



Harbor View Huddle

HVPFO General Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 16, 2026 8:45 AM Multi Purpose Room

Meeting called 8:57am

Attendees:

Stephanie Gabriel	Sabrina Ericastilla	Sanda Hekimian	Stephanie Pedersen
Jennifer Jackson	Candice Kuhn	Erica Kim	Burca Bali
Delanie Meldman	Meghan Micholavsky	Michele Yian	Emily Lorrimer
Brittany Megonigal	Ane Piyard	Lindsay Fiori	Duncan Burrows
Laura Burrows	Laura Lyn Zbinden	Vironica Golden	Jacque Crichten
Jessica Gamarzadeh	Andy Hill	David Heimian	Griffin Coon

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

- a. Thank you for the HV Dads who put together the Beach Party! It was a lovely community event.
- b. Thank you to Principal Lempert for supporting our children's academic journey. For school administrator's week, we appreciate you!
- c. Book Fair & Read-a-Thon
 - i. Huge thank you to our committees and parent volunteers. It was a great success! Funds will support our book vending machine.
- d. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Spooktacular: CYC Grant Howald Park on 10/29 with a costume contest, food and more.
 - ii. On 10/29, HV PFO is hosting a jump rope assembly. Student only event but look out for volunteer email.
 - iii. Halloween Parade on 10/30 – no weapons, blood, etc. Please bring a change of clothes.

- iv. Friday Nov 6th is our Veterans Day Assembly with students and parents. We will have the choir perform, slideshow, and letters for the troops drive. Also check out the 4-6th Grade Writing Contest of "What does Veterans Day mean to you".

2. **Teacher's Corner** - Ms. Ericastilla

- i. Conferences coming up next week. Great to have 100% of participation with families. It's hard work but great to sit and think about each child, take the time to give productive and honest feedback and see each student grow in their journey! Please be on time because it's a short window of time.

3. **Principal's Report** – Mr. Lempert

- i. Last Friday he attended the CDMHS football game to watch our school band perform. He really appreciates our community and trajectory the CDMHS path being such a great school and culture!
- ii. Conference week – Teacher's put in a lot of work to prepare thoughtful conversations with parents.
- iii. Heat is still an exciting element to the day. We remain flexible and adjust as needed.
- iv. Growth – more rounds of reading and math testing is occurring. We are celebrating growth and meeting kids where they're at!
- v. The CA School Dashboard went live. It's our rating scale with the state where we want to be in the blue zone. Harbor View is in blue in all areas except chronic absences was an orange. More communication to come. We should be really proud of the school and our direction!

4. **Special Guest** – Lisa Pearson, our NMUSD School Board Representative

- i. Running unopposed this school board election so she will not be on the ballot this year so she will be the HVE rep for another 4 years.
- ii. She is so encouraged how many Dads are present at the PFO meeting!
- iii. Our scores are coming out this week but HVE was #2 in the district in reading and math. She noted it was interesting that the top two schools in the district have an organized Dads program so appreciated the involvement from both parents!

- iv. A 2026-2031 CDM Strategic Plan was distributed for more information about the direction of our zone. Feedback she receives is so positive about our schools. Our Superintendent is great and our CDMHS and CDMMS teams are wonderful. They are cultivating more one on one student contact with school staff and administrators to encourage positive growth because studies show it makes a difference.
- v. Our AI cameras are working great. Private schools are copying our AI cameras and police are also utilizing drones. City Council is pushing for us to use Fosis (sp?) system to save lives if needed. Currently each camera needs to be viewed to see what's happening. With the new system, all cameras can be viewed at once supported with drones. The City Council will fund that program and it is going to vote next week.
- vi. Screen time: A Committee with administrators and parents has been formed to gather feedback regarding screens and technology. Next month they will work on drafting a policy based on this feedback. Please reach out to Lisa with any feedback. The parents survey and feedback has been really helpful and productive. Around 200 parents participated in the survey.
- vii. Pesticides: the city has moved to use no pesticides on athletic fields. Schools are piloting organic herbicides on athletic fields and also non-athletic fields.
- viii. Nutrition: Cafeteria menus are also on the docket to improve and pilot better nutrition on campus – even exploring organic options.
- ix. Parent feedback regarding technology/screentime:
 - 1. GoGuardian is a great app to use. Lexia is a great program where kids are learning but playing educational games. Parent request to communication per grade to breakdown what apps students are using so parents can utilize these apps at home.
 - 2. The block on GoGuardian does not work as students can work around it.

