

HBMS PTSA Minutes
February 18, 2005

Attendance: Mary Thomas, Lynn Goldberg, Lisa Schmalz, Susan Holroyd, Lex Bundschuh, Trish MacDonald, Debbie Pucci, Kristen Berry, Cathy Clement, Linda Casazza, Joan Powers, Patty Poisson, Dianne Bonta, Marie Degulis, Jill Russell, Erin Magee, Debi Davis, Joyce Hegarty (18) Ruth Kabel absent due to her son having some dental work.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made around the table and some new people welcomed.

2. Review of Previous Minutes

Susan Holroyd made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Debbie Pucci. This motion passed.

3. Principal's Report

Car Pool Plan B

Mrs. Goyette was notified that the access road behind the school would need to be closed for two days. The police were notified and will be present for those days to help with traffic flow. Car pool people will come in to the right of the Farley building and exit on the one way entrance for these days in the afternoons. Police will be present from 7:00 am to 7:20 am and again from 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm.

The building committee is meeting every Thursday. The numbering of the new addition was a lot of fun! The construction is three weeks behind but they are confident that will be easy to make up. The office will become a construction site after school lets out. Plans are being made for the Principal and Assistant Principal to work from the portables.

Mrs. Goyette will NOT be taking the position of Principal at the High School.

The master schedule has been presented to the staff. The biggest change was going from 5 lunches down to 2. Each grade will be eating together as a class. The goal is ultimately for a 25 minute lunch period, after the first few days of the new system and new cafeteria this should be able to be achieved. They will have two serving and cashier lines and a salad bar. The tables next year will be round and seat eight.

The 2005-06 school year class sizes stand at 239 in the seventh grade and 241 in the eighth grade. The average class size at HBMS is 20-21 students for both grades. A request has been made for a .4 math teacher to be made a full time position. This would bring team six up to a three-person team; four are needed to complete a team. Team six needs the full time math person to keep class sizes down. Team 1 (Caesar) has agreed to be a cross grades team, meaning they would teach classes to both our 7th & 8th grade students. The current eighth grade has 212 students, our seventh grade that will move up to 8th next school year has 241 students.

We will give up 9 minutes in our day next year if the high school hours are reduced. That nine minutes will most likely come out of the students skill/study time, which will make the period 37 minutes long.

There will be baseball at the middle school this spring. We will be sharing some fields with the High School and will use some fields in Brookline. There will also be a softball team.

The grade six transition team has been meeting with teachers from the elementary schools. Sixth grade parents will be receiving a letter from Mrs. Goyette with information. April 14th will be the orientation day for the sixth graders with an evening orientation for the parents. A parent night will be held April 21st for 6th grade parents to hear about the accelerated math program.

Transition for our 8th grade students entering 9th grade is being taken care of by Rick Melillo and Kimberly Saunders. Information titled "Everything you wanted to know about the High School but were afraid to ask" will be distributed to the eighth graders.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have \$196.04 additional income, \$150.00 from the magazine drive and \$37.70 from box tops. Another \$231.00 will be coming from Hannaford.

The total expenses were \$264.00 and that breaks down to \$51.00 staff appreciation, \$49.00 generations, \$100.00 miscellaneous (donation to the family burned out of their home), \$65.00 hospitality.

The checking account balance is \$15,838.38

\$278.00 of generations receipts are still outstanding. Approximately \$327.00 was spent in total for food and paper products for 8th grade generations. An additional \$69 was spent for tablecloths and other capital expenditures. We have enough paper products for 7th grade generations from this purchase. There is \$175.00 for the seventh grade generations presently. Dianne is comfortable with this figure.

Rosemary Mezzochi has responded to the PTSA offer to honor the memory of her husband who recently passed away. In the spring a tree will be planted in the yard with a plaque to honor him.

Staff Appreciation needs to submit slips to the Treasurer.

