

HBMS PTSA Minutes
March 18, 2005

Attendance: Trish MacDonald, Lynn Goldberg, Linda Casazza, Lisa Schmalz, Ruth Kabel, Marie Degulis, Kristen Berry, Betsy Cotton, Cathy Clement, Mary Thomas, Debi Davis, Cynthia Andreola, Dianne Bonta, Erin Magee, Jill Russell, Pat Goyette, Joyce Hegarty (17)

1. Introductions

Introductions were made and some new 6th grade parents welcomed.

2. Review of Previous Minutes

Joyce Hegarty explained that the PTSA minutes would be accepted at the next meeting before they are published from now going forward. So if you are at a meeting the minutes will be sent to you to look at for any corrections to be made at the next meeting, then after being accepted Joyce will send the minutes to the whole PTSA and the web site. Lisa Schmalz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Dianne Bonta. This motion passed.

3. Principal's Report

Pat Goyette reported that the building committee had a tour of the new addition and it is wonderful and exciting to watch the progress. The cafeteria will now be called the multi purpose room and it will be used for lunches, basketball, volleyball, climbing and is wired for cable so town meeting will also be held here.

Special Education is considering a name change to Academic Development Center (ADC)

A tour of the new addition is planned for the next PTSA meeting, which is April 15th at 10:30. *(Please note the time change of this meeting!)*

Carpool plan B will remain in effect until June. A sign will be placed on the one-way entrance stating that in the afternoon it is used as a one way in the opposite direction.

HBMS WILL be having a baseball team. Rhon Rupp, the athletic director at HBHS is letting us use the varsity field for ½ hour every day for practices and our home games will be held in Brookline.

The veterans will be in to meet with our 8th graders before they go on their Washington trip. Jack Taber, a Vietnam Veteran employed at HBHS, participated in the making of a film about Vietnam titled In The Shadow of the Blades. This film was shown to our 8th graders and discussed with Jack. Jack has arranged for a person instrumental in the development of the film to meet our 8th grade students at the Vietnam Wall in Washington. Jack will also be flying down on that morning to spend time with our students as they view the Vietnam Wall and meet with this person.

The New England Accreditation of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) are doing an evaluation at our High School. They have a version of this for Middle Schools and Pat would like to have this process done for our Middle school in the future.

A grant from the Plan for Social Excellence (PSE) was received three years ago at the High School for \$180,000 for mobile technology. The Middle school has applied to them for a \$150,000 grant.

The middle school is in sync with national statistics for gender equity of our students. Gender equity is making sure our students, boys and girls, are being offered the same opportunities and that we as a school do not have all same sex leaders or same sex honor roll students. We are a bit heavy in male leadership, and a bit heavy in female honor roll, but within the national statistics.

Glen DePine will have our jazz band play at the 6th grade transition night for parents.

Advanced math WILL continue to be offered at HBMS. The Grade Level Expectations (GLE) have been reviewed and the finding was that our 7th grade GLE's are close to the accelerated program, and we are off the chart nationally for the 7th grade students in Algebra. The high school has recently noticed that they are finding gaps in the mastery of skills with the students particularly with the computation skills.

4. Treasurer's Report

We had no income and expenses were \$275.45 for Generations and \$29.24 for Hospitality. The ending balance is \$15,464.51. Not more than 50% of our budget can be held in reserve. We have some up coming expenses and believe as the addition is completed we will receive a wish list.

A motion was made by Kristen Berry to add up to \$200.00 of additional funds for the 7th grade Generations Day due to additional participation. This motion was second by Ruth Kabel. The motion passed.

Cloth tablecloths were purchased for use by the PTSA, going forward this should be brought to the group as an additional expense.

5. Events

7th Grade Generations

The Generations budget needs to be looked at for next year. It is anticipated to be two days again do to the mechanics of holding it and themes for each grade. The cost of the 7th grade speakers for this year may be covered by Pat, she will let us know after the Washington trip is over. Kristen Berry is handling getting the food for the luncheon. She is planning for 90 people, which includes parents, presenters and the teacher's lunches. A price of \$275.00 was received from Panera Bread. Monument Square and Ecco Café will also be asked to give us prices. Trish will get the coffee in the morning.

Talent Show

The talent show had 20 students performing. The profits of this years show went to the Band. The refreshments made \$84.00 and admissions sales made \$692.00 for a total of \$776.00. This money will be put towards the purchase of a Timpani drum. Next year we need to have Ushers and a few parents to monitor the audience since there were many students dropped off without parents attending.

6th Grade Transition

The sixth grade transition evening for parents will be held on April 14th. Trish will attend to say a few words about the Middle School PTSA. We need a membership table and a hospitality table at this event.

6. Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation

A big lunch will be held Tuesday May 3rd for school staff. Nurses appreciation day is scheduled and also an appreciation day for our secretaries. End of the year gifts will be purchased with the teachers receiving a binder with paper and the support staff will receive pads and pens. We have approximately 50 teachers and about 40 support staff. The money for this is in the budget.

7. Other Business

HBMS Tours

A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone willing to be tour guides for our new renovation.

Walk for Mental Illness

Devin MacDonald and Christy Grief talked with us about a walk they are planning to benefit the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). When Devin learned about mental illness during health with Miss Christy she noticed there were no walks or large-scale fundraisers to help this group of people. She talked with Miss Christy and they came up with the idea of a community walk that everyone can participate in. They are currently trying to get some time in late May or early June to use the new track for this fundraiser. They are asking for help from the PTSA to possibly chaperone, help with publicity and man water stations. The PTSA agreed we would be happy to support this event.

2005-2006 PTSA positions/Nominations

A nominating committee is needed. Please contact Trish if you are interested in being on this committee.

Concert Fundraiser

Jill Russell told us about a fundraiser of a Led Zeppelin band that would come to the High School and play. The cost is \$2,200 and this is a discount price from \$3,500. The tickets would be on sale for \$10 per person and the profits would benefit the band

program, possibly shared with the High School band program. Jill will look into this further and report back to us.

The next meeting will be April 15th at 10:30, time change do to a scheduled delayed opening on this day.

A motion was made by Erin Magee to adjourn, second by Jill Russell. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.