

HBMS PTSA Meeting September 19, 2008

Attendees: Mary Thomas, Cheri Wholey, Lynn Goldberg, Kathy Rueter, Sheila Russell, Shelly Gillis, Diane Buchanan, Lori Gates, Laura Landerman-Garber, Pat Plummer, Ellen Allen, Ruth Kabel, Lisa Snyder, Janice Kaenski, Lisa Aulbach, Venu Rao, Bonnie Frisard, Maryanne Shanley, Julie Forgaard, Susan Benz, Diana Kroeger, Michelle Choate, Nicole Close, Cindy Van Coughnette, Robin Gegg, Karen Brown, Kay Burgess, Betsy Cotton, Fatima Walsh

Old Business

Review of Prior Meeting's Minutes: Read by Karen Brown- Motion to accept Ellen Allen, second by Pat Plummer. Motion passed, no opposed

Special amended motion: Ellen Allen move to amend the motion of accepting the officers Cindy Van Coughnett 1st Vice President and Robin Gegg as 2nd Vice President as stated in the May 2000, 2008 minutes. Instead, accepting them as the 2008/2009 co-presidents of the Hollis/Brookline Middle School PTSA. Motion to accept the motion made by Julie Forgaard, Cheri Wholey second the motion.
Motion passed-no opposed

Principal Report- Pat Goyette

Mrs. Goyette welcomed parents and thanked all for attending.

Orientation:

This years' 7th grade orientation was half-day introduction, which improved transition from 6th grade and summer vacation.

Open house

80% represented by parent at 7th grade

70% of 8th grade parents attended

NECAPS

Testing is required and schedule will be forthcoming. Mornings only-two sessions a day. Last years results were just published earlier today. Statewide did not look positive. No specifics on our school.

New Staff Positions were mentioned the new Sped Ed Building coordinator as well as the Band, Math, Reading and Office staff positions.

There is an open position for a para professional.

HBMS Building Goals: New Teacher Evaluation Plan - Charlotte Danielson model. Teachers identify ways to improve: Goals being written *SMART* meaning, *Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely*.

ICT Initiative – This goal is the electronic portfolio students must complete before the end of 8th grade.

Safe School Plan- this will be revisited this year

Curriculum Maps- Teachers work on Content Skills and Assessment. This will focus on *Literacy, Reading, Writing, Thinking, Viewing, Speaking and Listening*. This is a three-year initiative, which focuses on writing this year. Students are performing poorly statewide; this is probably due to the digital information world students live (text messaging, etc) they need formal writing skills.

Washington DC - Scheduled for March 24th thru March 27. Parent meeting is scheduled for Sept 24. at the HS Auditorium.

Oct 15 is the next COOP School Board Meeting. They will hear from New England Accreditation School and College. Report and recommendations on crowding at the HS. Meeting will be on cable at 6pm.

Legislatures on Sept 24 - 7pm and the Selectman on October 20.

Momentum in Brookline and Hollis – financial and efficiency of Coop to take into consideration long term growth in Hollis. Bill Dresher, attorney, will address withdrawal and dissolution of COOP.

Mrs. Goyette also asked to invite Tim Kelly HS Principal to the PTSA meeting in Oct or Nov.

Suggestion was made to put these dates and times available via the mass email to parents.

Treasures report/Budget Report- Ellen Allen

See attached: Year-end audit was good.

Committee Reports-

Spirit Wear- Laura Landerman-Garber

Three sales this year, one at beginning of year, one at the holidays and one in the spring when 6th grader's will be included.

273 items were sold during the first sales event. Profit should be between \$1200 and \$1300. Final numbers are not available.

New items include Stadium Blankets and Bumper Stickers. The bumper stickers are not selling, Laura is going to HS PTSA where driving students might be willing to purchase them. It was also suggested to wait for the popularity to increase before deciding to sell the left over bumper stickers to the HS PTSA.

Fatima Walsh suggested putting pictures of the Spirit Wear items web site.

Items should come in on Sept 30. Needs volunteers to distribute items to Rock group. Items could be available for Spirit Day that Friday.

Winter Sale- water bottles. Caps, bags, and hats are being considered. Laura will coordinate with Scrip for pickup the same day.

Laura is looking for volunteers to take over her position next year.

Old Home Day- Ruth Kabel.

Sold out almost everything except drinks and chips. Total numbers are not in yet. More volunteers are needed for next year.

Volunteer coordinator- Pat Plummer

105 7th grade volunteer forms and 70 8th grade volunteer forms were returned this year. Open volunteer slots are for Spirit Wear and Scripts program

Added during meeting:

Team one volunteer coordinator-Cheri Wholey

Team four 8th grade volunteer coordinator-Betsy Cotton

Year-end celebration for 7th and 8th grade needs volunteers.

7th grade Hospitality – Fatima Walsh

Reflections Program need volunteer coordinator – WOW is theme. Kathy Rueter will talk to Maryanne Graves about taking over the position.

New Business

United Scripts fund raiser- Kathi Lewis

Kathi explained the program to the PTSA group. Susan Holyrod was not able to attend.

The Scripts order form will be on web site on monthly basis. Oct 6th go out due Oct 10 by noon. Email will go out to let you know that gift cards to be picked up. Goal is \$2000 in profit.

Bulletin Boards. Katy Burgess and Cherie Wholey

Cheri requested \$60 for year to cover expenses the volunteers normally take out of pocket. They recycle as much as possible. Laura Landerman-Garber made a motion to make available no more than \$100 to fund supplies for the bulletin boards this year. The committee must report expenses monthly. Janice Kagenski seconds the motion. Discussion: To add \$100 in spending or add \$100 in income to Budget.

Laura Landerman Garber withdrew first motion- and amended to the motion as above but to include withdrawal of \$100 from surplus line item in the budget to be used by bulletin boards 2008-09. Janice Kagenski seconds the motion. One opposed. Majority passed.

Announcements;

President Robin Gegg thanked all volunteers.

Ruth Kabel and Susan Holyrod received a gift from the PTSA.

Julie Forgaard, let us know that funds are being raised to benefit the HS Scholarships. A dance at Lawrence Barn is scheduled for November 22. Tickets for sale. \$15 for adults \$10 for teenagers and 5 for under 12years. This is a community event sponsored by the Hollis Women's Club.

Upcoming event dates were announced (see meeting agenda)

Robin Gegg adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is Oct 17th