

HBMS PTSA Minutes  
November 18, 2005

Attendance: Anita Moynihan, Sandra Musson, Colleen VanZilen, Kathy deLacy, Susan Holroyd, Lin Westberg, Ruth Kabel, Julie Forgaard, Lynn Goldberg, Pat Goyette, Janet Vaughn, Charlene Lavey, Joy Gould Peterson, Erin Magee, Cynthia Andreola, Janet Listowich, Regina Kozsan, Bonnie Frisard, Trish MacDonald, Anita Rubinstein-Angel, Patti Chilton, Mary Thomas, Shelly Bower, Joyce Hegarty (24)

### 1. Introductions

Janet Vaughn was introduced, the rest of the group were all acquainted.

### 2. Review of Previous Minutes

Susan Holroyd made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Ruth Kabel, no one opposed. The minutes were accepted.

### 3. Principal's Report

Christy Grieff and Rick Melillo ran red ribbon week this year. The ROCK groups made posters and the winners were treated to a gourmet lunch in the cafeteria served by Christy and Rick.

The building goals were created by categorizing and prioritizing strengths and weaknesses identified by staff last spring. The following are formal identified goals:

**Special Ed.**- The reauthorization of IDEIA will be a major focus to help teachers.

**Technology**-The presentation systems are phenomenal!

**Curriculum mapping**-Each others curriculum needs to be shared, a three year plan to identify redundancy will be put in place and a workshop regarding this will take place.

An informal goal identified is offering opportunities of **community service** to students.

The plan is to start with groups of volunteer students in the areas of recycling, the y-teen partnership and having the students give tours of their school to visitors. These community service groups will meet during the day during skills periods. Pat is keeping Carol Mace informed of these goals and the progress.

All of the staff enjoyed the staff appreciation turkey feast luncheon and a big sincere thank you was extended to the PTSA!

Portable 4 is presently filled with "seasoned computers". Each classroom will have one of these computers supplied to them. Each teacher will be asked if they would have a use for more than one computer in their room and the remainder will be disbursed based on these requests.

November 30<sup>th</sup> the portables will be gone! This is earlier than the contract called for and by breaking this lease we have saved \$13,000.00.

Student Council- This year's student council is wonderful! The 8<sup>th</sup> grade came to Pat with concerns about length of time spent in the lunch line with little time left to eat for the

last few to go through the line. Upon looking into this matter it was found that one of the sliding machines needs some repair. Bagels & cookies will also be offered in both lines to see if this helps to move the lines along faster.

Veteran Day was wonderful again this year with many Veterans able to participate.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first recognition assembly where honor roll, drama, and fall sports will be recognized. Bob Spear will also be in attendance to present the school with a Spotlight School banner.

The basketball tryouts went very smoothly this year with use of both gyms! The wrestling team is open to both boys and girls.

The after school strings program was cancelled this year due to only 2 students signing up. The program will be offered after school again next year, and this offering will be published in the May newsletter.

The School Board, the staff and HBMS PTSA President Trish MacDonald nominated Pat for Principal of the Year. Pat made it to the second round where 18 people interviewed her. She is now one of three finalists.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The magazine drive raised approximately \$10,000.00; the bill has not yet been paid. Our ending balance is \$32,364.05. We have had no requests since the one for the rock-climbing wall. Trish will remind Pat to ask staff for requests. We need to increase areas in the budget such as the limo ride for the magazine drive.

#### **5. Events**

##### **Community Conversations**

NHHEAF was poorly attended and Ruth is looking for feedback for planning the next program. Feedback included that was a bad night, advertise in the newspapers, and advertise to the elementary schools, and perhaps it was because the newsletter went out late.

The next one will be a week after report cards go out and a flier will be placed in with the report card.

The tentative schedule for January is a program given by the Hollis Police Department regarding Internet safety. The group felt an assembly for the students about Internet safety would also be a good idea. Ruth will discuss this student assembly with Pat.

##### **Reflections**

Reflections is an enrichment program that students can choose to participate in. The projects are completed by January. Last year the Hollis Brookline Middle School had a winner who wrote and performed his own music. There is \$100 budgeted for this program.

