

HBMS PTSA meeting minutes, 10/21/2014

In attendance: Susan Yardley, Roberta Franzini, Patti Flynn, Jeannette Hallerman, Amy Bottomley, Mara Friedman, Kathleen Moynihan, Laurie Miller, Karen Coutu, Bob Thompson, Bill Hinkle, Maryanne Shanley

Kathleen gave a report on scrip. Will send another email blast to try to get more 7th graders involved (save for DC trip).

Laurie raised the issue of the budget but Penny was not available so the discussion was postponed.

Directory: Questions about how many ordered, status. Laurie will contact Beth Ide.

Mail Chimp: Linked to Twitter to automatically tweet the newsletter.

Patti: Open House had lower participation but she got overwhelmingly positive feedback, went smoothly.

Student Council: Mike Moscatelli (8th grade) president, Tasha White (7th grade) vice president.

Discussion about having a teacher conference night instead of requesting meetings with the team - could give more time with the teacher, but co-op teachers lost half a day this year due to calendar adjustments. Bob: The time is hard to schedule; if teachers do 3 per hour that is only 21 in 7 hours and might have 40-50 requests. Prioritize? Those who really want it (often parents of kids who are doing very well) vs those who really need it.

DC trip: Leaving Tuesday morning instead of Monday night (chaperone preference). Will assess and revisit for 2016. Permission slips are coming in; only about 5 kids not going. About 7 kids needing funds at the moment, will probably increase to about 14 (\$9000). Bob will be looking for community donations, which has been successful in past. Also a line for donations on the permission form.

Library furniture funded by PTSA: Very popular addition.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Shanley