

## HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2012

**Attendees:** Joy Belanger, Carol Scrima, Mara Friedman, Krista Whalen, Maryanne Shanley, Bob Thompson, Patti Flynn, Penny Arsenault, Jeannette Hallerman, Cindy VanCoughnett, and Katie Corsetti

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

Patti reported that Student Council elections were September 28. There are 26 students members. Fundraisers will include Boo Grams in October, a canned food drive for the Soup Kitchen in November, and a spring activity to be determined. The president and vice president will also be involved in the Veterans Day Assembly.

Bob reported that the DC trip will cost \$650 per student. He expects 10 students will need some amount of scholarship money in order to attend.

NECAP testing is complete. The administration is considering some changes for next year; including creating 90 minute blocks per test and having students take only one test per testing day.

Science NECAP scores were recently released for last year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Teachers and administrators are reviewing data to see how to improve scores. One area being considered is written, scientific responses.

HBMS is a Blue Ribbon recipient for volunteerism. Bob, Maryanne Shandley, and Carol Scrima will attend a breakfast in Manchester for honorees on October 30.

October 24 is Red Ribbon day: students will wear red and make a human ribbon and be part of an aerial photograph for drug awareness. This activity is done through the Community Action for Safe Teens.

The next Principal's Coffee is October 23 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Penny reported that the current balance is \$15,941.55.

### **Other:**

The Staff Appreciation dinner is November 15. Tammy and Joddy are organizing and have sent out requests on Signup Genius.

Krista announced that the School Board voted last night to eliminate reporting class rank for college applications. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be announced; then the third through tenth rank will be reported alphabetically (not numerically) as scores are within hundredths of points of each other.

Jeannette mentioned that it would be helpful for parents to have a reminder to check lost and found as well as to remind students to bring home gym clothes for washing and to clean out gym lockers.

Minutes: Krista made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Penny seconded it. The motion passed.

Next meeting: November 15 at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti