

**The Hickman N.E.S.T.
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Teacher's Lounge, Hickman Elementary School

Jul 20, 2026

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome
- b. Purpose of meeting
- c. Review recent & upcoming deadlines:
 - i. Jul 15, 2026: Committee Budget requests due to Treasurer
 - ii. Jul 28, 2026: NEST Calendar to Jaimie Kolbeck
 - iii. Aug 1, 2026: NEST Budget finalize and share with administration
 - iv. Jul 27, 2026 – Aug 5, 2026: Window for a follow-up meeting between the Board, Principal, and ESA.

2. Confirm Quorum

3. Approve Minutes

- a. [2026-06-05 Alignment Meeting NEST Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
 - i. Please re-approve these minutes after a minor revision corrected spelling of Isabel's name, no other changes
- b. [2026-06-12 NEST Board and Committees Calendar Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

4. President Report

- a.

5. Principal Updates

6. Teacher Liaison Updates

7. Officer Reports

- a. Secretary
 - i. Calendars: 2027 Calendar events have been added to the "Hickman 26-27" shared calendar. Link: [Hickman 26-27 Calendar](#)
 - ii. Update on web-facing calendar.
 - iii. (Date TBD) - Alignment meeting follow up with Jena & Matt
 - iv. Apex/Booster Vote Taken outside of meeting (Jul 17, 2026)
 - 1. Quorum of directors (4 responded out of 6 offices)
 - 2. 4 votes for Apex, Zero for Booster
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Final Treasurer Report
 - ii. New budget line items asked to consider:
 - 1. \$500 for counselor
 - 2. \$150 - \$200/each for 3 SPED teachers
 - 3. Increase for assemblies (PY \$2500)
- c. VP Fundraising
 - i. Fundraising Platform
 - 1. 99Pledges vs Zeffy?

- ii. Annual Fundraising Calendar
 - 1. Ongoing
 - a. Super Pledge
 - b. Banner/Business Partnerships
 - c. Minted
 - d. SpiritWear
 - e. Educational Grants
 - f. Grocery Outlet
 - 2. Community & One-Off Fundraisers
 - a. Tasty Tuesday (Monthly Dine Outs)
 - b. Family Fun Nights
 - i. Chuck-E-Cheese
 - ii. SkyZone
 - iii. Game Night
 - iv. Art Night
 - c. Sees - Easter or Xmas
 - d. Mrs. Fields
- iii. School Based Fundraisers
 - 1. Holiday Shop
 - a. Believe Kids
 - b. Natalie's Gift Shop
 - c. Fun Services
 - 2. Scholastic Book Fairs
 - 3. Hickman Hallows
 - 4. Heritage Night
- iv. Website -
 - 1. Update the Fundraising page using Mira Mesa Little League as inspiration.
 - 2. Include ongoing fundraisers, sponsorships, calendar, goals, QR codes, and impact.
 - 3. Update Banner partnership
- v. Decisions Tonight
 - ☐ Approve calendar
 - ☐ Confirm fundraiser lineup
 - ☐ Holiday Shop vendor
 - ☐ Super Pledge goal
 - ☐ Finalize dates for the Fun Run
 - ☐ Determine renewal policy
 - ☐ Website priorities
- d. VP Communications
- e. VP Volunteers

8. Committee Reports - NOT PRESENT

- a. 5th Grade Committee
- b. 50th Anniversary Events
- c. Garden Club
- d. Heritage Night
- e. Hickman Hallows
- f. Hospitality
- g. Scholastic Book Fair
- h. STEAM
- i. Yearbook Club

9. Old Business

- a. Back 2 School BASH
- b. APEX vs. Booster
- c. 99Pledges vs. Zeffy
- d. Teacher Grants – Amount and check vs reimbursement
- e. Field Trip funding – do we want to send out donation envelopes with permission slips
- f. Yearbook: If ads pricing/sizing/timelines have been set
 - i. Evaluate if NEST can afford to subsidize 5th-grade yearbooks.
 - ii. Decide whether to purchase an ad for/from NEST.
- g. 5th grade committee “NEST Egg” wording
- h. 2027 Event Dates/Times (Calendar TBDs from last meeting):
 - i. 5th Grade "Bingo & Baskets" fundraiser
 - ii. Lunar New Year (February 6, 2027)
 - iii. Heritage Night / 50th Anniversary (Open House is Apr 22, 2027)
 - iv. Confirm Spring Book Fair
 - v. End of Year Book Fair (?)
 - vi. Teacher/Staff Appreciation events
 - vii. Promotion (K/5th) related events
 - viii. APEX/Alternative Fun Run

10. New Business

- a. Review confirmed events (month by month), copy confirmed events to public-facing calendar
- b. Budget requests
 - i. **"Leader in Me" Budget Request: approximately \$11,600** to fund teacher training and substitute coverage for the "Leader in Me" curriculum.
 - ii. **Volunteer Check in platform: \$1,160** (requested via email). This allocation is for CENTEGIX (formerly Ident-A-Kid), the Visitor Management Tool, as requested by Administration.
 - iii. **Yearbook committee: \$1,000.** Additional camera, additional SD cards, marketing banner, t-shirts and lanyards for yearbook staff.
 - iv. **STEAM & Science Saturday: \$650.**
 - 1. Joint request between STEAM committee & Science Saturday
 - 2. Reusable Event Supplies for potential events, such as Science Saturday/Science Night, Family STEAM Hikes (we'd like to

provide snacks and sketchbooks to attendees), Fundraiser Events, Family STEAM Night. STEAM Activity Kits. Banners/boards for marketing events

- v. **Garden Club: \$2,500** projected minimum operating costs.
 - 1. Have applied for \$5,750 in grants for 2026-27 school year
 - 2. Supplies for garden care, maintenance, and expansion. Learning materials and supplies for outdoor classroom. Materials for outdoor kitchen for washing produce, tastings. Teacher welcome packets for garden reps. Refreshments for Beautification Days (at least 2).
 - vi. **Hickman Hallows: \$3,500** The money will be used to purchase multiple exciting items, such as: graveyard headstones, Pumpkin decorating kits, Pie baking trays, food coloring, Dead animal skeletons, Best costume prizes, cake/ cake supplies, trash can with candy, stand-up half skeleton, pumpkins, and piñata.
 - vii. **50th Anniversary: \$1,500** Commemorative Keepsakes & Visuals (\$500) Event Entertainment & Activities (\$500) Food, Refreshments & Hospitality (\$350) Contingency & Logistics (\$150)
 - viii. **Hospitality: \$3,500** Back to School Teacher Breakfast; TK-K Playdate; BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast; Teacher B2S Survival Kits; Parent Socials; Meetings Refreshments; Volunteer Appreciation; Custodian Day; Food Service Workers Day; Principal/Admin Day; Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- c. Upcoming Back-to-School Events
 - i. Aug 5, 2026: Teachers Return & Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast.
 - ii. Aug 7, 2026: TK & New Student Orientation.
 - iii. Aug 8, 2026: TK/Kinder Playdate at Lopez Ridge Park (9:00–11:00 AM).
 - iv. Aug 10, 2026: First Day of School & Boo-Hoo Yahoo Event (8:00–9:00 AM).
 - v. Aug 27, 2026: Back to school Night (4:30–5:30 PM) & Back to School Bash (5:30–7:30 PM, proposed)

11. Open Forum

- a. The public, or non-board attendees, get **3 minutes** of uninterrupted time to bring up concerns, and/or to have questions answered. The meeting must end at the regularly scheduled time.

12. Adjourn