

## HMS PTO January Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on January 13th, 2015.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Jennifer Dixon, Kelly J. Kane, Peter Monteleone, Kay LeKoma, Bernadette Lawson, Jim Blumenstock (HTSDEF), Steve Durfee, Angela Helfer, Ann Phillips, Catherine Frank, Lisa Kozlowski

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

### Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Merri Lee Newby made a motion to approve the November minutes. Ann Phillips made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

**HTSD Education Foudation:** Jim Blumenstock and Steve Durfee from the Haverford Township School District Education Foundation spoke. The Foundation has been in existence for 10 years, raising funds for innovation learning experiences so that all students in Haverford Township School District will graduate ready to make positive changes in their community and the the world. They announced that their SPRING 2015 grant application process for up to \$1,000 to fund innovative educational ideas opens January 12th and closes on April 1, 2015. Applications will be reviewed and voted on by the full board of the HEF at it's May meeting. Complete details and an application are available on their website- [www.HaverfordEdFoundation.org](http://www.HaverfordEdFoundation.org) . They also wanted to remind us that if your employer participates in the Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit Program they are a terrific group for your employer to consider.

### Old Business:

- **Book Fair** chaired by Jen Kirkland and Sarah Brook. Community raised just over \$2300 (plus \$275 Scholastic Dollars) for the HMS Library, and \$194 for the All for Books Program via Penny Wars. Many books were added to classroom libraries, as well as to home libraries. With the money from Penny Wars, many books were purchased from the teachers' wishlists. Thank you to HMS staff and volunteers.
- **Spirit Wear Sale** chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Jen Hufnal reported on her behalf. Holiday Sale sold 166 items, (compared to 223 last year), which generated \$186.00 for HMS. Decided to stay with C&M Sporting Goods.
- **Impact Testing** – Reported by Merri Lee Newby. On October 30th, 20 children were signed up. 15 students were tested. Test is administered by Bill Booth. He talks for 20 minutes, and test lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes. 13 children are signed up for Thursday, 11/13. 11 students were tested. No additional dates will be offered this school year.

- **Market Day** chaired by Jenn Dixon. 20 orders were submitted for November generating a total of \$1,245.62. \$120.54 was earned for HMS. 11 orders were submitted for December generating a total of \$776.92. \$77.69 was earned for HMS. Next order closes on Jan. 21st. Pickup is Jan. 28th between 3:30 - 5.
- **Activity Nights** chaired by Catherine Frank. Next Activity Night is 2/27 from 7 - 9. Discussion on whether to keep this night for 8th grade only or open to all grades.

### **New Business**

- **Potter Cup** will be held on 1/23 at HHS. 1500 kids will be attending. PTO donated \$1000.00
- **Teacher Wish List** - Letter and form will be delivered to teachers. Teachers will submit item, cost, and who it will serve. Deadline is March 10th. Forms will be reviewed.
- **MLK Make a Difference Day** hosted by Maria Purdy. Looking for volunteers to help with projects held at HMS.
- **IDC report** by Ann Phillips. HHS Chromebooks being given out in Jan. 2015. By Sept. 2015, all students will have Chromebooks or use their own computers. \$30.00 tech fee each year. HMS might get extra as they become available. Also, discussed increasing iPads in the elementary schools. Discussed Focus Groups for new Superintendent.

### **Teacher's Report** - report by Katie Hoge

- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Friday, 1/16 Act 80 Day - 11:20 dismissal
  - Monday, 1/19 MLK Holiday - No School - Day of Service
  - Wednesday 1/21 End of Quarter 2
  - January 22-23 Midterms
  - Friday 1/23 Potter Cup at HHS
  - Monday 1/26 Start of Quarter 3
  - Friday 1/30 2nd Quarter grades available in Power School
  - Spirit Days are every Friday
- 6th Grade Art - digital photographs have been taken in the snow
- 7th Heaven - sang at the SJU Women's basketball game
- Bowling Club - remaining dates are 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25
- Ford Focus - granted a mini grant for some improvements to the TV studio
- Gaming Club - held every Tuesday until 2/17. Open to all students.
- Geography Bee - will hold finals on Thursday 1/15. 10 students will be participating in the finals.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Horan prepared a separate agenda for his portion of the meeting.

- Digital Safety and awareness
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Day of Service, Menu of service opportunities, details on website.

- Scheduling for HHS - Course Information Night 2/9 at 7 PM at HHS
- 2015 - 2016 Calendar - Thoughts on starting before / after Labor Day
- Calendar
  - 6th Grade Winter Choral Concert - 1/14
  - Geography Bee - 1/15
  - Early Dismissal @ 11:20 AM / ski trip - 1/16
  - MLK Day - No school - 1/19
  - SS & LA midterm / end of 2nd quarter - 1/21
  - Sci & Math midterm / start of 3rd quarter - 1/22
  - Potter Cup - 1/23
  - 7th & 8th Grade Choral Winter Concert - 1/29
  - 2nd quarter grades available - 1/30

No questions or concerns at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty  
Secretary