## **Generations**

Erin White was with us to share information about this years generations programs. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade generations day is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Lin Westberg will coordinate lunch for the parents, presenters and teachers. Maggie Grupposo and Theresa Rossetti's rooms will be used for this luncheon. There is \$250 budgeted for this lunch. The morning coffee will be in the old cafeteria and should be ready by 7:15. Erin informed Lin that she has a little extra money if it is needed for the lunch. Letters to parents about the day will go out soon. It was requested that on the letters to parents it is made clear that lunch will be provided and ask if they intend to stay for lunch as last year many people left and there was a lot of food left over. Trish highly encouraged people to participate stating it was a wonderful day last year. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade generations day will be Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The PTSA is in need of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteer to coordinate the luncheon for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade generations day. If you are willing to coordinate this please contact Trish. Some of the workshops for the day are: a talk with Hollis Police regarding Internet safety especially the my space site. Two separate sessions, one for parents and one for students were recommended for this workshop. Nutrition and chess are just some of the other offerings for the day.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **Magazine Drive**

Erin Magee reported that the bill has arrived along with a few illegible orders that need to be clarified. A thank you was extended to all who helped with the fundraiser. The prizes for this cost \$690.56.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Trish reported that the luncheon was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

### **Directory**

Janet Vaughn reported that the directories went out last Wednesday via the ROCK groups. There were 360 total paid for and 400 were ordered. The cover contest was won by a group of three students that worked on the cover together and they will share a \$25.00 gift certificate for books. It was noted that a lot of money was made from the sale of the directories, \$2,009.50 and the price will go back to \$5.00 for next year.

## **7. Other Business**

### **By-Laws**

Susan Holroyd, Trish MacDonald and Ruth Kabel had a look at the by-laws and made some revisions. Copies are available in the office; anything that appears with a star cannot be changed. The vote on the revisions will be taken at the December meeting.

### **PTSA Banner**

The PTSA now has a beautiful banner! Susan Holroyd reported the cost of the banner was \$83.00. The banner will be stored in the PTSA closet located past the conference room. Trish has the key to this closet.

## **Hollis Brookline Middle School Yearbook Ad**

The students on the yearbook committee will be taking care of our ad. The yearbook committee might do the drawing themselves for the ad.

### **Yteen**

We had four representatives from the YMCA join us. Insurance and liability has been checked and will not be an issue. Pat was asked if she thought this would be successful. She said she tried it in Hampton and the program failed, she thinks because it was looked on by students as after school care. We will emphasize this to be a partnership with the Y and not an after school program. A survey was given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding areas of interest for the programs. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders seem very enthusiastic with one request for a model UN. Also popular on the survey was dancing and ballroom dancing. The representatives from the Y were asked what the projected cost of participating might be, Cory and Amy told us the fees would be only to cover the expenses and likely be around \$20 - \$40 per session. The two prices are based on current involvement with the Y, and also stated that they have a sliding scale available providing up to 75% of the cost. A family membership at the Y is currently \$63.00 per month and a student membership for youth 13 and over is \$13.00 per month. The school has money available to be used for scholarships, and the Y also has a program to help people pay. The sessions are typically 7 or 8 weeks. Amy told us parent volunteers are welcome to help. Many opportunities will be offered; one that was highlighted is youth in government. This is typically is a high school level offering where the students learn about local government, learning what is involved in writing and passing a bill. The programs will be held in the middle school building. The co-op school board has 3 parties interested in using the Farley building and need more time to determine if there is an educational use for this building. If the building is not used for an educational purpose it is turned over to the Town of Hollis. The town has expressed an interest in the building for town offices. The questions was raised wouldn't use by the Y be an educational use? Pat told us that would have to be decided by the school board. It was stated that if we want to get this Y program going using the school is our best avenue right now. The Y programs are scheduled to end at 5:30. The late bus for Brookline picks up at 4:45. There is no Hollis late bus. Charlene Lavey stated that Brookline & Hollis Women's Clubs would like to be involved with this Y program. The Y staff told us the goal is to have the program up and running by the end of January as long as they are able to secure the instructors. There have been some issues with students at the library as well as at the Monument Square Market. The PTSA is excited about this partnership providing a safe supervised place for students to be together. Many thanks to Lin Westberg for spearheading this project!

### **Distribution of meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes will be sent to only those who were present at the meeting for them to review in preparation for a vote at the next meeting. Once the minutes have been reviewed at the following meeting and people have had the opportunity to correct any errors, and the minutes have been accepted by the PTSA they are sent out to all that are on the secretary's HBMS PTSA list. Anita Moynihan stated that at the RSA school board level the minutes are sent out within a few hours as a draft, and are so labeled.

### **8. Meeting day Times**

The next HBMS PTSA meeting will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Please check at the front door for the location of the meeting. A reminder was again given that we will be voting on the by-law changes at the December meeting.