5. Events

Seventh Grade Generations

Erin White shared the handout of workshop choices with us. The selections are on the web site. There are 22 choices, the students choose five from this handout and participate in three. Erin needs a person for morning coffee, set up of luncheon, organize luncheon, clean up after luncheon, and morning greeters.

Kristen Berry will organize the luncheon.

Seventh grade generations will have the same keynote and ending speakers, but they will deliver different messages. The parent registration will be mailed Friday February 26th.

The PTSA reminded itself that Mrs. Sarvaiya deserves a special thank you for being such a big help with the generations days.

Talent Show

Linda Casazza and Tom Boric will be working on this together. The show is March 11th at 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go to support the band fund. Band Parents will have refreshments for sale at the talent show. Mr. DePine is expected to send notices to all band and jazz band parents regarding the selling of snacks. No one is turned away from the talent show however they do have "previews" to be sure the act/costumes are appropriate.

Guys and Dolls

The performance of Guys and Dolls by the Middle School Drama Club will be this Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30.

6. Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation

Thank you to all who baked for Valentines Day!

The Guidance Councilors were given candy for school councilors day.

A lunch of Soup & Salad will be hosted in May.

Do we want to give end of years gifts? Who should be included? Last year boxes were given and under \$1.00 was spent on each. There are maybe 85 employees.

Lisa and Kristin will figure out a specific request with a dollar amount and bring it back to the PTSA next month.

Eighth Grade Celebration Update

This celebration is typically held the night before the last day of school. They are thinking about holding it the Friday before the last day of school this year, which would be June 17th. June 21st is the last day of school as of today. This would allow time to have the pictures developed and also to deliver them. The availability of Gary Arruda as photographer and Chip as DJ are being looked into.

Band Fundraiser Update

The whole jazz band was inadvertently left out of the fundraiser. \$8,000.00 was raised and we keep 40% of that so our income was about \$3,500! A Timpani, or kettle drum will be purchased with these funds.

7. Other Business

April PTSA Meeting Date

Debbie Pucci made a motion to move the April meeting time from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. due to a delayed school opening on April 15th. Lisa Schmalz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Home Day Cookbook

Please send recipes to Trish at Trish_MacDonald @charter.net for the Old Home Day Cookbook.

State PTSA Office Openings

The state PTSA has openings to fill and especially the office of Treasurer.

The 2005-06 HBMS PTSA board welcomes Tammy Campbell to the 7th Grade Hospitality committee and Mary Thomas to the Staff Appreciation.

Hollis Brookline **High School** PTSA is looking for a President for 2005-06.

Patty Smith's ROCK Group has named themselves Tsunami Squad and has raised \$1,000 that they will donate to the Red Cross. Way to go!

The staff will be reminded to submit their needs to the PTSA.

A suggestion was made that the SAU office keep a master calendar schedule to avoid conflicts such as the sixth grade conservation camp being held the same week as the eighth grade Washington trip and the Hollis Elementary School rescheduling a snowed out band concert for the same night as the opening of the Middle School play.

The AAU will be having a Basketball tournament April 9th & 10th at the Hollis Brookline Middle School. An offer was made by Deb Pucci to organize selling refreshments at this event for the PTSA as a fundraiser to go towards the 7th & 8th grade celebrations. Debbie Pucci made a motion that during the AAU tournament the PTSA sell snacks with the money raised to be used for the 7th & 8th grade end of the year celebrations and that she would chair this fundraiser. The motion was seconded Kristen Berry. After discussion the motion passed. The discussion included information that this is the first year of the tournament so the expected profit from the day is unknown. The AAU snack fundraiser is not expected to completely cover the cost of the celebrations and a letter will still be mailed to parents asking for donations to this fund. There is money budgeted for these two celebrations and to be fair to each class this budgeted item needs to stay constant.

Please e-mail Lisa Schmalz at lschmalz@charter.net if you would like to chaperone the eighth grade celebration, which is tentatively set for June 17th.

The next PTSA meeting is March 18th at 8:30.