

HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2012

Attendees: Pat Goyette, Penny Arsenault, Cindy VanCoughnett, Debbie Drouin, Katie Corsetti

November Minutes: Pat motioned to approve November's minutes. Debbie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance is \$18,839.89. PTSA received a \$500 check from Box Tops for Education to be used for athletic purposes. Cindy motioned to use the Box Top money for new lacrosse sticks. Deb seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report:

Pat reported that the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip is coming together. Some scholarship money was used for two middle payments with funds that had been donated. No further PTSA monies are needed for scholarships at this time. Students have submitted ideas for their partners for the trip.

There will be a formal math night for incoming 7th grade parents to explain changes coming next year with math placement. This will happen on a date to be determined this spring.

Generations Day needs more presenters. Anyone interested should contact Erin White.

For the MS principal search a committee of parents, teachers, the HS principal and one board member has been formed. The deadline for applications is January 20 with interviews to follow and a goal of the committee to make a recommendation in February.

Scripts:

Deb did not send out any Scrip forms for January as she explained that has traditionally been a low participation month after the holidays. Deb also recommended advertising on the Scrip forms stating that orders may not be processed due to low participation, making profits negligible, if at all. She will contact Denise Pustizzi about recruiting a volunteer for the fall who Deb can train now. Her recommendation for next year is to focus sales during the fall and the holidays.

Other:

Pat made a request for \$1,000 from the PTSA for new stage lights. According to drama advisor Kirby Elliot, there are some safety issues with low lit areas as well as a need to upgrade the lights. Currently they function only by going off and on. The upgrade will cost \$6,000; \$4,000 the Drama Club currently has. The PTSA request would provide for \$1,000, and she expects the club to fundraise for the additional \$1,000. Penny motioned that the PTSA provide \$1,000 and Cindy seconded. The motion passed. Due to low membership attendance at this meeting, Pat requested the PTSA put out an email on this request with input to officers. Katie will do this.

Pat will post dates in the *Knightly News* for public hearings in order to promote parent participation.

Cindy stated that those running spirit wear need to decide when the next sales will be.

The next meeting will be February 16 at 8:30. Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti