

HBMS PTSA Minutes
October 20,2007

Attendees: Julie Forgaard, Heidi Cadwell Beth Baryames, Bonnie Frisard, Jan Welch, Susan Benz, Tracy Moore, RobinGegg, Laura Landerman-Garber, Pat Plummer, Katy Burgess, Diane Pauer, Jill Russell, Kriten Berry, Lisa Keehan Mary Thomas, Lynn Golberg, Ruth Kabel Sheila Mandragouras, Karen Brown, Amber Fox McNiell, Anita Moynihan

Introductions

Ruth Kabel welcomed everyone and started the meeting

Review of previous Minutes: Bonnie Frisard made the motion to accept the minutes, Heidi Cadwell second the motion. Approved unanimously.

Treasures Report and Budget Report: by Julie Forgaard

See Attached Reports

NH PTA Dues deadline is Dec 10

Taxes due Nov 15

Fund Raising

Magazine drive: Discussion centered on why is this year's fundraiser results are so low. (one of the primary fundraisers). It seems that parents and the community are inundated with papers/order forms, etc at the beginning of the year. One suggestion is to give the option of sending a check directly to the school. Do not send home order forms and encourage the online ordering. This was perceived more desirable than dropping the fundraiser all together for next year.

Another suggested a different fundraiser that is more relevant-such as school supplies. For instance, order school supplies for the year before school supply list were sent home with students. All supplies packages could be in the classroom by the first day of school.

Pat Goyette suggested that in the monthly newsletter ask for ideas to raise funds to meet the students/classroom needs.

Spirit Drive was very successful, profits are expected between \$1400-\$1500. Laura Landerman Garber has chaired this endeavor and making this not only a fundraiser, but integrating this into a 'spirit day' which all students can participate. The first 343 orders will be delivered during ROCK.

Discussion on making this fundraiser a spring and fall event was positive. T-shirts and imprints were discussed for next spring's order. It was decided that Pat Goyette would make the final decision on whether or not to put the year 1991 (the CO-OP was started) on the front.

Membership

Nancy Frick was not able to come today. Currently 238 members, Julie suggested it was a good time to pay National dues.

Principal's report

Pat Goyette:

NECAP testing went well. This test was held over a four-day period and retakes are prohibited.

Recycle club- bins are here, articles going into papers for Jean Filer to get volunteers for pick up from school and deliver to the transfer station.

Susan Holroyd is asking for sign ups at the meeting.

Pat passed around information on an anger management workshop, Blowing Your Tops, offered in Milford.

Review of School Board Meeting-High School space concerns are still being studied.

Blue Ribbon Award: Richard Pike received an award at the Blue Ribbon breakfast as all the schools in his SAU received a Blue Ribbon Award for volunteerism.

Veterans Day Assembly -Nov 9, chorus and band will play at 8:30 am in the gym

Playoffs for the soccer team and volleyball team, and field hockey team will be the week of October 22.

Dance is a Halloween theme, no masks, and dress code appropriate.

Pat also asked that the school nurse update us on a current topic:

Sheila Mandragouras reported on the MRSA Staph infection. This infection is one which antibiotics do not always work to arrest the infection. Several high school age children are in the media with these infections. Education on this type of infection will prevent this spread. Sheila is informing students about the need for washing hands, not sharing personal items and keeping wounds covered during sporting activities. Good hygiene will help prevent drug resistance staph infections.

Kathi Lewis-Welcome Bundles

Kathi presented her community service activity called 'Welcome Bundles' which is given to new mothers who are in need of items to get started when bringing home an infant. Hollis preschool donates all leftover clothes after their sale. Kathi left flyers explaining her program and some of the items she needs.

Staff Appreciation

Kristine Farhat will be asking for volunteers. This will be held before the Thanksgiving Holiday. The High School's is scheduled for Nov 15.

Parent Programs

Jill Russell reported that Nov 8 from 7-9 pm in library, a representative from NHHEAF will present, "Thinking ahead to college". Discover U program-statewide open house geared to 8th graders, which gives college student interaction with college students as well as gets children to start thinking about college. Schedule to go in Newsletter. www.NHHEAF.org is the web site for New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation.

Reflections Program

Marianne Graves would like to have a parent of a 7th grader co chair this program for next year's continuity.

Destination Imagination Program

Joyce Pepin will chair

Generations Program

Need volunteers for luncheon. Dates; 8th grade-Dec 14th. Requesting parents of 7th graders to coordinate this lunch. In March, while the 8th graders are in Washington DC the 7th grade will have their Generations day. Then we will have 8th grade parents serve the lunch.

PTSA request from Pat Goyette:

Ron Johnston- Physical education teacher. \$540 for golf mats
Mrs. Papadeas-Art teacher needs a new paper cutter \$700.

Motion made for \$1240 to fund the two requests; Pat Plummer made motion, Kristen Berry second motion, the motion passed. Funds to come out of the surplus of budget.

Jill Russell asked when was the last time PTSA bought books for the library. Susan Benz told us thought that this is a line item in the school budget. Jill will talk to Mrs. Jahns to see if there is a need.

Student Directory is in and distributed.

Nov 16 is next meeting scheduled.

Robin Gregg made a motion to adjourn. Kristen Berry seconds the motion. All Approved.

Submitted by
Karen R. Brown