

# **Hollis/Brookline PTSA Minutes**

## **Feb 13, 2009**

**Attendees:** Robin Gegg, Ellen Allen, Laura Landerman Garber, Rachana Suchdev, Karen Brown, Lori Gates, Bonnie Frisard, Maryjanne Shauley, Maura Loftus, Shelly Gillis, Kathy Reuter, Steve Simons, Fatima Walsh, Cindy Van Coughnett

**Meeting:** Call to Order by Robin Gegg.

Review of minutes from January meeting. Motion made to accept minutes by Shelly Gillis. Laura Landerman second the motion. All passed

**Treasures Report:** Budget

Ellen Allan had to redo all budget reports to include the Scripts account. See Attached

Motion made to accept by Shelly Gillis, Laura Landerman Garber second the motion.

### **Guest Speakers**

Steve Simon and Tom Enright from the CO-OP Board.

Mr. Simon's and Mr Enright presented the case from the CO-OP Board/budget committee who will present the budget to the district on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are still without contracts and the board would like a zero percent increase from the school. The HBMS presented a request for a 3% increase last Oct. By cutting material and equipment needs, the budget request has been reduced to approx \$200,000. At this time no teacher or curriculum budgets have been touched.

The Budget Committee is looking for zero and still need to reduce the amount by .8%. (\$200,000)

Budget District Meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the HBHS Gym

Teacher contracts will be addressed as well as the budget difference.

Steve Simons explained the process to take place at the meeting.

SPED (Special Education) Budget was outside the local budget last year. This year is all inclusive SPED, oil, etc. all expenses are part of the budget. SPED is mandated by the Federal Government and cannot be changed. This years budget include all SPED , as well as increased population (double from last year) as well higher benefits costs for teachers and staff. SPED costs are non-negotiable and mandated by the federal government. Salaries are also not negotiable; the only option is to lay off staff to meet the budget of zero percent increase.

An attorney will speak to the school board about contracts. There is not a contract for teachers this year due to step table which allows 3.5% increases. Last year legislature mandated that they not be negotiable. Now the board would like a 2.7%. and be able to negotiate. Health insurance has a zero deductible at this time. Board would like to have deductible in the teachers' health care plan.

### **Special Guest**

High School Counselors: Casey Maynard, Karry Gangemi were available to speak to the Board about the process of transitions and overview of what the counselors have outlined, dates, what to expect. Program of studies and a general track for a four year plan were also reviewed to reflect the audience knowledge.

### **Principles Report:**

Pat Goyette.

The National Assessment of Educational Process test was administered as part of the state testing. This is a National Test and individuals do not get scores. The school will get the report as a whole.

Math Counts team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 16 teams headed to States in Plymouth. March 10 Nationals are in Florida

Generations for 7<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for March 27.  
All workshops are adolescent related.

Transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> has started  
The outline of schedules will be going out to 6<sup>th</sup> grades in March

Band Teacher, Mr. Bill Hinkle; brought 'his outside of school band' to the students to help teach the students the possibilities and impact of music outside the classroom. Learning about instruments and how they contribute to a group vs. just a classroom had a significant impact to the students.

Mr. Henkel has 45 Band Members from the 7<sup>th</sup> graders planning on playing the National Anthem at the March 4 Co-OP meeting.

Budget issues:

Energy: The heat is set to 67degrees as a target throughout the building. The older part of the building and newer parts of the building mandate a creative and constant monitoring by the staff to try and maintain equilibrium in the entire structure. Open windows will be allowed if needed especially if classroom projects need additional ventilation.

Health: Difibulator is ordered.

Tech Ed: Request from Mr. Picarrillo is looking for plywood, scrap luaun plywood.  
1/8<sup>th</sup> inch thick- needs it at any time.

### **Committee Reports:**

Scripts Orders: Susan Holyrod was not available  
3 orders received for this month. Feb order is the least profitable month. Decision needs to be made about the future of this program.

Spirit Wear: Laura Landerman-Garber  
Order week before second or third week of March One more order at HBMS and a smaller order at orientation at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Caps and flannel pants and shorts. All regular items will be available except winter hats for the spring order.

Nominating Committee: Volunteers are needed for nominating to fill the open slots for the next year's board. Open slots include President, Vice President and Secretary. Ellen Allen has offered to stay on as Treasurer.  
Committee chairs are also needed.

Generations: 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Robin Gegg is chair of this event. Sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help run the day. Scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.

PTSA By- Laws- Cindy Van Goughett. These need to be reviewed from the state and adjusted to meet the HBMS PTSA By-laws. See Attached. One the Articles that needed to be voted on is the membership dues.

Article 6 Section 7- Membership and dues

Motion made to open discussion on revisement of bylaws made by Fatima Walsh.  
Kathy Rueter seconds the motion.

Suggestion was made by member, Shelly Gillis, to raise funds for membership by getting families involved. Bumper stickers and school directory are two items that could add value to a \$20 for family membership. Offer an early \$18 special for the Membership/ Directory. The Directory will have an enhanced calendar and other features to make this more useful for the parents.

PTSA voted to have the dues raised to \$10 to finish the State PTSA By-laws. Motion made by Fatima Walsh, second by Bonnie Frisard,

The marketing of the PTSA and the promotional materials were discussed as to how to package the Directory and membership package to increase membership and raise a little money as well.

Fundraising survey from last year asked the magazine drive be discontinued. As a result, the new fundraiser, Scripts was started. The previous board built in budget from fundraiser and donations. \$4000 was built into the budget. The fundraiser for gift cards, called Scripts, has not made up the difference. The PTSA needs to replace the fundraising funds from the former magazine drive to make up the difference. Capital Funds are needed and source verified.

**Nominating Committee:**

Cindy VanCoughett and Robin Gegg asked for nominations for next year's board:  
President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President elect, Treasurer, and Secretary

Meeting Adjourned  
Next Meeting March 20th