

HBMS PTSA Minutes
January 21, 2005

Attendance: Trish MacDonald, Ruth Kabel, Joyce Hegarty, Lisa Schmalz, Susan Holroyd, Lynn Goldberg, Erin Magee, Kimberly Saunders, Felicia Hoynacki, Dianne Bonta, Jill Russell (11)

1. Introductions

Since it was such an intimate group this month we pretty much all knew each other.

2. Review of previous minutes

Lisa Schmalz made a motion to accept the minutes from December as written, the motion passed.

3. Principal's Report

Our Assistant Principal Mrs. Kimberly Rizzo-Saunders gave the Principals report this month.

Eighth grade will be taking the NECAPS tests on January 25, 26, & 27th.

The middle school met with the High School regarding the math programs. The middle school and high school would like to hold a meeting with parents in the future.

Our 8th grade orientation for high school will be revamped this year. The ROCK groups will be used as a means of discussion on expectations students have of high school. In March and April High School staff will come to the middle school during ROCK time to introduce themselves and answer questions the 8th grade students have about high school. The 8th graders will visit the high school in small groups towards the end of the school year. ROCK groups will talk with students about High School expectations and provide a type of survival guide.

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents and students of 8th grade students who will be going to Washington on March 7th & 8th, families need only attend one night. Mrs. Saunders will be going to Washington with the students this year. Mrs. Goyette will be staying at the school.

The Budget committee would still like to see a 0% increase this year from the coop. The increase does not include negotiated contracts, the bond, or special education. The middle school would like to hire a .6 math person, which will keep class sizes at around 21.

The superintendent search has been narrowed down to 3 candidates.

The High School Principal will be retiring at the end of this school year.

4. Treasurer's Report

There was no income for the past month and the only expense was \$100 for Destination Imagination. Our ending balance is \$15,905.83

The receipts are needed for the Generations expenses.

5. Events

Old Home Day

The HBHS PTSA will not be participating at the Hollis Old Home Day this year. We need to be thinking about our participation in this event. Would we like to continue? Do we want to share this table and work with another group? The football team may want to work with us on this.

Eighth Grade Celebration

A letter to parents asking for donations to this event will be going out in February or March. Marie Salamone will oversee this event. The first meeting will be held January 27th at 7 p.m. at the middle school. No theme has been decided yet. Brenda Ross and Brenda Thatcher have volunteered to chair the food and music.

Seventh Grade Picnic

Peg Archambault has offered the use of the Alpine Grove for this event. Due to construction at the middle school this may be a nice alternative. The committee and Pat Goyette will look into this further as a location.

Seventh Grade Generations

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th. The PTSA received a thank you from Erin White for our help with the 8th grade generations and a request for help with the following for 7th grade generations:

Coffee in the morning

People to man a welcome table

People to hand out schedules

Providing the luncheon

Finding presenters or suggesting topics

Eighth grade parents are requested to consider helping with this event so the 7th grade parents will be able to participate.

Band Fundraiser

The band will be holding a fundraiser selling items including Yankee Candles in order to buy instruments for a jazz band. The instruments would be owned by the middle school and would be available for students to use. The fundraiser will last two weeks, please support this fundraiser.

6. Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation

National Nurses Day has been changed to May 11th so we will show appreciation to our school nurse at that time. Valentines Day we will show appreciation to our middle school staff by having coffee and desserts set out for the staff to help themselves to. Please

contact Lisa Schmalz lschmalz@charter.net or Kristen Berry kbellep@aol.com if you would like to provide a dessert for this event.

Hannaford Drive

\$231.00 will be received by the school from the Hannaford program

7. Other Business

Student Council

Trish attended a student council meeting to let the students know they have a voice in the PTSA. Trish was well received by the students. They asked her such questions as what does S in PTSA stand for. They were told it stands for them and that they have a vote and input into their PTSA if they are members. They had many questions about the dances. Trish said the different teams run the dances each taking turns running the dances. Trish explained the PTSA helps out with things within the school and holds fundraisers to provide extra opportunities for the students. Trish will continue to attend the student council meetings and be our bridge to our students.

Change of date for April meeting

The third Friday of the month in April is a delayed opening for our school. Joyce Hegarty made a motion to change the April PTSA meeting to the second Friday of the month, which is April 8th. The motion was second by Susan Holroyd. This motion passed

HBMS PTSA Bulletin Board

Jill Russell asked if the PTSA had any suggestions for items to be posted on the bulletin board. Following are the suggestions:

Dates of school district meetings

Dates for PTSA meetings

6th grade move up day information

Generations dates for 7th grade

Generations photos from the 8th grade day

High School Parent Educational Series dates and topics

Band fundraiser information and brochure

School board meeting dates

Open positions on PTSA for 2005

Please contact Jill Russell Russell33@charter.net with any information you would like to see posted on the HBMS PTSA bulletin board.

The High school football is a varsity sport but will not be funded by the district for one more year. Please support this new varsity sport through their fundraisers.

The middle school drama club will be performing Guys and Dolls on February 18th & 19th at 7 p.m. please come out and support our Drama Club.

The HBMS PTSA is looking for chairpersons for Staff appreciation for 2005-06. We also are in need of a Treasurer for the 2005-06 school year.