

## HBMS PTSA MINUTES

June 13, 2007

Attendance: Mary Thomas, Jill Russell, Linda Falcone, Cherie Wholey, Susan Holroyd, Venu Rao, Ruth Kabel, Julie Forgaard, Janet Listowich, Lynn Goldberg (10)

1. Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 9:20.
2. Review of Previous Minutes: Moved by Mary Thomas, seconded by Julie Forgaard. Minutes from May 18 were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: The music department has spent approximately \$4000 of the approximate \$7000 donation made this year. They will expend the remaining funds during the summer. Miscellaneous income was received from the Magazine Drive (\$50) and the Directory (\$14). Expenses included \$21 for Staff Appreciation, \$150 for Parent Enrichment, \$19.30 Hospitality, \$78.79 Reflections, \$25 for the NH PIE Blue Ribbon application, and \$75 in unbudgeted expense (gifts). The ending balance was \$15,950.76. Various ideas were discussed to spend the remaining balance in the account, which included an electronic scoreboard. All agreed that the money should benefit all students.
4. Events:

HOLLIS OLD HOME DAY: Sadly, the event has been canceled due to lack of town leadership. Plans are already in the works for 2008.

3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL NAMI WALK: This will take place as a collaborative HBHS/HBMS effort to be held on June 16 from 9-12 at Nichols Field. There will be games, a dunk tank, and a rock group contest. Donations are requested.
5. Committee Reports:

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE BBQ: The final details are being worked on, including shopping. Donations were most generous this year. Shoppers will be sure to include vegetarian options. Gayle Bottcher is coordinating the activity schedule but unfortunately will not be able to alter the requirement for students to choose either indoor or outdoor activities. Jill Russell will check into parent assignments for stations.

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CELEBRATION: There are plenty of monetary and prize donations. Setup will be on Friday 6/15 beginning at 1:00. All plans are in place. Students will not receive a copy of the Powerpoint photo presentation, although parents may be able to share the copies that have already been made. Next year's committee should look into issues of confidentiality and perhaps devise release forms to allow the sale of copies of the CD. The presentation lasted for ½ hour.
8. Other Business:

MAGAZINE DRIVE: This committee desperately needs a chairperson or 2 who would be willing to split the job. Typically, many people offer to work on the committee, so the volunteer coordinator will recruit after people submit volunteer forms in the fall. Ruth Kabel will work with the company rep to get the ball rolling. Pat Goyette will work with Ruth over the summer to make sure the rep will meet our needs.

HANNAFORD \$: Mary Thomas will check to see whether the Hannaford money was ever received this year. Typically this is a small amount, but does not appear in this year's Treasurer's report.

**DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM:** Parent feedback indicated that the DARE program officers should be taken out of future presentations. They provide a valuable service at the younger grades, but the primary police liaison for this age group is the coop SRO. This change would also free up time during the presentation for additional factual information which parents would like to see increase. The SRO would like to increase involvement with students, and a parent suggested offering a modified RAD program in the future.

**PARENT ENRICHMENT:** Next year's committee should coordinate with Pat Marquette at the HS who is scheduling a parent series for the year. This will avoid duplication of efforts, and also provide improved calendar management!

**NEXT MEETING:** A parent suggested putting future meeting dates on the school website as well as the PTSA bulletin board. Regular meetings will resume in September.

**PARENT REQUEST:** A parent requested that a new format be devised for the Band and Chorus concert, similar to the High School where instrumental and choral groups are mixed throughout the concert, rather than split in half as has been done with the Middle School concerts. The parent felt it was not only rude to arrive late if you were interested in band, or leave early if you were interested in chorus, but it deprived both parents and students alike the opportunity to experience the great accomplishments of both groups. Pat Goyette had indicated previously that it was a space issue which required the halftime split, but parents felt that there was plenty of room in the auditorium to accommodate both groups for the entire concert.

**THANK YOU:** A new parent to the group expressed a sincere appreciation for the PTSA and the work that is done, and was extremely impressed that so many people are happy to volunteer their time. Communication and collaborative efforts with the school administration were also mentioned as strengths of the group.

Many thanks to Ruth Kabel and Susan Holroyd for hosting a wonderful brunch meeting. Contributions of baked goods and quiche were all delicious!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Goldberg