

PTSA MEETING MINUTES – October 15, 2010

Attendees: Lisa Linder, Iris McLaughlin, Robbin Dunn, Mary Kay James, Audrey Augun, Beth Baryames, Shantel Cooper, Rachana Suchdev, Lynn Goldberg, Jan Schwartz, Deb Drouin, Lisa Schmalz, Pat Goyette, Ruth Kabel, Nora Lewis, Betsy Cotton, Carla Beard, Debi Davis, and Marybeth Carroll.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves along with grade and gender of their child at HBMS.

Review of Minutes: Lisa Schmalz made a motion to accept minutes from 9/17/2010 meeting. Beth Baryames seconded it. All were in favor.

Principal's Report: Pat said that the Building Leadership Team for HBMS is a conduit for all initiatives. There are eleven members including Pat Goyette and Steve Secor. At their recent meeting they brainstormed ongoing issues at HBMS. After discussing and voting the top two issues became homework and study skills. The Building Leadership Team (BLT) has divided into two groups to begin research on the issues. Pat informed all about RTI, which stands for Response to Intervention. It is a federal government push for the lower and struggling end of the student population. Another topic discussed at the Building Leadership team meeting was that teachers are now being held responsible for student learning. This has been a shift nationally. To implement this each core teacher must provide 8-10 essential outcomes for each quarter. On another note, cigarette odor was detected coming from the 7th grade boys' bathroom. Each 7th grade parent/guardian was informed about this matter. For the safety of everyone, 7th grade students were told that it is their responsibility to tell an adult. Pat moved on to say that her budget is extremely lean. On the topic of HBMS water supply, Rocky Pond is the provider. Three pipe leaks have been found and repaired in the downtown Hollis area.

Staff Requests: Ruth Kabel said that the school nurse needs help on October 25th and 26th screening the 8th grade students. Also, Erin White needs assistance doing CPR testing during 8th grade health classes.

Committee Reports: Lisa Schmalz stated that the student directories have gone out. Emily Raymond received a \$15 Target gift card as the directory cover design winner. Lisa said that there are now a total of 210 PTSA memberships. Lynn Goldberg reported that Scrip had a \$373.66 profit for the month of October. Lynn introduced Deb Drouin who in training to take over Scrip next year.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Goldberg expressed her desire for the membership to consider whether the PTSA needs bond insurance or not. Currently the PTSA has general liability insurance which is part of our state dues that we pay each year. Much discussion ensued. In the end, buying bond insurance was voted down.

Other Business: Mary Kay James asked that more parents/guardians come to the HB Coop School Board meetings. She stated that there is low attendance. Audrey Augun said that libraries are the first to suffer from budget cuts and encouraged all to support them at the HB Coop School Board meetings.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2010 at 8:30AM

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Davis

