

HBMS PTSA Minutes
September 21, 2007

Attendees: Robin Gegg, Kristen Berry, Susan Benz, Cherie Wholey, Lynn Goldberg, Mary Thomas, Pat Plummer, Susan Holroyd, Joyce Pepin, Ruth Kabel, Karen Brown, Diana Kroeger, Steve Secor, Mary Young, Katy Burgess, Anita Moynihan, Kathy de Lacy, Beth Baryames, Amber Fox McNeil, Diane Pauer, Marianne Graves, Bonnie Frisard, Jan Welch, Laura Landerman-Garber, Lisa Keehan, Pat Goyette, Julie Forgaard

Introductions: Ruth Kabel called the meeting to order at 8:30am and started with the introductions. Ruth reminded all attendees that to vote, you must be a current member of this years' PTSA. A membership card gives discounts and benefits from local businesses.

Review of Previous minutes: Moved to accept by Kristen Berry. Susan Benz seconded the motion. Minutes from June 13 were approved.

Treasurer's and Budget Report: See Attached
Budget

Magazine drive should bring in an additional \$500. The Student Directory is projected to result in less than last year. The Music gift donation is a carryover from last year; the monies are slowly being spent. Cancellation of Old Home Days is the only significant change in projected income from last year.

Motion to accept the budget was made by Kristen Berry, Cherie Wholey second the motion, the budget was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Two treasurer's reports were presented, see attached.

Fiscal year ends June

Susan reported that the membership fee is split with the state and National and local PTSAs

Motion to accept the treasurers' report was made by Bonnie Frisard, Kristen Berry seconds the motion. All approved

Julie Forgaard presented the audit for all to review. Kristen Berry motioned for approval, Bonnie Frisard second the motion. The audit was approved unanimously.

Fund Raising

Magazine drive: Due dates will be online

Collection days and prize days will need volunteers to tally money and hand out prizes

School Pictures were Sept 21

Parent Programs Jill Russell was on jury duty so Ruth Kabel gave her report

A representative has asked to talk about financial issues; the board preferred the topic focus on college planning and suggested NHHEAF. A representative from Huntington Learning Center has also offered to speak on homework. This info was passed onto Erin White for a Generations topic.

The RAD program is trying to get officer Bonin to come in for 6-8 weeks. A two-week program was also discussed. Perhaps combining with the High School program will make this feasible. Erin Magee will be a contact person at the HS.

PTA Convention is Nov 2-3. Workshops are available for anyone interested. This will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH Cost per attendee is \$25 and lunch is an additional \$14.

Membership

Currently we have 230 members. The faculty has not been asked to join until recently, but with their support, the membership should increase. Membership cards coming, several businesses are giving discounts to members. These benefits are available for review online.

Student Directory

Currently there are orders for 294 copies. Janet Vaughn informed us that the cover competition is underway. The directory should go to printers next week.

Recycling

Susan Holroyd is working with Pat Goyette, Erin White and other volunteers to have recycling bins strategically placed around the school. Organizers are meeting after the PTSA meeting to work on recycling plastic bottles, which will be the next item to target. Styrofoam trays are another high usage product that is suggested to be studied next.

Principal's report by Pat Goyette

Review of the recent School Board meeting brought the High School issues of parking and the upcoming election. Parking is limited so a delayed opening for High School and HBMS is scheduled for January 8th, primary election day (assuming of course, this is the primary election day...).

Budget was also discussed at the School Board Meeting

Target 3% increase includes teacher contracts, which is under study.

Next year additional students are projected above the current 425, two years projects close to 480 students. HUES had 24 new enrollments so far this year. Pat has brought this issue to the board for input.

Back to school open house nights were a success. Not one complaint! The 7th grade had 84% represented by parent or guardian. 8th grade is not as well attended probably due to the comfort level of parents. A different format was considered but parent input said no change.

The 7th grade orientation was another success! Pat Goyett stated that it should not be changed due to the positive impact it has on the incoming students of the 7th grade. The first week was a great week for teachers and students.

The Primary MS goal this year is to enter maps in Tech Paths. Performance Tracker software was provided by the state to analyze NECAP results. This is a "cousin" to Tech Paths.

Rachel's Challenge Program was well received but the night had conflicts with other school Open House dates. 30 parents were in attendance. The ROCK staff did an excellent job of monitoring and buffering the impact among the students creating a positive environment after the presentation to the school. Both grades were challenged to do random acts of kindness and to 'make a difference'. 45 students stayed after school to form a club to help keep the message going in the school. Schedule to be determined.

Pat requested PTSA support for Rachel Challenge of \$1000 to help cover the cost of the program (\$2400).

Start NECAP test Oct 9,10,11, and 8th grade tested Oct. 12.

A new position was created; Jeannie Saunders is the part time Special Education coordinator at the middle school

School calendar mistake on Oct 31 - Nov 1 is a scheduled professional day.

Golf is now in Phys Ed curriculum. New mats (for teeing off) are needed for next spring. Approx cost is \$500. Formal request will be presented next month.

Bulletin board Cherie Wholey and Katy Burgess are chairpersons. Mr. Secor has committed to one of the bulletin boards for clubs.

Student Council Reception: Mr. Capraro and Mrs. Hall requested volunteers to help set up and provide snacks for the reception. A sign up list was sent around and volunteer's names will be forwarded to the advisors.

Positions to be filled.

Reflections Program: MaryAnn Graves will chair this program but needs a parent of 7th or 6th to work with to take over next year.

D I Coordinator. This person will have two or three teams this year.

Talent Show: Lorna Spargo will chair this program in the spring.

Laura Landerman is organizing the sale of sweatshirts and sweat pants for all students. Pat Goyette supports this as a fundraiser. 'Embroidme' provided quotes. Hoodies will be \$20. Sweat pants with letters down leg, elastic \$15 to \$20 open legs. Cost may change when predicted amounts to order are better understood. Teachers thought this would be great for casual day and team teachers like the idea. T-shirts cost will also be quoted.

PTSA closet- Please use the paper good that are available before buying.

Thanks to Bonnie Frisard, Kristen Berry, Laura Landerman-Garber and Barbara Bruinooge for Open House receptions!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be scheduled the week before Thanksgiving.

Next meeting Oct 19, 2007

Motion to adjourn was made by Kristen Berry, Bonnie Frisard second the motion. All Approved

Submitted by
Karen R. Brown