* **Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes**
  + Alison D. motioned to approve
  + Tina A. seconded
* **Board’s Welcome & Business**
  + Welcome to South Shore Regional Vocational Technical (SSVT) High School Superintendent, Tom Hickey. Mr. Hickey is a Hanson resident and in his 14th year as superintendent. He is here to discuss the SSVT building project and is doing community outreach. SSVT is the 2nd oldest regional vocational school at 62 years old. They discussed either adding on or renovating the building and decided to build a new school due to cost effectiveness. They have the highest enrollment in SSVT history at 685 students and 100 kids on the waiting list. The best value is a new school that can take 900 students. They want to be able to allow more students to enroll and it will be modern, spacious, and economical. They will add a plumbing and vet science curriculum. He has talked to the Hanson Select Board and how it will be funded. There is a special district election on January 25th. Nine towns will have to vote to approve it, and then each town will decide how it will ask the residents to pay the town’s share. Hanson is 12% of the SSVT enrollment. Borrowing will spread out starting in fiscal year 2026. Plan B would be to renovate what they have but with no state aid it would be substantial. The total cost of the new building is $165 million to be divided among 9 towns. He thinks Hanson’s share would be about 10-12%. They are saving $1 million in expenses by using SSVT students to do some of the minor work like carpentry. Suffolk Construction would do that main build. Since the school would be moving to the back of the property, where the sport fields are, the fields would not be in use during constructions. He asked if we can add info to the PTO page.
  + Outdoor classroom plans update – Chris P. heads the committee and sent two excavation quotes today. The quotes are $11,000 and $7,000. We will go with $7,000 but Jeff S. needs to approve the building inspector. Insurance is all set. Then SSVT will work with the excavation people and start the build.
  + Storage of PTO items currently on the stage – the PTO has cleared out most of it with just a few items that we will need continuously. Ms. Costa said we can use some of a spare tall cabinet.
  + Book vending machine request discussion – discussed an email quote for $7500 but feels that is too much. Mr. Tranter would like something cheaper. The original ask from Dr. Jocelyn was $6500 that came with books. Andrea Cipolla will look into the Scholastic book package.
  + Discuss next date for Fun Run - 10/10-10/22/25 – this is set. No school on 10/13. Also discussed if we should just hold it inside as a Glow Run since the kids love that. Also discussed if PTO would like to get sponsors to help cover the cost of the tshirts. Both items were tabled for future discussion.
  + Discuss Fall 2025 Book Fair date – 10/24-10/31/25 – discussed moving it to November so it’s not right after the Fun Run and Halloween. Heather O’Neill also will be the new Book Fair Chairperson. She will shadow Andrea in the spring. We decided on the week of 11/17/25 because there are no half days that week. Discussed how half days are too rushed for the kids to choose something.
  + Raise Right gift cards – Alison D. will launch this. It’s a fundraiser where people can purchase gift cards through the Raise Right website and the PTO will receive a portion of proceeds, usually 3-10%. The deadline to order will be 12/3. Noted we can post this in the school newsletter and School Status.
* **Principals’ Update**
  + Mr. Tranter discussed the awards for Fun Run and he liked getting “pied” by the kids as their prize. They also had an Assistant Principal and Principal for the day.
  + The MCAS dates will be in the newsletter. ELA will be the week of April 7th and Math will be the week of May 5th.
  + Teacher conferences went well and in person worked out well.
  + WIN blocks will end in mid December and new groups will start after Christmas.
  + Ms. Costa talked to the cafeteria staff after some parents were frustrated that not all meal options are available for all the lunch times. Ms. Costa said the cafeteria should not run out of food and would like to balance the waste.
  + The student council letters will go out tomorrow.
  + The lost and found will be moved outside.
* **Treasurer’s Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations**
* See report
* **Post Event Review**
  + Fun Run – theme was “Castle Quest.” Held 10/11-10/23. The kids had fun and the weather cooperated.
