

## HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2012

**Attendees:** Pat Goyette, Maryanne Shanley, Debbie Drouin, Katie Corsetti

**February Minutes:** Minutes could not be approved due to too few voters present.

### **Principal's Report:**

Pat reported that Parent Orientation for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be April 3. There will be an introduction of the new principal at the orientation. She asked if PTSA representatives will be present. It was decided that there will be a PTSA table in the gym with membership and spirit wear forms available.

Pat has two classes of HS101. There are plans to walk 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school in small groups as an orientation. The class will incorporate students working in groups to develop questions to ask of high school guidance counselors during their visit. Bullying issues will also be part of the class.

The Budget Committee requested a matrix from Pat to measure school success. Pat would like to ask students for their input on the quality of education, which she can present to the Board.

Incoming principal, Bob Thompson, is scheduled to spend April 2 and April 19 at the Middle School. During the first visit his focus will be with core subject and special education teachers. The focus of the second visit will be geared toward specialist teachers and the front office. She expects he will attend part of the PTSA meeting that day and is planning a reception after school on the 19<sup>th</sup> for parents to meet him from 2:30 to 4:00. Pat will post this in the *Knightly News*. He is also planning to be at the band concert in June, the June Recognition Assembly, and a breakfast with teachers on June 22 followed by his first staff meeting.

The DC trip parent meetings went well.

On April 12 the Middle School will host a math night to explain changes to the program/curriculum. Common Core State Standards will replace GLE's (Grade Level Expectations), which is the driving issue for the program changes.

### **Other:**

A Music Department request for \$1,000 was granted for a drummer program and by-law changes were approved via an email discussion after the March meeting did not have enough PTSA members present to vote on these items then.

Mrs. Werne requested PTSA money for a document reader. Pat stated that the request should go through the front office first. Maryanne will email Mrs. Werne with that info.

Deb asked that a SCRIPS notice be placed in the *Knightly News*.

Kristine Farhat will coordinate the 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.

Maura Loftus will coordinate the 7<sup>th</sup> grade end of year cookout.

The next meeting will be April 19 at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti