

HBMS PTSA MINUTES

March 17, 2006

Attendance: Shelly Bower, Lynn Goldberg, Debbie Pucci, Trish MacDonald, Susan Holroyd, Ruth Kabel, Cynthia Andreola, Mary Thomas, Julie Forgaard, Lin Westberg, Kathy deLacy, Joyce Hegarty, briefly in attendance Pat Goyette and Steve Simon (14)

1. Introductions: Seeing that we were all familiar with each other there was no need for introductions.

2. Review of Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Shelly Bower to accept the February minutes as written, second by Debbie Pucci. No one opposed, the minutes were accepted.

3. Principal's Report – Patricia Goyette

The current focus is the Washington trip that will take place on Tuesday! Pat has complimented this 8th grade regularly with the latest compliment of 213 students attending the Washington trip, 211 of those students were represented at the mandatory parents night meeting. This is the best attendance to date.

The second session of the Y teen program has started. Many of the first session students returned and 4 new students also are now participating. Ron Johnson volunteered to instruct for this program utilizing the rock wall. Yoga will again be offered and new this time is tournament dodge ball.

The recycling is going well.

The budget was the topic at the last staff meeting. The goal is to have every staff member remain employed. With 5 retirements they hope this goal can be achieved. The five teachers that will be retiring at the end of this year are: Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Rankins and Dr. Hecht. Our school has a social committee and they will be helping organize a retirement party for these five people on June 1st at the Alpine Grove from about 5-8pm. Each staff member has been asked to write a statement about the retiring teachers that will then be read by a handful of people at this party. A representative from the PTSA is welcome to join this celebration of retirement.

NECAP results will be published March 21st and results will be mailed out to families shortly after.

Steve Simons added that the Co-Op Board would be meeting March 29th to look at the budget.

4. Treasurer's Report – Ruth Kabel

The February Treasurer's Report budget line for Staff Appreciation in the amount of \$7508.00 has been corrected to read \$75.08. Seven dollars came in to us through the sale of a Directory, the final payment for membership was made, a donation to the two

towns DARE programs was made in thanks for the lecture they gave, and a miscellaneous expense of \$7.80 was for a book of stamps. We still have pending the purchase of a tree. It was also noted that the use of Alpine Grove for the 7th grade end of the year party would not be donated this year. We need to have a discussion with Pat regarding the payment to Alpine Grove for this event.

5. Events

Track and Field Volunteers – Trish MacDonald

The dates of the home meets are being reworked due to the Town of Hudson moving up. We will be hosting the state track meet this year; it is tentatively scheduled for the first week in June. Many volunteers are needed at our home meets and also for this state meet. Please contact Trish if you would like to help. A suggestion was made that we make a donation to the middle school track team in Coach's memory. Trish will check with Ms. Botcher to see what needs they have and report back to us in April.

Community Conversations – Ruth Kabel

On April 6th at 7pm in the middle school Rick Melillo will be giving a talk titled Managing emotions, controlling your behavior and eliminating negative thinking, all one night! The 6th grade parents will be invited to this talk and Miss Christy will also be asked to attend.

Walk for Mental Illness – Devin MacDonald

The Walk for Mental Illness will be held at Nichols field on June 3rd from 8am to noon. Devin joined us and asked for support from the PTSA in the forms of baking and publicity. Cynthia Andreola will handle the publicity. Cynthia is the community relation's person for Harbor Homes and also offered their support for this fundraiser.

6. Committee Reports

8th Grade Celebration

There were letters requesting donations for this event handed out at the Washington Mandatory Information night. Some could not be given to families and they will be mailed. We received donations of \$215 in a collection jar on this same evening. In addition to this we have started receiving offers of donations of food and gifts, so things are looking good. Amy Ceilinski will be our photographer and she will be setting up in Mr. Depine's room. The date of the celebration is June 16th.

7th Grade Generations – Deb Pucci

This event will take place on a Friday during Lent. With this in mind and also that lunch will be serving a record 120 people Debbie felt more money would be needed. Debbie Pucci made a motion for an additional \$125.00 to be used for 7th Grade Generations Day, second by Shelly Bower. No one was opposed this motion passed. Officer Melo will not be available to give his Internet safety class for this event; another officer will be presenting a lecture on forensic science. The volunteers for this event are all set with Susan Holroyd, Lynne Goldberg and Ruth Kabel greeting participants in the morning as they arrive.

Nominating Committee

We need 3 to 5 volunteers for the nominating committee. This committee finds volunteers that would like to serve for positions for the coming school year and presents the names for voting at the April PTSA meeting. We like to have a good mix of volunteers from both Hollis and Brookline. As of this time we have the following running for the mentioned offices Susan Holroyd and Ruth Kabel for Co-Presidents, Lynne Goldberg and Jill Russell as 1st or 2nd Vice-Presidents, Julie Forgaard as Treasurer, Mary Thomas as volunteer coordinator. With this in mind our immediate need is for a Secretary. Kathy deLacy and Shelly Bower volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee. They still need 1 to 3 more people if anyone is interested. Trish will be representing the PTSA at the 6th grade parent orientation on March 28th. She will make a point to let the parents know that our meetings usually consist of between 20-25 parents and that we are in need of a secretary for next year.

7. Other Business

Julie Forgaard

Julie would like to remind people that the Hollis School District Meeting is March 21st at 7:30 in the multi purpose room.

Thanks were given to Kathy deLacy for all her time and effort given to the hiring of a SRO and community awareness and education night regarding the myspace.com. It was shared that employers and school admissions people are going to myspace before they make selections.

The State has approved our PTSA By-Laws and a copy is posted in the school office.

Erin White shared with us that the 7th grade was in need of a few chess sets if anyone had one they would let them borrow. After some discussion a motion was made by Kathy deLacy to purchase 4 sets to be given to Mr. P, second by Mary Thomas. No one opposed, this motion passed. Susan Holroyd offered to make this purchase.

Mary Thomas told us the NH PIE Blue Ribbon Award would also be submitting for the Gold Circle Award, which is a \$25 fee. Mary made a motion to increase this line item by \$30, second by Susan Holroyd. No one opposed, this motion passed.

Kathy deLacy made a motion to adjourn, second by Shelly Bower. No one opposed

The next PTSA meeting will be April 21st.