

Hollis-Brookline Middle School PTSA  
September 17, 2015 General Meeting Minutes, HBMS Conference Room

Present: Farrah Coady & Mara Friedman-Co-Presidents, Terri Bair-Secretary, Penny Arsenault-Treasurer, Bob Thompson-Principal, Patti Flynn-Assistant Principal, Deborah Tighe, Maryanne Shanley, Deanne Martin, Lisa Getter, Liz Gilbert. Call to Order at 8:35 am by Farrah.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2015 minutes are to be emailed for approval since few members from that meeting are present

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$10,990.56 current balance.

Penny moved to donate \$1,325 toward DC trip for a scholarship: this makes up last year's shortage of PTSA donations, plus \$1000 for this year. 2nd by Maryanne. Motion approved.

Motion made by Penny to accept the Treasurer's report, Maryanne second. Unanimously accepted.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

--7th grade open house tonight, next Thurs is 8th grade. 8th grade open house will discuss DC trip which is Mar 29-Apr 1, 2016 and costs \$685. Mr. Thompson will be asking for donations from PTSA and other fundraising means for scholarships. Mr. Thompson would like to have a budget line item for DC trip scholarships in the future.

--Is new volunteer paperwork is keeping people away? Parents have been complaining about the process. Forms are difficult to find. Parents can get one from Mr. Thompson.

There are 2 types of volunteers: volunteer with teachers present (no individ contact with children) and individualized contact (such as DC trip) and background check is required.

--Need volunteers for Halloween dance-parents can volunteer if their application is in process.

--Oct. 6 is the 21st Century Learning parent info meeting: talk about BYODevice, google classroom. Devices are not required at HBMS; if they were, they would be supplied. Kids have been using them for taking notes and homework reminders.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

--7th graders have adapted well.

--Positive energy in the building with the new teachers who've come on board.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Membership: Penny: We have 17 memberships so far with 18 directory requests. Will send email to parents and have forms available at the front desk and open houses. Staff members pay \$5 for membership.

--Spirit wear: Guay. Order on website. Mara is the contact person with the Guays.

Upcoming events:

--Staff appreciation lunches-Thanksgiving (PTSA buys turkey- parents donate sides & desserts) Thursday 11/19 (Mara), Valentines, a lunch in May.

--7th grade BBQ-need coordinator

--8th grade celebration Luau - Deb Tighe to coordinate plus do slideshow.

Volunteers needed for:

--Reflections: Need a chair. Mara to contact Michelle Jimeno, last year's coordinator.

--Kidstuff-need a chair. It's a good fundraiser but is time-consuming. Mara to contact kidstuff to find out the process.

--PTSA Newsletter: Can Jeannette Hallerman get a report of readership?

--Directory: Lisa Getter volunteered to coordinate. May do a cover art contest.

Discussed combining/sharing PTSA meetings between MS & HS. Might do an occasional joint meeting.

For October agenda per Penny: budget discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Farrah, seconded by Mara, adjourned at 10:14AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Bair