

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

Present: Farrah Coady & Mara Friedman – Co-Presidents, Penny Arsenault – Treasurer, Bob Thompson-Principal, Pattie Flynn – Assistant Principal, Maryanne Shanley, Roberta Franzini. Call to Order at ___ by Mara Friedman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from November 15, 2015 were presented by Farrah Coady in the absence of Terri Bair. Motion to delay approval of November minutes made by Farrah Coady and seconded by Penny Arsenault. Motion unanimously approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Driveway will be paved. Everything is going smoothly.
- Question was raised about the exodus of kids leaving the co-op. There are only 5 known to Bob as leaving for next year. Both Bob & Patti felt that this number was a good sign as typically there are about 12-15 kids known to be leaving.
- Greenhouse project: Bob & Erin White to Rotary Club meeting the previous night (12/16/15) and learned about grants helping schools with environmental programs and are hoping they could be used for our project. If the project can take off, they are hoping to explore ways in which its use can be incorporated into the curriculum. Bob & Erin also contacted local businesses to see if they can support the greenhouse initiative. Currently, Morin's has agreed to donate materials and Lull & Brookdale Farms are will to support with material donations as well.
- Cheer Club: There will be a cheer club starting in the winter. There are not a lot of active clubs in the winter so were supported of this club starting. The cheer club will be using the MPR after wrestling. The long term goal will be to make it a sanctioned team rather than just a club.
- Master Scheduling Meeting: Bob will ask Superintendent Andy Correy about the possibility of running the Co-Op buses 30mins later on Friday to match the current HBHS schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Erin White came to speak about the Greenhouse project. The vision is to have a "High Tunnel" greenhouse (aka unheated greenhouse), 34' x 48. The proposed location is the north end of the field. An ideal goal would be to incorporate its use in the curriculum in most or all of the different classes. There is an overall learning benefit from building this greenhouse. The budget for the project is still being determined.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maryanne Shanley, seconded by Roberta Franzini, adjourned at 10:00am.