Haverford Middle School PTO Meeting

Tuesday October 10, 2017

Called to order 702pm

**Attendees:** Principal Dan Horan, 6th grade teacher Jon Swerecky, President Brie Irwin, Vice President Sarah Maxwell, Treasurer Carol Buehler, Recording Secretary Jennifer McNicholas, Corresponding Secretary Michele Moresco, Renee Lawler, Megan Salvesen, Barbara Archie, David Lieu, Lindsay Harrigan, Linda Short, Gina Catrambone, Amy Giacomucci, Betsy McElreavey, Vaishali Vera, Bernadette Lawson

September 2017 PTO meeting minutes approved by Sarah Maxwell and Vaisheli Vera

**Presentation provided by Dr. Reusche and Dr.Valerie Burnett on Policy updates** (Attendance and Wellness). Attendance highlights include definition of truancy with parents being notified after 3 unexcused absences, full list of excused absences, and use of School Messenger App to report absences. Any issues with the School Messenger App, please contact Laurie Van Trieste 610-853-5900 ext. 5090 . Wellness policy includes food that is served in school during school times must meet certain criteria.

Also included in the presentation was Haverford School District’s goals for the year. These included student growth, math, curriculum review, budget, life skills program, autistic support program, inclusivity program, human resources, communication, and community relations.

**Treasure Report** by Carol Buehler

-Received dues from parents during Back to school nights, and money from Spirit Wear.

**Presidents Report** by Brie Irwin

Email communication is going well. Please let her know of any concerns.

**Teachers Report** by Jon Swerecky- see sheet. Also yearbooks are still on sale. The lower rate will only be until November 15. After that, you can still buy them, but the cost will be higher.

**Upcoming events**

**Activities night-** Activities include DJ, photo booth, dodgeball in the wrestling room, pizza and water. See Sign-Up Genius to volunteer! Clearances needed. Tickets are on sale the week of the activities night for $5.

Friday Oct 20, 7pm-830pm

Friday Nov 10, 7pm-830pm

**6th Grade Halloween dance**-Friday Oct 27, 530pm-7pm. $7 a ticket. When students are leaving the dance, they will receive a ticket for free entry to the Haverford High School football game. This ticket will include a pizza and water to be received at the football game. Volunteers needed. Sign-Up genius will be sent out.

**Old Business**

Back to School night-thank you for volunteering!

Membership-you must have paid dues in order to receive the online directory.

Spirit wear- If you have not picked up your spirit wear, it was returned to C&M. You may pick it up there.

By-Laws revised. Approved by Vaisali Vera and Renee Lawler.

Box Tops- please continue to turn box tops in to your child’s homeroom teacher.

**New Business**

Giant A+ Please register your Giant card with Haverford Middle School-the school receives a portion of the money that you spend!

Harlem Wizards- We would like to have the Harlem Wizards come to HMS. This would be a fundraiser for our school. We are thinking to have them come in December of 2018. More info to follow.

School Board Report-see website for State reports

Quizzo at Barnaby’s on Tuesday Oct 17, 8pm-10pm. Fundaraiser for HHS BLAST/After Prom Party.

**Intra District Council report** by Betsy McElreavy and Vaisheli Vera – Dr Reusche will attend the next IDC meeting on Oct 23. Topics for the year to include transportation, budget, facilities, etc. If you have any questions regarding these or any related topic-please ask Betsy McElreavy (or PTO board. )

Haverford Education Foundation has several grants that they would like to give out. Parents, teachers, clubs, etc. may apply for grant. Please see their website for grants given in past and full info. <http://haverfordedfoundation.org/>

Application deadline is November 1, 2017

**Principal’s report**- see sheet

Meeting concluded 832pm