# Thomas G. Connors Elementary School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes

# NOVEMBER 2026

**Date:** 11/10/2026
**Location:** Connors Elementary School (Cafeteria); Google Meet
**Meeting called to order:** 8:33am
**Meeting adjourned:** 10am

**PTO officers present:** Michelle Mazurkiewicz, Nick Lenzi, Colleen Herzog, Marina Avallone, Chrissy Badger
**PTO officers absent:** N/A
**School representative(s) present:** Principal Juliana Addi
**Invited guest speaker(s) present:** Principal Juliana Addi
**Community attendance:** Approximately 36 attendees
**Names of member attendees (in-person):** Amanda Schmitt, Emily Janocha, Jesnie Shah, Lauren Reid Hurst, Lisa Cerreta Kruk, Maggie Mou, Nicole Jala, Nikki Nachimow, Richard Qian, Shep DiCesare, Yeon Jo
**Names of member attendees (virtual):** Alina Prescornita, Anna Kalinowska, Beth Renoni, Candy Chan, Cortney Banashek, Courtney Guyer, Courtney Stout-Dandrea, Danielle O'Donnell, Darshana Pangal, Elina Visoki, Gina Liu, Hillary Bell, Jillana Watson, Jose Luis Lopez Torres, Lauren Loffredo, Lee Ann Townes, Lisa Del Vecchio, Lyuba Rarytskaya, May Choy, Peter Chu, Rahul Agarwal, Rosie Colosi (McDevitt), Sarah Reever-Pickerel, Sarah Richards, Stephen Lee

**Formal Actions:** The meeting was held for informational and community-engagement purposes. No motions were made, no votes were conducted, and no formal membership action requiring a quorum was taken.

**Reports and presentations:**

- PTO officer (Michelle Mazurkiewicz) presented updates concerning the following topics:
    - Halloween Costume Shop + Dance Recap; Multicultural Dinner; ThanksGIVING Dinner Baskets; Connors Swag; Square 1 Art; "Hooked on Books" Holiday Book Sale; Looking Ahead (Holidays, Career Day, Event

Decision); SEPAG; HPEF; District Events; Important Upcoming Dates; Ways to Stay Connected; Ways to Support the PTO; and Guest Speaker.

- Lauren Reid Hurst provided info on ThanksGIVING Dinner Baskets
- Nikki Nachimow provided updates from the Swag Committee.
- Nicole Jala also presented information/updates concerning HPEF.
- Rosie McDevitt added comments in Google Meet chat about the Book Sale – all books/merch available at LCB is included in the sale. Just mention CONNORS at checkout. We will still have the normal Scholastic Book Fair in March.
- The meeting presentation is maintained in the PTO's records.
- Guest Speaker, Principal Addi, shared presentation – NJSLA Data Results.

**Other matters:**

- Lisa Del Vecchio brought up rec basketball.
    - Signups started yesterday for grades 3-8. No limit on spots but there is a deadline. Grouped by school for grades 3-5. One practice per week, one game per week, and then playoffs and championship. K-2 rec basketball signups (12/7 at 5pm) does have a limited number of spots – not connected to Connors or organized by school (mainly skill-building).
- Feedback on picture day – parents want more than one photo.
    - Ms. Addi: We had a new vendor this year, but feedback usually isn't great every year. If parents want to get together and help choose a vendor, that would be great.

**Minutes prepared by:** Colleen Herzog
**Date Finalized:** 11/10/2026