

HMS PTO March 2016 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on March 8th, 2016.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Brie Irwin, Sarah Maxwell, Betsy McElreavey, Nan Hetznecker, Carina Ahren, Kelly J. Kane

President Newby called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Opening of Meeting:

President Newby introduced herself and the Board.

- Betsy McElreavey made a motion to approve minutes for February meeting. Brie Irwin seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Spirit Wear Sale - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante - As of March 7th, 19 items had been sold. Information sent to all Elementary School PTO Presidents, deadline is March 10th.
- Garden Club Seasonal Plans - Gina Ranieri is planning for Spring planting around April 3rd.
- Save-a-Heart, April 16th - 18th, Chaired by Carol Buehler - 10 - \$10.00 Wawa Gift Cards to be donated
- Activity Night - chaired by Maria Purdy - Friday, April 8th, 7PM - Sign-Up Genius for Volunteers going out soon.

Old Business

- **Activity Night** - chaired by Maria Purdy, 8th Grade Only, Friday 2/12 - Very well attended. 8th Graders had a great time.
- **Box Tops** - chaired by Angela Helfer - Deadline is 2/19, Since 9/15, \$1602.30 has been posted. February collection - \$113.00. Labels - 4050 points as of today, if we get a total of 9000 by May, HMS receives a \$100.00 Visa Prepaid Card
- **Digital Safety & Awareness / Digital Citizenship Event** - 2/23 7PM - Very well attended. Mr. Cardarelli and Officer Flynn reported.
- **PTO Closet Clean-Up**, Saturday 2/27 at 10:30 - reported by Merri Lee Newby - a Huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who came out for two hours this morning to clean, purge, sort and reorganize the PTO closet at HMS!! Thank you to Carol Buehler, Kelly Kane, Sarah Maxwell, Wendy McCall, Merri Lee Newby, Maria Purdy & Lori Fullington

for assembling new shelves. Extra special thanks to our student volunteers: Jack Buehler and Isabella Purdy.

- **Facebook Page** launched 2/10/16 - Only admins, Merri Lee Newby and Maria Purdy, can post. Comments can be made, although admins can take inappropriate comments down.

Teacher's Report

Mrs. Hoge introduced herself, and explained her role. She will keep us abreast of different things that the teachers are doing in and around the school.

- March 16-18 Conferences / 10:50 dismissals
 HMS Save-a-Heart
- March 21-28 Spring break (No School)
- Friday, 4/8 Activities Night

Amy Ignatow, author of The Popularity Papers, came to visit HMS last week. Ms. Ignatow presented twice during her visit - first to a large group and then to a more intimate group. She discussed her series and her creative process.

March 8th is Band Night. 5th grade through 12th grade will perform at HHS at 7:30 PM. On March 18th the HMS Jazz Ensemble is performing at Princeton HS and working with a world-class jazz musician named Randy Becker. April 8th is our Annual Evening of Jazz with guest artist Dick Oatts.

Members of the HMS Science Olympiad team travelled to Neumann University on March 2nd to compete in our Regional Tournament. 15 students comprised the competition team, and competed in 23 different events. They placed 9th.

Yearbook - visit www.balfour.com to place an order for your 2015-2016 yearbook.

New Business

- Host film screening of "Screenagers" - presented by Carina Ahren. Film was released in February, 1 hour long, \$500 fee to rent for 24 hours. Recommended for 5th grade and up. Discussed setting up a viewing for parents, community, students, etc. Only after \$500, split proceeds 50/50 between filmmakers and hosting organization.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong - Scheduled for May 6th.
- **8th Grade Career Awareness Day** - chaired by Monica Burns - plans are going well. We have a diverse group of 24 speakers, but still seeking out about 5 more. Mr. Cohen is working to have the career interest survey shared with students via google drive. Volunteers are needed.
- **8th Grade Dance** - chaired by Tricia Mazzella and Beth Zukowski-Dougherty - Dance is scheduled for Friday, June 10th. DJ has been booked.

- **IDC Report** - chaired by Betsy, McElreavey, Ann Phillips, Catherine Frank - report by Betsy McElreavey. Topics included budget and survey for Food Services (350 responses - might table due to lack of responses). Also talked about variances on Volunteer Clearances - probable going to Superintendent to make sure all schools are on the same page.
- **School Board Reps** - volunteers to represent HMS PTO at School Board Meetings. Beth Zukowski-Dougherty will be going to the meeting on Thursday, April 7th.
- **Strategy to increase registration and payment of dues** - discussed ways to increase participation for future years.
- **Teacher Wish Lists** - in progress

Principal's Report

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

- **Student Wellness Initiative** - School Board Presentation on 4/21 @ 7:30 PM
- **Save-a-Heart** - March 16th, 17th & 18th
- **Student Forum with Dr. Reusche** - April 1st
- **Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) / Algebra Keystone**
 - A. ELA April 12th-15th
 - B. Math April 19th-21st
 - C. Science (only 8th grade students) April 27th-28th
 - D. Algebra Keystone (only 8th grade 1A students) May 18th-19th
 - E. Regular school time, but we operate on a 2-hour delay schedule and test in the AM
- **Cell phone recycling program** - Week of May 9th - Phoneraiser.com - All proceeds go to HMS. Collection in the library. Ink cartridges also accepted.
- **Calendar** -

March 11th	Final Friday - Go Green
March 15th	Choral Night at HHS @ 7:30 PM
March 16th-18th	Bus evacuation / Parent-Teacher conferences 10:50 AM dismissal Save-a-Heart
March 21st-25th	Spring vacation
March 28th	Teacher in-service day - no school for students
March 29th	School re-opens
April 8th	37th Evening of Jazz at HHS @ 6:30 PM Activity Night
April 12th-15th	ELA PSSA
April 15th	3rd quarter ends
April 18th	School volunteer appreciation week
April 19th-21st	Math PSSA
April 26th	Teacher in-service - no school for students

April 27th-28th
April 28th
April 29th

Science PSSA
7th & 8th grade Ensembles Spring Concert
Senior Citizens' Prom @ 5:00 PM

Questions/Comments

None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary