

# **PTSA Meeting**

## **April 18, 2008**

**Attendees:** Susan Holroyd, Lorna Spargo, Mary Thomas, Lynn Goldberg, Bonnie Frisard, Cindy Van Coughnett, Michelle Choate, Jan Welch, Jill Russell, Beth Baryames, Robin Gegg, Jennifer Macleod, Kristen Berry, Diana Kroeger, Maura Loftus, Carol Stone, Betsy Cotton, Joyce Pepin, Holly Linn, Bonny Gibbs, Julie Forgaard, Laura Landerman Garber, Marianne Graves, Karen Brown

**Introduction:** Ruth Kabel called the meeting to order and welcomed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents visiting the HBMS for a preview of next year.

Minutes from last meetings were reviewed. Motion to accept them were made by Robin Gegg. Bonnie Frisard seconded the motion.

**Treasures Report/Budget Report:** by Julie Forgaard

See attached

A suggestion to raise the DI line item to \$750 from \$475 giving each team member \$100 a piece for the upcoming National competition. By moving \$100 from reflections and \$100 from Parent Enrichment and \$75 from Generations, this would cover the increase. This will be revisited in the budget every year. The Elementary school has escrow account for all schools in town for DI. Motions to increase amount was made by Kristen Berry, Bonnie Frisard second the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

### **Events**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.** Susan Holroyd reported all is well. Ruth gave an overview of activities. The dates is June 13, from 7 9:30

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ-** June 20 after the Awards Ceremony, the students then go to the Alpine Grove. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders go to Canobie Lake that day.

**Talent Show** - Loran Spargo organized this event. 34 students. 25 different acts scheduled to start at 6:30pm. DI will be doing a bake sale at intermission and a donation jar will be available during the talent show. There is not an admission charge, but donations will go to DI.

**Destination Imagination** –Part of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team includes: Grace Howard, Kenzie Whalen and Johanna Ebbers who gave an overview to the PTSA on the upcoming Global Finals competition in Tenn. Registration to the event is \$16,000 for the 4 Hollis/Brookline teams to go. Air fare, lodging, expenses are not included.

**Old Homes Days:** Hamburger and Hot Dog Stand with high school PTSA. PTSA needs a committee to organize and coordinate for the Sept 13, 2008 evening.

**Nominating Committee:** Jan Welch reported that work is still in progress.

**Fundraising** – Ruth Kabel reported that the Scrips Program is in testing mode and if all goes well, should be available by the end of the school year. Scrips is a gift card purchase program that refunds a percent back to the school.

**Volunteer Coordinator**-Mary Thomas has asked Laura Landerman Garber to write up short essay on the success of the Spirit Wear for the blue ribbon award.

**Spirit Wear**- Laura Landerman Garber reported that she has completed the third round of orders with 107 order forms with 211 order items. Change of ownership of the supplier, but has promised the same prices. 40 orders were also received from 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Principal Report** by Pat Goyette

Mrs. Goyette welcomed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

192 kids went to Washington DC for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. One student left early to participate in the Math Competition. “After 9 years going to DC, this group of kids was incredible!” Thank you notes were also received from the two nurses who attended.

Transition for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents was held the previous week. It was felt that adding 10 minutes more time to each rotation will give adequate time for everyone. 180 parents participated. Move up day is May 22, this will be handled by teams, combining the Brookline and Hollis students.

8<sup>th</sup> grade core selection process is finished. This was well received and ran more smoothly than last year.

Policy on Cell phones- Current practice is all cell phones are in the locker during school. They may be used in the foyer or out front after school. If seen in the classroom or outside the designated areas, it will be confiscated. The phone will be returned for the first time. Second time it is kept in the office. Texting is not encouraged. There is not a public phone available (no company will service it), but any student may use the office phones if needed.

It was requested that the policy be reiterated in the monthly Newsletters.

Positive feedback was received on the last Student Dance.

Next year's calendars –School to start the week before Labor Day. Students report on separate days vs teachers and staff. Last full day of this year's classes will be June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Request from 8<sup>th</sup> grade team- Mrs. Rosetti's class is working on a human spirit study. Volunteers are needed to sew quilted pieces together to make a quilt. The plan is to keep one here and raffle the other to help purchase a defibrillator.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Team 3 is hosting a potluck dinner on May 14. Anita Moynahan and Lorna Spargo volunteered. This is a family event with the Jazz band playing, all families are invited. -

Susan Holroyd noted that three people are retiring this year; Mrs. Desmarais, Mrs. Lucas, and Mrs. Cicciu.

A vote was made to use \$50 per retired person for a gift certificate. A motion made by Jan Welch and second by Robin Gegg to approve the expenditures. The funds will be appropriated; \$85 from misc. line item and \$65 from Generations line item on the budget.

Staff Request; from Mrs. Goyette: \$379 + shipping for lecturn and \$63 for world globe. Money to come from surplus line item. Motion made by Bonnie Frisard to cover the items up to \$550 (\$250 from staff requests and the remainder from the surplus), Cindy VanCoughnett second the motion. All passed.

Next meeting is May 16.