

**PTSA MINUTES**  
**December 15, 2006**

Attendance: Dorreen Mercer, Ruth Kabel, Lynn Goldberg, Mary Thomas, Lisa Keehan, Susan Holroyd, Patti Chilton, Julie Forgaard, Jill Russell, Vicky Sandin, Pat Goyette, Janet Listowich (12)

1. Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 8:40.
2. Review of Previous Minutes: Mary Thomas moved, Patty Chilton seconded, and all voted to approve the minutes from November.

Distribution of minutes involves:

- a) preliminary review by PTSA officers and school administration, followed by
- b) dissemination to regular attendees of PTSA meetings, then
- c) approval at the following regularly scheduled PTSA meeting, and finally
- d) posting on the website and distribution to the entire PTSA membership via email.

3. Principal's Report: Yesterday's Generations program was the best yet, based on feedback from students, faculty, and parents. The atmosphere in the school was respectful, calm, and the event ran smoothly. The Drug awareness presentation was particularly powerful. The extended lunch period offered an opportunity for students and faculty to share experiences. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped facilitate the program and luncheon.

The administration and Coop School Board are working diligently to put together a workable budget. The budget committee has requested no more than a 4% increase over last year, which will involve approximately \$850,000 in cuts from what has been proposed by administration. Although significant reductions have already been made at both HBMS and HBHS, difficult decisions involving personnel and curriculum will need to be made if the budget committee insists on further cuts.

One item that was cut at HBMS was the subsidy for a bus for the Washington DC trip. Final payments for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be adjusted to cover the additional cost of the bus.

It is imperative that all meetings of the Budget Committee and Coop School Board be well attended. Notices will be posted on the school website as well as the SAU website. The next School Board meeting will be on Wednesday 12/20 at 6 pm in the MPR at HBMS. It will also be televised locally.

When compared to similar-size schools in New Hampshire in 2005, HBHS had a #2 rating on standardized test scores, while spending the LEAST AMOUNT PER STUDENT, below the state average. Statistics for prior years show a similar pattern...consistently high test scores, while remaining among the lowest in per-pupil spending.

After failing to pass a support staff contract last year and support staff working under an extension of the previous contract, negotiations are presently taking place to be presented for approval at the Coop Meeting in March.

The Holiday Concerts held by the music department were excellent opportunities for students to show off their talents. It is remarkable how much progress is made from year to year, and the concerts are enjoyed by parents, faculty, and students alike.

4. Treasurer's Report: Julie Forgaard reported that the bill was paid for the magazine drive, totaling \$11,693.48. Other activity included membership income of \$75.00, and expense of \$805.00, \$117 of which was an overpayment which will be recovered. The Generations Keynote speaker was \$1,500.00, the staff appreciation luncheon \$138.64, a DI registration pack \$110, hospitality \$20.02, leaving a current balance of \$18,775.67. A message was left by the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund wishing to make a donation to the PTSA. Julie will follow up for more information.
  
5. Events:  
GENERATIONS: Erin White had made a request for the purchase of games. Cribbage, Backgammon, and Chess were purchased for \$54.48. There was plenty of food at the luncheon. Parent attendance was lower than previous events (approx. 50), but the workshops were well-received. Thanks to all who donated time and/or food.  
  
REFLECTIONS: "My Favorite Place" is the subject for this year's Reflections offerings. Works are due after the holiday break. Details can be found on the school website.
  
6. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports offered.
  
7. Other Business: Games were borrowed for the recent dance to offer additional activities for students. Kimberly Rizzo-Saunders was unable to attend the meeting to offer feedback, so this topic will be revisited next month to determine whether this is a viable option for future dances.  
  
Katrina Hall and Paula Fordin have developed a Victorian Kaleidoscope project for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math classes. Hundreds of pieces of PVC pipe have been cut and drilled by PTSA volunteers to facilitate the project. \$160 was approved through an executive committee vote due to the short time frame of the project. Janet Listowich moved, and Dorreen Mercer seconded a unanimous vote to approve an overspent amount of \$17 for additional supplies to be reimbursed to Susan Holroyd. Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers for developing a very creative project for the students. Also our thanks go to David Holroyd and David Russell for all their work on this project.
  
8. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 19, 2007 at 8:30 am. In case of a bad weather DELAY, the meeting will be rescheduled to 10am-12pm on the same day. In case of a school CANCELLATION, an attempt will be made to reschedule for the following Friday January 26, but is subject to room availability. Notice will be posted on the school website for detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Goldberg