

Hollis-Brookline Middle School PTSA  
February 18th, 2014  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A general membership meeting of the Hollis-Brookline Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) was conducted on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at 8:41 a.m. at the Hollis-Brookline Middle Conference Room.

Vice President Mara Friedman presided:

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

Also in Attendance: Bob Thompson, Principal  
Patti Flynn, Assistant Principal  
Kathleen Moynihan

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Miller presented the minutes from the January 2014 General PTSA Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Patti Flynn, and seconded by Penny Arsenault. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Penny Arsenault provided a written report of recent activities. Current treasury balance as of 1/25/2014 was \$16,175.92. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2014 as presented was made by Penny Arsenault, and seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion carried.

Penny reported that the 2013-14 Staff Request & Order forms are completed and available for use. The request from Pat Marquette for adaptors that was approved has been ordered.

Penny reported that 5 checks of \$25 were awarded to the Reflections Awards winners that placed at the State Level competition.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Laurie Miller reported that Deanne Martin had expressed the need to find a new SpiritWear chairperson for next year. Deanne & Cindy VanCoughnett have run the program for 3 years and would like to turn it over to new PTSA members. Deanne is willing to help transition once the new chair is identified.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Thompson provided a demonstration of the new HBMS Twitter account, and there was discussion around the types of messages that would be communicated & the advantages of using Twitter vs. email.

Mr. Thompson expressed his concern over the 2.5% Tax Cap Petition Warrant Article that will come up for a vote at the Coop Annual Meeting. Similar tax caps that have been enacted in other districts have had a devastating effect on schools. He asked our support in voting this warrant article down.

Kathleen Moynihan made a motion for the PTSA to send an email blast providing information about the warrant articles and encouraging parents to vote. Laurie Miller seconded. Motion carried.

#### TEACHER REQUESTS

Tammy and Penny will work to develop a teacher request form which can be distributed to the staff. There was discussion about various options for PTSA purchasing technology. It was decided that we should wait until after the Annual Meeting to make any decisions, and that we should get inputs from teachers to determine what would be most useful.

#### MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jeanette Hallerman, seconded by Laurie Miller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Miller