

HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2012

Attendees: Deanne Martin, Beth Ide, Jenn MacLeod, Penny Arsenault, Maryanne Shanley, Bob Thompson, Patti Flynn, Joy Belanger, Susan Crupi, and Katie Corsetti

Minutes:

Joy motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion passed; the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report:

The 7th and 8th graders performed very well at their respective concerts this week.

The administration is reviewing the master schedule to maximize learning time. Feedback is being collected from staff. The process will continue throughout the school year.

Partners and roommates have been established for the DC trip. There is about a \$4,040 deficit in funds for students who want to go but cannot afford the trip. This is a higher number than in the past. Discussion followed about publicizing the trip in the local paper as a human interest story to possibly attract attention to the cause.

Recent School Board meeting: the wireless network upgrade was taken out of the budget by the Board. The Board asked Bob to produce a budget that cuts \$150,000.

Safety and Security at HBMS:

Bob stated that security of the building is an ongoing process. Teachers and staff have been on high alert regarding any students overly stressed by the Connecticut school shooting. Lockdown drills are planned for the winter and spring. He expects the outdoor camera will be modified to show people coming to enter the building. In August, he requested a building safety audit. Officer Bergeron is working to coordinate this. Discussion followed about creating possible safety features and procedures while also maintaining a balance with being an inviting and welcoming school.

Other:

Maryanne reported that the wrestling mats Ms. Bottcher planned to purchase for the current season have yet to be approved by the Budget Committee. This is a new process where student activities fees are approved at the SAU level rather than at the principal's discretion. The wrestling mats are scheduled for the agenda at January's public meeting.

Destination Imagination is working on an anti-bullying project. Maryanne shared that Jeannette Hallerman asked her about the possibility of the students bringing some kind of presentation into the Middle School. Bob mentioned that bullying programs continue throughout the year through ROCK and guidance. If this is a DI requirement, it was suggested the group could possibly partner with Student Council. Maryanne will check on this.

Next meeting: January 17 at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti