

Minutes

HBMS PTSA

November 21, 2008

Attendees: Robin Gegg, Lori Gates, Shelly Gillis, Diane Barrett, Kathy Rueter, Cheri Wholey, Fatima Walsh, Maryanne Shanley, Anat Eshed, Lynn Goldberg, Mary Thomas, Lisa Aulback, Ellen Allen, Karen Brown, Cindy VanCoughnett, Joyce Pepin

Meeting called to order by Co Chair-Robin Gegg

Review of the minutes-motion made to accept minutes by Joyce Pepin; Sherri wholey second the motion.

Treasures Report: Ellen Allen
See attached

Motion to accept budget was made by Fatima Walsh and Joyce Pepin second the motion.
All Passed

Committee Reports:

United Scripts-Susan Holyrod and Kathi Lewis reported the last months sales were \$8142; gross \$7692; profit is \$445.19

Suggestion was made to make it easier to order. Easier to find on the web site. Change the name to reflect the purpose.

Spirit Wear-Laura not able to attend-Holiday order underway

New Hampshire PTA convention-Cindy Van Coughnett

Mailings not released-go to PTA.org for coupons and discount codes.

Memberships-HB is at 50% many others 100%

Since the fundraising is behind, this is an easy way to earn money. Hollis PTSA could make more per member. Two-three dollars per member goes to the state. More participation in elementary schools vs. Middles schools is probably due to the age of the child and need for parent involvement in the class on a daily basis.

Old Business: Taxes- Julie Forgaard-taxes were filed for 2007

Principals Report:

Pat Goyette

Literacy is the primary focus, using all professional development time for literacy across all content areas. Department of Education mandated that all schools implement a Literacy Action Plan. HBMS staff has been working to establish more specific literacy goals. Work on Nov. 4th resulted in three goals being established; mechanics, process writing, and following directions. This will be implemented across all teams. It was acknowledged that process writing is more difficult for specialists.

Budget season. 1st meeting was Wed night. Budget hearing was with the full school board. 0% increase is requested by the Budget Committee. HBMS is on target with exception of Special Education. The budget submitted is up \$30,000 due to things beyond our control; fuel oil and electric are the major contributors. The budget submitted was up one percent, include Sped increase of 3%. A new student information system needs to be replaced soon. The company who supports the current system has been sold and support is questionable in the future.

Joe Gruse; computer system technology manager; has gone beyond the call to duty by helping fill in for a teacher who was absent for three weeks. This helped save money on a substitute teacher, and enabled Mr. Gruse to interact with the class on a different level, giving both teacher and students a great opportunity to work together

ICT Information Communication Technology. Dept of NH – computer skills may not be taught as a class. Technology is a tool, but integrated into all content areas. Show word processing, spread sheets, presentation, web pages. Build in projects in each area. Electronic portfolio is completed by end of eight grade. Determines if they need to take a computer class with no credit as freshman at the HS.

Generations: reviewed briefly. Workshop day for parents and students with three different workshops times during the event. There will be about 20 workshops to choose from at sign up time for the parents. Erin White is the coordinator.

8th grade Dec 19

Need 7th grade volunteers to help with registration and lunch.

March 27th is 7th grade date.

Thank you for the Staff Appreciation - traditional Thanksgiving meal was made on behalf of the staff by Mrs. Jahns.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is Dec. 12 one week earlier due to the Generations program and the holiday schedule

