

HBMS PTSA Minutes February 12, 2010

Attendees: Ruth Kabel, Iris McLaughlin, Ellen Allen, Rachana Suchdev, Kathy King, Debbie Pucci, Carol Scrima, Janet Merrithew, Kimber Harmon, Deb Tighe, Krista Whalen, Cindy VanCoughnett, Shelly Gillis, Lisa Schmalz, Kathy Reuter, Betsy Solon, Maura Loftus, Steve Simons, Janice Tremblay, Mary Kay James, Lynn Goldberg, Joyce Pepin, and Debi Davis.

Review of Minutes: Kathy Reuter made a motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2010. Iris McLaughlin seconded it. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Scrip orders have been taken care of. The pay out for Washington DC trip is done.

Principal's Report: The Mathcounts team will be going to the states which are being held at Plymouth State. The wrestling team had an outstanding season with 2 students placing 1st at the regionals, 2 students placing second, and 1 student placing third. Mr. Goyette, the substitute vice principal, wants to open up parent portals at the school so that parents can track their student's grades. Lorin Corliss is the new 7th grade English teacher. Dave Bond is sending daily emails from Antarctica where he is spending 8 months. Clara Duval, a certified teacher, is substituting in his absence. 8th grade NECAP results are directly correlated with the teaching that the students received here in 7th grade and are carefully looked at. The Trash Talkers are busy recycling printer ink cartridges and donating the money they receive for them to the Humane Society. They also collected 4 boxes of books and donated them to the Nashua Children's Home. The musical this year is "The Music Man."

Reflections: Kathy Reuter said that it went well. The results will be announced and trophies presented at the February 18th assembly.

8th Grade Celebration: Shelly Gillis said they received the OK to do raffles. The tickets will be 2 for \$5. The anticipated date is June 17th. They are sending out an email to ask for help. An 8th grade parent will be the DJ therefore saving them \$400.00. Last year the cost of the 8th grade celebration was \$5000.00. There was much discussion about this being too much money to spend and thought needs to be given to this matter.

Generations: Erin White explained 7th grade Generations as a full day with students attending 3 workshops, having lunch, and then actively listening to a keynote speaker. The PTSA provides the luncheon for parents, teachers, and speakers attending the event.

Scrip: Lynn Goldberg said that they are up \$500 from last month.

Staff Appreciation: Lisa Schmalz was thankful for Valentine's Day food donations.

Blue Ribbon: Cindy VanCoughnett said that the application is in early June and that most of it is online.

Coop Budget Committee: Debbie Pucci presented for her husband Steve. The committee wants to hear from the community about their concerns regarding quality education at 7PM on February 15th at HBMS. Debbie stated that the state is cutting \$140million and this will affect the Coop.

Our next meeting is March 19, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Davis