3. The chromebooks are locked at school but sometimes not locked down at home.
4. Lower grade parents are lacking awareness about GoGuardian. It would be helpful for the school to reiterate how to install and use it.
5. Parents request to clarify vote versus policy when it comes to tech/devices. District will listen to feedback from teachers, administrators, parents, etc. and then policy committee will draft a new policy regarding technology. Policies are voted on (Brown Act). There can only be 3 people discussing at a time out of 7 representatives. The feedback direction is to reduce 1 on 1 time of students on their own screens and utilize screens in a larger group setting. It may be more of a time slot so students don't have access at all times to their device. And how/when devices should or should not come home.
6. Teachers are waiting for these new policies roll out. They are finding the balance between non-productive screen time and using the technology for learning.
7. Lisa supports helping students of a certain level learn how to have self-control and use technology and ai in a productive way before going off to college. She expressed concern about the K-2 grade level and technology. In a meeting, most schools and mostly high schools were asking to go back to pen and paper. Their eyes hurt and they want to get off the screen. They're pushing for high school principals and teacher to go back to the pen and paper.
8. Each high school in the district was happy what was going on but CDMHS student feedback was they wanted fair grading between teachers. Cheating is occurring. Their feedback was focused on grades. CDMHS has also installed wellness centers to help with mental and emotional support.
9. Parents question regarding chromebook devices being outdated. Huntington is changing to Macs. We're not

hooked up to handle both systems Mac or PCs at a large scale at the same time. At high school level, if there's a program or subject that needs it, they are distributing macs to students. Chromebooks can be easily fixed and managed by scale. The mac is more a closed platform. They are inexpensive and easily access things to the cloud. At NHHS, macs were recently brought in for their learning center. Teachers used to have iPads and iMacs but the district doesn't support them as they get outdated so quickly.

10. Parent question regarding brain fatigue and request to know how this is impacting the elementary age. How much longer are they doing math for example or focusing on fast pace, critical thinking. Students not remembering, seem more tired, needing mental health day/time. Concerned they're worked too hard at school. Looking to understand how rigorous are we getting at the elementary school level. Principal Lempert and Lisa's comments are NMUSD is very cautious about these topics. Nothing has changed recently except for new math curriculum in the last few years. Also, pace of activities have also changes and evolved over time. Wellness centers and classrooms are on each campus and emphasis on mental balance. Parent requesting the option to print and do pen to paper homework versus on the chromebook.
11. Ericastilla stated there's been a loss of dexterity and patience with use of screens. Our standards have not changed but dealing with confines of what changed with the kids. Math time has been the same as last few years. Writing practice has not changed. Kids need to have basic drag/drop computer skills for the state testing. They practice computer skills on Lexia app. She expressed that kids don't need more homework, they need art, music, gardening.
12. TK utilized playdoh, etc. Kindergarten students are exhausted and not using playdoh anymore since the

program is not as tactile based as a play based preschool. The Kinder adjustment is difficult from TK since it's not as play based and more academic at Harbor View. Parent reiterated her preference for a shorter TK day. Lisa emphasized how the school supports connection and community.

13. Please reach out to Lisa for any further questions to connect with other topics in the district and put a plan in action.

5. **Financials:** Meghan Michalovsky

- i. Started the year with great generosity through September.
- ii. Family giving was above our target so allowing us to fund our goals.
- iii. Corporate giving has been wonderful – almost reaching our target.
- iv. Book Faire did great and will fund our book vending machine.
- v. RAT brought in \$60k and Spiritwear is also great.
- vi. We've paid our first installment of our teacher salaries, new risers in the MPR from the legacy fund, our recess art payment has been made, we funded our first assembly at the end of the month, and our teacher's needs for their classrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53am.

Next Harbor View Huddle

November 13, 2026 - 8:45 in MPR