

HBMS PTSA MINUTES

10-15-04

Attendance: Nerissa Calo, Trish MacDonald, Susan Holroyd, Lynn Goldberg, Kristen Berry, Ruth Kabel, Janice Kagenski, Joyce Hegarty, Erin Magee, Debbie Pucci, Maureen Porter, Lisa Schmalz, Pat Goyette, Roxanne Angevine, Regina Kozsan, Bonnie Frisaid, Marie Degulis, Betsy Cotton (19)

1. Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed.

2. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Seeing no corrections Kristen Berry made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Lisa Schmalz. The motion carried.

3. Principal's Report

Pat thanked the PTSA for funding the Spanish Artist in Residence program that will take place October 26th.

Eighth grade generations day will be December 15th. The seventh grade will be away from the school this day on a field trip thereby freeing up more space to hold this event. Thirty presenters will be here, some are paid presenters others are volunteers. Ed. Garrity is the closing speaker and his fee is \$1,500. The current 8th grade students had no camp last year and so the funds that would have been used for their camp have been shifted over to be used for them this year in other venues. Seventh grade generations will be sometime in March when the eight grade is in Washington. Date TBD.

Parents will not be notified about chaperoning the Washington trip until the end of January. It will depend on how many seats are available on the buses.

The teachers have been encouraged to ask for PTSA support when many students will benefit.

Pat shared the reason for her absence from the September PTSA meeting was due to some health issues of her mother. Her Mother is now home and doing well. She thanked everyone for their well wishes.

Pat reported that interruptions to the classroom have been minimal up to this point. However, October brings standardized testing to our 7th & 8th grades. Eighth grade will be taking the Terra Nova tests for four days October 25, 27, 28, and 29. Seventh grade will be taking the NECAP tests on October 27th and 28th. Beginning next year the NECAP tests will be given to every student in grades 1-8. The school does not choose the testing dates they are given to us. Pat explained the challenges of giving make ups for these tests and asked to please be sure our children attend school during the testing.

Red Ribbon week is also the last week of October. Rick & Christy from the guidance department are planning for this week. During ROCK, the ROCK advisor will ask our students to discuss any stories they have heard about drugs. The Rock advisor would then respond to what the students have brought up within certain boundaries. A parent questioned if there would be another drug awareness night. The response was that this is usually held every other year. It was also mentioned that the high school is hosting a series of monthly speakers beginning in November.

Report cards will go home November 12th.

The state is now requiring all schools to respond to families regarding bullying complaints within 2 days.

Special Ed. Forums have been held regarding services and Medicaid. Pat reported that this school is a wonderful model for special ed. services and encourages families with concerns to first speak with their case manager.

The first week of November Pat Goyette, Gayle Bottcher and Maggie Gruposso will be going to Minneapolis Minnesota to the National Convention to present our ROCK program. Twenty five thousand people attend this convention. The ROCK group will be presented as a best school leadership project.

Marie Degulis shared that many parents have told her this PTSA is the best form of communication. Pat noted that this PTSA has no private agendas and how wonderful it is to work this group.

A parent shared how much she liked the progress reports and how refreshing it is to see grades!

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Ruth Kabel.

This year's magazine drive grossed \$20,814, last year we grossed 17,971.

Old Home Day left over supplies were bought by the High School football team to be sold at their games, so \$188 was made at Old Home Day and is to be split with the High School PTSA.

5. Events

magazine drive

Erin McGee and Debi Davis give thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this fundraiser. 1,010 orders were received from students. Dates for the pig race and Limo lunch TBD.

Community Conversations

A program for adults will be held October 20th at 7pm in library. The topic of the program is helping your children to be organized. Hospitality will provide cider. The topics for the High School lecture program were discussed and will be in our next newsletter.

Old Home Day

The High School PTSA is unsure if they will continue to participate in this event. If our school wants to continue to hold the food stand alone it would be much more work.

In House Field Trip

Juan Horta a proclaimed mask maker from Mexico will come to the school on October 26th and work with all our Spanish students and as many other students as possible. His fee for the day is \$500. Marie Degulis asked if grants could be tapped in the future for this type of program. A

volunteer sign up sheet was passed around for those wishing to help with this event.

6. Committee Reports

Membership

Deb Pucci reported we now have 196 members in the HBMS PTSA! Teachers and staff have also joined this year. Membership cards will be attached to directories for those who ordered one. Deb also suggested a couple of banners would let people know better who we are and what we are doing. She volunteered to get more information on cost of banners. More advertising was discussed along with involving students more and coming up with a slogan or motto for our PTSA. Membership would like to have a couple of minutes to speak to parents at next year's open house.

Directory

So far we have 195 advance orders for the school directories. Ten have been set-aside for office personnel and 44 will be available for sale. Nerissa has done this for the past 3 years and is ready to pass it along to someone else. Trish MacDonald has the binder with all the info for the next directory volunteer coordinator. All we need is someone to ask her for it! It was mentioned that many people had missed the notice to purchase directories.

Staff Appreciation

This week the cafeteria workers were shown our appreciation with goody bags. Next week it's the bus driver's turn! On November 18th a complete turkey dinner will show our appreciation to the staff and faculty. A volunteer sign up sheet went around for bakers and people who can help the day of the event from 10-1.

Hospitality

Bins have been bought and are filled with supplies! They are stored in the loft area above the stage. If you use products from the bins please let Regina Kozsan know so they can be replaced for use by the next person. Regina's e-mail is Kozsan@charter.net. Joyce Hegarty made a motion to

spend up to \$200 for banners, as many banners as can be purchased for that amount. Second Nerissa Calo. No one opposed.

Publicity

Please e-mail Jill Russell at russell33@charter.net if you need her to do any advertising.

7. Other

*A yearbook ad for the HBMS yearbook will be purchased by the PTSA for \$200. We will use the same ad that was printed last year. Next year we will look at changing the ad to include a logo and slogan/motto.

*We will look at using some advertising in our school directories for next year.

*Team 2 is looking for dance chaperones for three dances. The proceeds from dances go to use by the sponsoring team or group for activities by that team or group. Team 2 was directed to Mrs. Rizzo Saunders as she has a list of willing chaperones.

*Mrs. Rizzo Saunders and Marie Degulis informed us more chaperones are needed for the Team 4 trip to Mt. Manadnock and also a chaperone is needed for the trip to the witch museum.

*Please save the Hannaford Helps Kids coupons and send them in to the office.

*Box Tops for education were discussed. If anyone would like to chair this please contact Trish MacDonald.

The next meeting will be November 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Hegarty
HBMS PTSA Secretary

