

Hollis-Brookline Middle School PTSA
December 17th, 2013
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A general membership meeting of the Hollis-Brookline Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) was conducted on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hollis-Brookline Middle Conference Room.

Co-President Tammy Fareed presided:

Members of the Board Present: Jeannette Hallerman, Co-President
Laurie Miller, Secretary
Penny Arsenault, Treasurer

Also in Attendance: Bob Thompson, Principal
Kathleen Moynihan, Maryanne Shanley

Tammy Fareed welcomed attendees, and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Miller presented the minutes from the December 2013 General PTSA Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Tammy Fareed, and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Penny Arsenault provided a written report of recent activities. Current treasury balance as of 12/10/2013 is \$11,552.38. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2013 as presented was made by Penny Arsenault, and seconded by Laurie Miller. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeannette Hallerman reported that the Late Bus Committee presented their proposal to the SAU office, who accepted it & will negotiate pricing with transportation providers.

Results from the Student Enrichment Survey were presented. Out of 28 responses, 43% wanted technology in classrooms, 25% wanted greater contribution to DC trip, 14% wanted organized trips to museums, events, etc., 11% wanted streaming/recording equipment for media center. Other choices all received less than 10% of votes.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Thompson was proud to announce that Janice Ellerin, Team Jordan 7th grade Science teacher was recognized for her outstanding commitment and enthusiasm for teaching, as a semi-finalist for the NH Teacher of the Year award for 2013 by the NH Department of Education. Laura DeRosa, Team Hypatia 8th grade History teacher will be presented with the NH State DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History of the Year award during the school assembly on December 20th, honoring her knowledge of historical subject matter, commitment to students and fostering a sense of patriotism.

Mr. Thompson mentioned that there is a shortage of good substitute teachers, and encouraged parents to spread the word and/or consider becoming part of the substitute pool.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIPS: Ms. Ferrell's ROCK class won the pizza party contest. There has been almost \$17K in sales.

Teacher Appreciation: Luncheon was well received. Motion was passed to increase budget by \$60 to cover discrepancy in cost for turkey purchase for latest luncheon.

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SpiritiWear: The last order was small. Total net income from Spiritwear is \$1,434.50.

Need to recruit Dance Chaperone Chairperson & SpiritWear Chairperson for next year so they can shadow current Chairs and learn duties.

TEACHER REQUESTS

8th grade Math teacher Patricia Marquette requests a dongle to use with her iPad 4 in her classroom.

8th grade English teacher Kerby Elliott requests a grant of \$375 to purchase Howard Zinn's A Young People's History of the United States books to use this year in his classes.

Jeannette Hallerman questioned whether there would be more requests for dongles, and if we shouldn't have Mr. Thompson see how many teachers may want one in order to try to get a bulk discount. Tammy Fareed mentioned that she understood that there would be maybe 4-10 more dongles total requested, so probably not enough to get discount.

There was discussion regarding the need for a more formal teacher request process. Penny Arsenault stated that it would be good to have requests forms kept as part of treasurer's records. Laurie Miller mentioned that the Hollis Elementary PTA had a form & process that could be modified for our use.

Motion to grant the two teacher requests was made by Tammy Fareed and seconded by Laurie Miller. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Laurie Miller, seconded by Tammy Fareed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Miller