

HBMS PTSA Minutes January 16, 2009

Attendees: Bonnie Frisard, Cheri Wholey, Cindy Van Coughnett, Robin Gegg, Ellen Allen, Shelly Gillis, Susan Holroyd, Karen Brown, Kathi Lewis

December 12, 2008 meeting was cancelled due to an ice storm,

Meeting called to order by Robin Gegg. Review of minutes from November 21: Motion made to accept by Bonnie Frisard, Second by Cheri Wholey. All passed.

Treasures Report:

See attached. Oct. Budget and Nov. Budget amended due to adjustment from Scripts fundraiser.

Motion made to accept October 2008 Amended (1/13/09) Treasures report; Cheri made a motion, Shelly Gillis second motion. All passed

Motion made to accept Nov. 2008 Treasures Report: Bonnie Frisard made motion to accept, Shelly Gillis second the motion. All passed

Motion Dec 2008 Treasures report Cheri Wholey made a motion to pass, Shelly Gillis made a motion to second. All passed

January Treasurer Report- needs to be amended due to PTA and Reflections line items. See attached. Student invited from Reflections to attend state convention. PTA paid for the parent's luncheon. Motion made by Bonnie Frisard, Shelly Gillis second. All passed.

Scripts money needs to be reported in entire Treasures Report. (Even if it is in a separated account) Suggestion to make to check with Julie Foorgard and Diane Bonta (HS treasurer) to see if this is accurate.

Committee Report:

Susan reported Jan brought in \$42.85. Orders are running smoothly. Distribution is also a problem. Discussion pursued on making the Script program the primary fundraiser or if we should explore other venues.

It was suggested that we change the way we market the Gift cards. Discussion followed on how to enhance the program for the future, though no changes in the program will

take place in the near future. Robin Gegg has thanked Susan Holyrod and Kathi Lewis for all their hard work.

Old Business:

Membership:

Cindy Van Coughnett reported the need drive PTSA membership. A short brainstorming session ensued with several ideas which will be discussed in appropriate committees.

Suggestions were made including a family membership which included not only a directory, but a HB sticker and membership. Other variations of this were also discussed without a formal decision to finalize.

Generations for 8th grade did not take place due to the storm. Robin Gegg and Cindy Van Coughnett ended up making calls for food, volunteers, to make this happen.

Unfortunately their efforts were not experienced due to the snow storm cancellation.

But the guest speaker will be invited to speak after one of the school wide test.

Contractually this must happen, or this speaker will not be available in the future.

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Principle Report: Steve Secor reported.

June 25 is the last day of school as of now. No decisions have taken place as to what to do if we have more school closing. Options include taking professional days/ early releases, etc.

Commissioner won't grant days overall, but will be looked at district to district. Must reflect efforts of school to make up the days.

Budget –school board meeting next Wed Jan 21 at 7pm. School board is ready to vote on 3% increase. Includes everything from Special Education, oil, state retirement for teachers, contracts, etc. If board does not approve and go to 0% then serious cuts will have to be made.

Date is in conflict with the Winter concert. (Jan 21)

Alert Now system – feedback needs to go back to Pat Goyette via email.

Decision was made to move Feb PTSA meeting to Feb 13 from the 20th. Would like to ask High School guidance counselor to speak before the Winter vacation break

US Presidents Inauguration will be shown in the multipurpose room. This will be done during the lunch hour and in the library. It will be recorded for teachers to use for greater discussions.

Second quarter will be extended to Friday Jan 30 report cards one week later.

ICT portfolio is scheduled. MR. Gruse will be in the labs to help students for evaluation. He will notify students by April 16 who did not pass the proficiency test. He will work with them until May 21 to get these students to be proficient. If the student is not proficient the parents will be notified and required to take a computer class without credit in High School.

Grant money was used to purchase 11 mimeo boards. Interactive white board for which allows projector, mimeo technology, PFSE Grant Title 2A grant and a small amount from technology budget.

Steve Secor will allow Scripts Reminder to go home with students in reports cards.

7th grade field trips will not be rescheduled; money will be saved for next field trip.

Feb 6 is next school dance. There will not be a dance made up for the one cancelled last month.

NAPE test have been invited to take the 180 students there are 210 students – so next year they will allow all students to take the test. 90 minutes test

Early release Jan 29th is still scheduled unless we have two more snow storms. TBD

Generations

Intent of Generations is for students and parents to attend. Steve Secor is going to check on past attendance, especially the parents of 8th graders.

Blue Ribbon Awards:

Susan Hoylrod has asked for a volunteer as Pat Plummer has returned to work and will not be available to complete this commitment. .

Nominating Committee: Robin would like to have it started in March looking for committee meetings.

By Laws review started Wed. Jan 14-will continue tentatively will meet Jan 28.

See agenda, announcements attached

Next meeting Feb 13, 2009

Meeting adjourned. Cheri Whorley made the motion; first Bonnie Frisard second the motion.