

### HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2013

**Attendees:** Jeannette Hallerman, Maura Loftus, Penny Arsenault, Maryanne Shanley, Bob Thompson, Mara Friedman, and Katie Corsetti

**Principal's Report:** Bob showed us the "Path to Peace" that Karen Coutu started in her ROCK, which has spread schoolwide. Students write positive ideas about making the world a better place which are posted in the halls throughout the school.

A safety audit was conducted the previous day. The actual report is pending, but verbally the school received high marks on procedures and building security. No or low cost improvements have already been implemented. A lockdown was conducted in between classes and unbeknownst to teachers. It took about 3 minutes for complete silence. The main takeaway is to improve the volume on the speakers especially when students are walking between classes so that the lockdown announcement is heard immediately by all.

Science NECAPs are coming in May for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent coffee was well attended. Bob is trying to schedule another time in May to meet with 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. They have many questions regarding Common Core.

The administration nominated Mrs. Ellerin for teacher of the year. Mrs. Marquette received a NH math teacher award.

Bob shared info about NH Middle Level-Scholar Awards, which recognizes two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Recipients are honored at a luncheon in Manchester. Mara motioned for the PTSA to fund \$320 for this award banquet. Jeannette seconded it. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Penny reported a balance of \$12,976.53. Maryanne motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Minutes:** Jeannette motioned to accept the March meeting minutes. Mara seconded it. The motion passed.

**Other:**

Mr. Elliot shared ideas about an exchange program with Chinese students that he is trying to get going for this summer.

Discussion followed about getting parents involved in the PTSA. Personally reaching out seems to be one of the best approaches.

Laurie Delaney will chair the 7<sup>th</sup> grade barbeque.

Maura Loftus shared info regarding a free forum open to the public at Nashua Community College on May 2 focusing on rights and responsibilities of 18 years olds.

Next meeting: May 17 at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti