

HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2013

In attendance: Jeannette Hallerman, Cindy van Coughnett, Patti Flynn, Mara Friedman, Maryanne Shanley, Penny Arsenault

Officers for school year 2013-2014: Maryanne will post to the Hollis Moms Facebook page and contact the Brookline PTO and the Hollis PTA, ask Deb Drouin of Brookline for suggestions. Patti has invited 6th grade parents to the April PTSA meeting.

Sixth grade transition is tentatively scheduled for 6/4. They will be doing electronic scheduling. Math placement procedure will be the same.

Last day of school is not yet set - on superintendent's agenda for April co-op meeting.

Maryanne talked about the proposed CavBlock scheduling at the High School - T-W-T with 45 minutes starting at 9:45 to address RTI students as well as general teacher access, stress relief, and easing interruptions of class time with assemblies, guidance, and school-wide programs. Specific instruction for freshmen will be provided for transitioning.

Jeannette asked about the possibility of a 2nd, late bus for kids who stay after for sports. The co-op board would have to arrange for this. Public input is one way to let them know there is an interest.

The HBHS Booster Club's Cav Golf outing is 5/17 at Overlook. Proceeds benefit HBHS sports teams.

Jeannette looked into starting a school radio station; the equipment would be \$20-30,000.

Bob continues to work on parent communication ideas. An official medium like Facebook would require SAU board approval. The ages of the kids is also a factor - Facebook minimum age is 13.

Treasurer's report: Account balance is \$12,800 after paying \$800 dues and filing fees. No major teacher requests pending right now.

Co-op district meeting in March: Co-op budgets were passed, described as lean but arrived at cooperatively.

Interim report on the DC trip was no problems encountered.

8th grade celebration: Track meet concessions may be handled by the Student Council. Maryanne will ask Farrah (celebration chair) about having Patti's team handle it. Other tasks include invitations, food, photo booth, and music. Patti recommends the school dance DJ, Corey Shaw of MC Productions. He charges \$250 per dance.

Patti plans to make the last dance of the year (in May) a beach-party theme.

7th grade barbecue: Gayle Bottcher usually takes the lead in planning this. Maryanne will get in touch with her regarding her thoughts. We will need to know the last day of school, whether it is Friday or Monday. We have a volunteer to chair this, Laurie Delaney.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Shanley