFO Executive Board Meeting

	Sensitive Solutions for 6th grade (Oct 7 Girls, Oct 9 Boys) 5-7pm
7	National Walk and Roll to School Day
7	Art Masters Lecture - Klint/Kandinsky
8	Michael Frye Jump Rope Assembly (TBC)
9	NO SCHOOL
13, 14, 16, 29	Art Masters Lessons in classrooms - Klint/Kandinsky
16	PFO General Meeting (8:45am in MPR)
16	Read-A-Thon winners announced at Flag Deck
19-23	Conference Week (early dismissal all week)
	Sensitive Solutions for 6th grade (Oct 21 Boys, Oct 23 Girls) 5-7pm
26-28	6th Grade Science Camp Irvine Ranch
26-30	Healthy Kid Week
28	Read-A-Thon Incentive Party (1:25-2:45pm)
29	HV Dads Spooktacular at CYC Park (4pm)
29	HVE Veteran's Day Recess Art
30	Halloween Parade (8:30am on Black Top)