

HBMS PTSA MINUTES

March 21, 2008

Attendees: Susan Holroyd, Ellen Allen, Venu Rao, Cindy Van Coughnett, Bonnie Firsard, Julie Forgaard, Laura Landerman Garber, Beth Baryiames, Joyce Pepin, Lisa Keehan, Mary Thomas, Ruth Kabel, Pat Goyette, Christy Shults, Heidi Cadwell, Karen Brown

Introduction: Ruth Kabel called the meeting to order. Laura Landerman Garber made the motion to accept last month's minutes. Lisa Keehan seconded the motion. All passed.

Special Guest Speaker: Brenda Poznanski, Director of the HBHS Guidance- Ms Poznanski spoke on what to expect at the High School. She gave us an overview to the transition from 8th grade to the Freshman year. Answered questions from the members to give parents the process involved during this time, curriculum and registration.

There is a parent information night March 31 and the next morning the 8th grade students will hear the same information, then begin registering for their courses.

Activities Fair for 8th grade in May. Tour of school- The first day of school is only new students and 8th graders (freshman) and go through the schedules, and get orientated to the new surroundings.

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April 2 the NH Higher Education Foundation will be offering a Parent Education series

Events

8th grade celebration

Susan Hoylrod

Theme is in place-power point is in progress

April 15 at 10am will be the next meeting.

7th grade BBQ

Kristine Farhat and Maureen Shields are co-chairs.

This will take place the last Friday of the school year.

Generations

Kristen Berry looking for help from 8th grade parents. Heidi Cadwell volunteered to help with coffee and greeting.

Talent Show-

Lorna Spargo- Tryout date is April 3 in music room

Show is April 18 at 6:30

Destination Imagination

7th grade going on to state competitions! Congratulations.

Reflections Program

Beatrix VanderMeer won 1st place for Literature and is going to the state meet

State Honors Band

Three HBMS students have made it to the State Honors Band level. This will take place at Keene High School on April 11.

Principals report

Pat Goyette-Transition during school changes takes 90% of time. Sharing information on this process with the HS to facilitate the current transition from the HUES to the Middle School will start to mirror the HS transition to a point. This year for first time, language and music choices will be available on line.

6th graders have finished math and language test for placements for next year. The administration aim to use the NWEA test for placement next year instead of the test currently in use.

On March 31 letters will go out to 6th grade parents for any input they wish to express to the administration concerning their child's placement.

8th Grade Washington DC trip is next week. All students who have shown that they are capable of representing the school and abide by the rules will be participating in this trip.

The HES's fundraising auction is beginning. One item up for bidding is a 'Space on a Payload'. HBMS is working with Mr. Secor and the science teachers to participate.

This years HBMS theatrical performance was phenomenal. Once upon a Mattress was considered a huge success. Many Kudo's to all.

Fund Raising

Spirit Wear

Laura Landerman-Garber New items are in the works for the next sale Sport chairs, shorts, blue and gray HB Sweatshirts and zip hoodies in addition to the same items that have been sold in the past. These will be available the first week in April

We will have a table at Sixth grade registration available to sell Spirit Wear. Cindy vanCough will put flyers in Upper Back packs April 10 at the orientation to make students aware. Information will be going in the newsletter.

Committee Report:

Results of fundraising Questionnaire that went out to parents last month in the report cards. Sixty percent returned the survey and the results are:

65% - no more magazine drive

40%-51% another fundraiser.

91% prefer to pay cash

The committee is going to test with a pilot program called SCRIPS with a small group of teachers and board members. SCRIPS is a service which donations are made by purchasing gift cards at local merchants. By purchasing the gift card at face value, a % is returned to the school.

It was voted to by the board as a result of the survey, that the magazine drive be discontinued. The motion was made by Mary Thomas to discontinue the magazine fund drive and Vanu Rao second the motion.

Nashua Pride community night is June 21. This is not only a school spirit event, but also a fundraiser. \$7 for all schools in the district, and the school will get \$3 per ticket sold.

Elementary School is doing an online auction to raise money. Please support them!

Budget/Treasures Report

Julie Forgaard; See attached.

2nd account opened for Script, seeded with \$500.

Reminded all committee chairs to make list of money spent as well as donations given for tracking.

Other Business

Nominating Committee:

Lisa Keehan will be coordinating this effort to find people to next years board positions.

Jan Welch, Cindy Van Coughnett and Karen Brown offered to help.

Volunteer coordinator:

Mary Thomas will be gathering volunteer time to send in for the Blue Ribbon Awards

Suggestion

Venu Rao- recently heard the chair of UNH Dept of Ethics and Morals give a workshop to a local group of students. He was very impressed with Professor Beerel and the ability to get students involved and thinking about making the best decision. If there is an avenue to have this type of program and in particular, this professor give a similar

program at HBMS, he felt that it would be worthwhile. It was suggested that Erin White be made aware of this possibility.