

HBMS PTSA Minutes
12-19-03

Attendance: Kate Ricci, Tammy Campbell, Trish MacDonald, Patricia Goyette, Lynn Goldberg, Anne Dumas, Jill Russell, Kristen Berry, Lisa Schmalz, Diane Bonta, Ruth Kabel, Dianne Fitzmaurice, Lynn Post, Lex Bundschuh, Marie, Salamone

1. Introductions were made.
2. Treasurer's Report: Diane reported PTSA membership is up to 185 people, and \$555.00 was sent to the state PTA for membership dues.
Current balance is \$12, 500 including CD
No money from Hannafords yet, but the receipts will be sent in before 12/31/03 by Lisa Schmalz.
3. Chief Darling was unable to make the meeting.
4. Minutes were reviewed and accepted.
5. Committee Reports: Lisa and Kristen said the Teacher/Staff Turkey dinner went over well and Pat stated it was "Phenomenal!! Just Phenomenal!!" Thank you to all bakers and cooks who contributed. If you are missing a crock pot, please check the staff lunch room, there are a few left in there.
6. Community Conversation: Ruth indicated the Drug Awareness Program will take place in late January at the HBMS Library. This is a co-sponsored event with the HBHS PTSA. This information program will host a person from the DEA, local DARE officers, and retired State Police to explain issues related to drug usage.
This will be an eye opening information night and all parents/community members are encouraged to attend.

Future meeting will be held for 8th grade parents presented by NH Higher Education Assistance. This program will inform parents on how to assist their child to make academic/extra curricula activities/ community service choices while in high school. The purpose is to help students begin to develop their "college resume". It is never too early to plan!!!!

7. Principal's report: New England League of Middle School Parent and Community group award is being completed by the staff at HBMS. Lynn Post has offered to complete an essay portion for this award. She is welcoming any information parents can share with her regarding how the PTSA actively supports the development of Young Adolescents through the promotion of effective Middle Level Education activities and programs. Please email your thoughts to her postsofhollis@earthlink.net before Jan 8th. In the subject line write PTSA Support. Thanks Lynn for taking this role on. This is a wonderful honor that the teachers here at HBMS would like to recognize the PTSA efforts.

Pat answered the question of a later start of school. If a later start were to be considered, it would have to be negotiated with the staff. There is nothing concrete for next year.

Team Prescott along with Pat visited a middle school in East Lyme Conn. They were observing the type of teaming this school promotes, groupings and building layout.

26 8th graders were randomly selected to participate in a Harvard University study on Multi user Virtual in Science. The students evaluated software that may be on the market in 7 years. They all enjoyed it. (Especially Dave Bond)

Washington, D.C.- 209 students are signed up to go. Pat asked that the enrichment money be used to for scholarship purposes. We approved her request of \$2500 to be used at her discretion.

Teachers will have a workshop in March to focus on Developmental characteristics and needs of adolescents. A speaker will come in.

Need a last minute Holiday Gift idea??? Know someone who has an emerging teen? Buy Living With a Work in Progress by Carol Goldberg Freeman.

8. 8th grade celebration: Lex indicated that there was a concern with the theme of Mardi Gras. Lex read the concern, and a discussion ensued. After all sides were considered, Pat stated that she is fine with this theme and we all agreed to make sure that this celebration was well chaperoned. Marie Salamone and Trish MacDonald were there to represent the committee.
9. Old Business: Dr. Bundschuh gave a flu update: **Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever above 99.5. Keep your child home until 24 hours after the fever is gone. The flu is rampant this year and we would like to reduce others getting infected. The staff and teachers will thank you. You may have work sent home so your child will stay caught up.**

March Meeting date change to Friday March 19th at 8:30am in the conference room.

Trish MacDonald will explore a Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser.

**Meeting adjourned by those who were adorned with Christmas attire @ 9:50 am
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 15, 2004. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ricci

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