

PTSA MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2010

Attendees: Betsy Solon, Bonnie Watrous, Carla Beard, Nora Lewis, Iris Realmuto, Lori Bonnette, Michelle Jimeno, Deb Drouin, Jan Schwartz, Rachana Suchdev, Beth Ide, Dianne Bonta, Lynn Goldberg, Linda Falcone, Audrey Augun, Mary Kay James, Steve Simons, Susan Santuski, Janet Merrithew, Deb Davis, Marybeth Carroll, Beth Baryames, Ruth Kabel, Heidi Cadwell, Lisa Schmalz, Diana Kroeger, Betsy Cotton, and Pat Goyette

Overview of PTSA Year: Ruth Kabel started the meeting with introductions. Next Ruth stated that PTSA sponsored events include: the booth at Old Home Day, reception for Student Union elections, staff appreciation, lunch for Generations Program, student directory, staff requests, DI, Reflections, and end of year parties.

PTSA website: The middle school website is no longer hosted on a local school machine; it will now be hosted by Google. Our PTSA site has to be moved off the school server onto a new machine as well. There are two options to moving the website. One is to move to Google sites which offers a limited template based application and would require rewriting the entire site. The other is to move the site to another hosting facility. Iris offered to host it with her business at a reduced price. This move would require no changes. Debi Davis made a motion to pay \$50.00 per year for website hosting by Web By Iris, LLC and to have Iris attain a new domain name, preferably called HBMSPTSA.org, and at a cost of no more than \$20.00 per year. Betsy Solon seconded it. All were in favor.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from June 11, 2010 were reviewed. Nora Lewis made a motion to accept the minutes. Lori Bonnette seconded it. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Goldberg said that the audit was complete and she offered all to review it. Michelle Jimeno made a motion that we approve the audit. Linda Falcone seconded it. All were in favor. Next Lynn presented the 2010-2011 budget. Pat Goyette made a motion to accept the budget. Michelle Jimeno seconded it. All were in favor.

Principal's Report: Pat Goyette and Co-op School Board Member Steve Simons presented policy review changes from NH legislature. The legislature now states that an unexcused absence constitutes truancy. Now HBMS has to rewrite their definition of truancy to reflect legislative change. Secondly, the legislature made changes concerning cyberbullying. Pat stated that even if cyberbullying happens outside of HBMS and is then brought to school, the school has the power to deal with it. Pat then reported that the baskets for Jordan's Walk raised \$916.00! Then Pat stated that she reviewed proper school attire with the 8th grade girls. HBMS enrollment is down by 46 students this year. Pat said that the first school dance is Sept. 24. Betsey Cox-Buteau is the new Associate Superintendent for SAU 41. Betsey assembled all leadership principals this past summer for a collaborative meeting focused on student learning. One of the outcomes was curriculum alignment for k-12 grade core classes.

Old Home Day: Dianne Bonta stated that this is a collaborative effort with HBHS PTSA. HBMS does the organization and HBHS does the volunteer gathering.

Membership: Lisa Schmalz is in charge of both membership and the directory. Debi Davis made a motion to charge teachers \$5.00 for membership. Carla Beard seconded it. All were in favor. Lisa said that there is a student artwork contest for the directory cover.

Scrip: Lynn Goldberg explained the Scrip program. A benefit is that 1% of parent's purchase goes toward payment of child's DC trip. Last year the PTSA profit was

\$497.00. The turnaround time is if you order on a Friday, you can pick up cards the following Wednesday.

Reflections: Reflections is both a visual and performing arts contest that students may participate in. Michelle hopes to grow the program at HBMS. The deadline for artwork submission is 1/24/ 2011. There will be more information forthcoming.

Bulletin Boards: PTSA is looking for volunteers to decorate 2 bulletin boards. The next meeting is 10/15/2010.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Davis