

PTSA Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2011

Attendees: Deb Drouin, Audrey Augun, Betsy Solon, Lisa Schmalz, Ruth Kabel, Rachana Suchdev, Janet Merrithew, Michelle Jimeno, Leslie Eisenberg, Iris McLaughlin, Deborah Davis, Sophia LaJeunesse, Joyce Pepin, Dianne Bonta, Steve Simons, Tom Enright, and Janice Tremblay.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves along with their HBMS child's name when appropriate.

Review of minutes: Deb Drouin corrected December 17, 2011 minutes to read January 11, 2011 instead of January 10, 2011. Joyce Pepin made a motion to accept December 17, 2010 minutes. Michelle Jimeno seconded it. All were in favor.

Cooperative School Board: Janice Tremblay said that there is a \$105,000.00 funding gap between the school board and the budget committee. She went on further to say that even if the gap is closed, there is no guarantee that programs/positions are safe. Governor Lynch is proposing to downshift fiscal 2012 funding to local towns which will increase Coop's budget next year. The teacher's health insurance is tied in with all three district contracts and these contracts do not expire at the same time. The Hollis school district wants to work with the Coop. Janice encouraged all to attend the district meeting on March 16, 2011 and vote. Mrs. Goyette mentioned that four female students have approached her and asked that Mrs. Sarvaiya be kept on as faculty. Janice said we look to administrators to recommend what programs/faculty to keep. Mrs. Goyette was asked what she would like. Her reply was that she needs to keep her staff.

Principal's Report: Pat stated that NEAP testing is going on today. 8th grade transition to the high school will begin on March 29, 2011 with grade 8 parent course registration night at HBHS. On March 30th there will be classroom presentations by HBHS Guidance Dept. at HBMS. Online registration is from March 29 – April 3. At our next PTSA meeting on March 18, 2011 guidance counselors from the high school will be here to inform parents. April 6th is open house for incoming 6th grade parents. Pat said that May 26th is step-up day for current 6th graders. Iris McLaughlin mentioned that on April 6th, the audience is all parents and that the PTSA could get volunteer sign-ups that evening. Pat thanked all for the numerous sympathy cards that she received.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth Kabel reviewed the budget in Lynn Goldberg's absence.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Ruth Kabel reviewed the conflict of interest policy. Beth Solon made a motion to accept the conflict of interest policy. Deborah Davis seconded it. All were in favor.

Reflections: Michelle Jimeno said that participation has doubled from last year. On March 14, 2011 the state results will be announced. Each child that entered the contest will be given a feedback form.

Staff Appreciation: Rachana Suchdev stated that there were many donations for the Valentine's Day event. A raffle was something new that they did and it proved to be fun for the teachers.

Nominating Committee: Ruth Kabel said that we need a three person nominating committee.

Generations: It is a workshop that is being held on March 25, 2011 for students and parents. Iris McLaughlin is in charge of the luncheon. A clarification was made that parent and child do not have to be together at this event. If anyone has any ideas, Erin White is looking for topics to present.

The next PTSA meeting is March 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Davis