  + Monster Mash Dance (Chairperson: Tina Arsenault) – held 10/25 from 6:30-8:00 at Indian Head. We were able to donate 300 pounds of food to the Hanson food pantry after collections at the dance. The food truck was well received, the kids liked the donuts, and the truck owners did not charge us a fee to be there. They sold 400 donuts. We discussed if future Halloween dances should have food options to purchase and balancing that with clean up. The kids liked the tattoo and face paint stations. Also noted having multiple check in volunteers was a great idea. The parents liked the DJ and his activities. There was a comment that we should start planning in September so we can book a DJ earlier. We set a date of October 24th for next year so we can book a DJ early. Noted some kids left the blacktop and went onto the playground and the field. Discussed putting up a decoration next year on the door to the playground to deter kids from leaving. Also discussed that another outdoor lighting request would be useful for the playground if we wanted.
  + Book Fair (Chairperson: Andrea Cipolla) – held 10/28-11/2 during library periods. Heather O’Neill will be the next Chairperson. Made over $10,000 in sales. Over Scholastic balance is now about $11,000.
* **Upcoming Events / Fundraisers – voting requests to follow**
  + Toy Box (Hanover) toy store fundraiser (Kristin Ernest) – November 20, can shop in person or online with the code.
  + Children’s Art Classes (Hanover) art classes fundraiser of 50% off (Kristin Ernest) – November 20. We have a flyer and can send on School Status.
  + Hanson Holiday Fest – December 7th, 4:00-7:00. Tina will be at the PTO table and is looking for volunteers to help. Crafts will be given out.
  + PTO Holiday Shop (Kaity Crowley and Tiffany Taber) – week of December 9. Reindeer Lane sent us flyers and money envelopes as well as shopping bags. PTO also has some. We will need five tables from Facilities. We can advertise the holiday shop in the newsletter too. A sign up genius will need to be done for shifts and we can use the National Honor Society too. Discussed sending home the flyer and then as it gets closer, sending home the money envelopes and another flyer with specific dates.
* **Voting Requests ($9,516.48) – ALL ITEMS PASSED** 
  + Grade 1 - 110 kites for Grade 1 kite day in May/June - $635.72
  + Grade 4 (Donna Galewski) – storage cart, U.S. map area rug, fidgets, 2 seat cushions, 2 bean bag chairs, 2 wobble stools - $424.73
  + Grade 4 – yearbooks for all 4th grade (no cost to families) - $2,025.73
  + Grade 4 – book for all 4th graders when they graduate “What the Road Said” (Storybook Cove) - $1395.45
  + Grade 4 – Fun Day at Camp Kiwanee (end of school year field trip) ice cream truck, activities, and supplies - $1200
  + Grade K – musician and storyteller Johnny the K visit - $750
  + Administration (all students) – recess equipment (basketballs (6), soccer balls (6) and footballs (6)) - $284.85
  + PTO - Hanson Holiday Fest candy and crafts for PTO table - $200
  + Holiday shop vouchers for students in need of assistance – $600
  + PTO – deposit to Boosterthon to hold date for 2025 Fun Run - $2,000
* **School Committee Rep Update**
  + No update provided.
* **Future Events/Fundraisers (to be discussed at future meetings)**
  + Polar Plunge – the number of participants has declined. PTO would like ideas for doing it differently or coming up with a new fundraiser. One idea was a hot chocolate 5k walk/run.
* **Chairperson/Committee/Volunteer Opportunities**
  + Outdoor Classroom Committee (Chairperson Chris Peffley)
  + School Committee Rep (Maria Robbins)
  + School Store Coordinator Erica Burke and volunteers: grade 1-4 once per month, 2 days per
  + week
  + Book Fair volunteers
  + Holiday Shop Chairperson and volunteers (Kaity Crowley and Tiffany Taber)
  + Polar Plunge Committee and volunteers
  + Sweetheart Dance Chairperson and volunteers
  + Teacher Appreciation week volunteers
  + Box Tops leader
  + Various other volunteer opportunities at events and fundraisers throughout the year
* **Events/Other Business**
* **Open Discussion/Questions**
* **Next meeting: December 12 at 6:30pm**