

HBMS PTSA Minutes May 20, 2005

Attendance: Ruth Kabel, Trish MacDonald, Kristen Berry, Susan Holroyd, Lynn Goldberg, Mary Thomas, Jill Russell, Joyce Hegarty, Bonnie Frisard, Dianne Bonta, Betsy Cotton, Janice Kaganski, Debi Davis, Erin Magee, Pat Goyette (15)

1. Introductions

Seeing that we were all acquainted we skipped the introductions.

2. Review of minutes

The minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Kristen Berry, second by Susan Holroyd. The minutes passed with no one opposed.

3. Principal's Report

The letters to the 6th graders will go out today notifying them of which team they will be on in the fall.

Pat attended a workshop about Special Education laws titled Shake It Up. There will be significant changes on the Federal level with more focus on early intervention.

Student Council elections will be held soon for our 8th graders. The students will be required to write a paper to run for a position. The elections are done now at the request of the High School Student Council so they can start the fall school year off running.

Green Group is a High School Environmental group who wants to make it a mandate that the schools participate in a recycling program. They would like to create a sub group at the Middle School level.

The placement of the current 7th grade into 8th grade will take place in the beginning of June.

The Middle School is currently interviewing for an 8th grade English teacher to replace Mrs. Corliss who is leaving, a special ed. person who will fill in for a three month maternity leave, and a new position for a life skills component that will be added in the fall. Holly Mayer will remain on leave for one more year.

Everything in the school needs to be packed up for the summer and be put into storage trailers. Pat and Kim will be working during the summer, they will be in portables as well as the secretaries.

June 21st is the last day of school. The final awards ceremony will be held on the 21st at 7:30am. After the awards the 8th grade students will leave at approximately 9:30am for Canobie Lake Park and the 7th grade students will be bused over to Alpine Grove for their Barbeque. The 7th grade students will return to the school before going home.

The addition is moving forward and it has been given a 2-week extension to continue work while we wait for permits.

4. Treasurers Report

Dianne reports an ending balance of \$13,808.91. We do not have to file any reports as our gross income was under the \$25,000 maximum. We are right on target with our budget. The expenses for the 7th grade end of year barbeque will come from 7th grade enrichment funds. There may be extra expenses for the end of year celebration for our 7th grade do to it having to be held at Alpine Grove because of safety issues in the yard at the middle school with ongoing construction.

We anticipate spending 3 to 4 thousand dollars in the fall as needs become apparent after settling into the new section and renovated sections of the school.

The \$870.10 remaining funds in enrichment for the eighth grade is being used to offset the cost for each 8th grade student to go to Canobie Lake.

Please get your end of the year receipts to Dianne in a timely manor so she can wrap things up and transfer the Treasurer duties to next years Treasurer, Ruth Kabel.

5. Events

Election of PTSA Officers 2005-2006

A unanimous vote in the affirmative was taken to install next year's officers as follows

President: Trish MacDonald

1st Vice President: Susan Holroyd

2nd Vice President: Lynn Goldberg

Secretary: Joyce Hegarty

Treasurer: Ruth Kabel

Old Home Days Committee

Trish MacDonald will head up this committee. Please let her know if you can help with this fundraiser event. We will need cooks, servers, money collectors, planners, and shoppers. The high school will be sending volunteers, but the middle school will do the planning and organizing. There will be a meeting over the summer. Does anyone know where the coolers are that had previously been stored in the field house at Nichols field??? Please let Trish know if you know their whereabouts.

6. Committee Reports

Help Wanted! We need people to fill the following positions

Second person for staff appreciation

Membership

7th grade hospitality 1 person from Brookline

8th grade hospitality 2 people (ideally one from each town)

Shop n' Save incentive person

Talent review

Staff Appreciation

Kristen and Lisa thank everyone who helped with the recent staff luncheon. It was a huge success and greatly appreciated by the faculty. The memo books were given out on this day.

Another recent show of appreciation was given to our secretaries, librarian and nurse. They were treated to a nice and quiet lunch.

And that does it for our current crew on staff appreciation. Thank you to Lisa and Kristen for another year of a job well done!

8th Grade Celebration-June 17

We are in good shape at this point. \$500 has come in as donations from 8th grade parents. The DJ will be Chip McConney and this will be funded by Pat. We will not have access to the school until the school day has ended do to the possibility of the students using the gym if the weather outside is inclement. Ventilation to the gym for the evening is a concern since we cannot open the door to the outside do to construction. They will ask people to bring in some fans. The committee will let us know as it gets closer how the finances are holding up for this event. They have \$860 right now and may remind parents about donations again if they feel it is necessary. There is a meeting of the decorating committee Thursday May 26th at 9am at the school.

7th grade barbecue

This is also going well! Mrs. Beale, Ms. Botcher, Mrs. Ceito and several parents toured Alpine Grove and met with Mr. Archambault. Susan Holroyd reported that the facility is wonderful with 2 buildings in case of rain and volleyball, basketball, horseshoe pits and mini golf for the students' enjoyment. The facility has a refrigerated room to store our perishables. We were reminded that using this facility is a one time event do to safety concerns at the middle school right now with construction equipment and ongoing work at the middle school. Another reminder was also offered that the police and fire departments always appreciate any unused food.

7. Other Business

New Track Donation

A motion was made by Erin Magee and second by Deb Davis for PTSA to purchase 2 bricks at \$125. each for a donation to the new high school track. One brick will state class of 2009, the other 2010. This motion passed with no one opposed.

Walk for Mental Illness

Devin MacDonald a 7th grade student and organizer of this event reported that things are going well for this event. Posters have been placed in both towns and sponsor sheets have been given out. Devin asked for support from the PTSA by helping provide baked goods for the walkers. Trish will use the list of bakers that the PTSA has compiled from the beginning of the year and e-mail them to solicit bakers for this event.

Library Packing

The library is looking for helpers to pack up the entire library from June 13 – 17 from 9am-1:30pm. If you are able to help with this, even for just an hour please contact Shelly Bower or Erin Magee.

The Blue Ribbon Committee is looking for nominations for Outstanding Volunteer of the year, student volunteer among others, names were suggested to be submitted for these awards. Nominations for Blue Ribbon volunteers should be submitted to me by the 27th of May as the paperwork is due on the 31st of May.

The Venture Crew is holding an open house on Monday May 23rd for interested students in grades 8-12 at the Fire Station in Brookline.

Dan Petersen is the new school board member.

Meeting adjourned 10:07

Next meeting Thursday June 9th at 6:30pm at Trish MacDonald's home. Please RSVP to Trish at 465-2898 or Trish_macdonald@charter.net by June 6th!