

## HMS PTO January 2016 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on January 12th, 2016.

**In attendance:** Dan Horan (Principal), Dr. Maureen Reusche (Superintendent), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Maria Purdy (Vice-President), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Renee Lawler, Kelly J. Kane, Michele Moresco, Lisa Hoffman, Susan Pollock, Megan Salvesen, Cara Runk, Helene Conroy-Smith, Ann Phillips, Beth McMichael, Angela Helfer, Kristin Elliott, Jenn McNichol, Stacy Collins, Erin Gold, Bernadette Lawson.

President Newby called the meeting to order at 7:01.

### **Opening of Meeting:**

President Newby introduced herself and the Board.

- Helene Conroy-Smith made a motion to approve minutes for November Meeting. Maria Purdy seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.
- Dr. Maureen Reusche conducted a presentation explaining what she has observed over the past 4 to 6 months. Dr. Reusche has met with many groups including Rotary, Police, Township Administrators, Library, etc. Dr. Reusche explained that the High School and Middle School each have 3 student representations that reach out to the School Board. Some of the observations that Dr. Reusche has made include, sense of pride, parent involvement, focus on learning (people in this township like to work). Her goals include focusing on "historically underperforming groups", multi-year curriculum review cycle, consistency of instructional time across the 5 elementary schools, facilities planning, fiscal controls and budget process. Dr. Reusche also commented that full day Kindergarten is being discussed.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **MLK Day of Service** - chaired by Maria Purdy. Monday, 1/18, Parent volunteers needed 10 AM to 12 PM. 5 On Site activities and 1 Off Site activity.
- **Potter Cup** - Friday, 1/29, presented by Angela Lord and Michelle D'Avella. Volunteers needed. This year it will take place at HHS. Last year, over \$365,000 was raised for Alex's Lemonade.

### **Old Business:**

- **Water Cooler** - reported by Maria Purdy. Changed to Artic Cooler. Water filter hooks up to sink. It is working and employees are enjoying it.
- **Online Directory** - reported by Merri Lee Newby. The directory is now online.
- **Place for Hate** - Mix-It-Up Day went well. Students seemed to enjoy it.

- **No Box Tops & Labels for Education** - reported by Angela Helfer. Next pick up date is 2/19. Labels for Education website is up and running. A check was cut on 12/15 in the amount of \$938.80. A collection was submitted on 12/28 totalling \$605.00. Annie's products now have box tops. E Box tops are also available at checkout.
- **Book Fair** - reported by Sheli Hay. Final Numbers were not available at this time. Sheli reported that the book offerings were more eclectic in both content and age range, yet wished they had a larger stock so books didn't have to be ordered. Dealing with Children's Book World was a joy. They were responsive and had what we needed sometimes on the same day we requested it. On HMS's end, we were well-staffed by volunteers.
- **Spirit Wear Sale & Survey** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. 204 items were sold. Next sale will be around March. Looks as though the sales are better with HMS's standard items. Still in need of a new chairperson.

### 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.

- Friday, 1/15 Act 80 Day
- Monday, 1/18 MLK Day of Service / No School
- Wednesday, 1/27 End of Quarter 2
- Friday, 1/29 Potter Cup
- Monday, 2/1 Start of Quarter 3
- **8th Grade Latin** - put on their archaeology hats and researched different artifacts from Roman culture. The artifacts have been on display in the library. The winners will attend an awards luncheon at the Drexelbrook.
- **Math Club** - The HMS Competition Math Club will be participating in the 2016 Delaware County MathCounts tournament on Feb. 6th.
- **MLK Day of Service** - 1/18

### New Business

- **PTO Closet Cleanup** - reported by Merri Lee Newby. The closet cleanup will take place at 10:30 am on Saturday, 2/27.
- **Garden Club Seasonal Planter Updates** - Seeking faculty member to lead beautification process for planters.
- **IDC Report** - reported by Ann Phillips. We would like to welcome Betsy McElreavey as the new IDC representative. Putting together a survey for food choices in the cafeteria. Some topics that were discussed were: school closing alerts, using a Kiosk to enter a school building to see if clearances are updated, Canvas (teachers overseeing online learning), Mental Health Issues, Suicide Awareness.
- **Facebook Page** - discussed setting up a Facebook page. Looking for a chair to head this. Discussed settings, information settings and accessibility.
- **2016 Spirit Drive** - In need of chairperson

## Principal's Report

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

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday** - Monday, 1/18. No School. Student Council service project, and service opportunities listed on main page of the HMS website.
- **Act 80 Teacher** - Friday, 1/15, 11:20 Dismissal, Mental Health / Suicide Prevention training for staff.
- **Potter Cup** - Friday, 1/29, Haverford High School, 2:00 - 8:00, Information posted on main page of the HMS website.
- **Calendar** -

January 18th	Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday - No School
January 27th	2nd Quarter ends
January 27th	Language Arts & Science Midterm
January 28th	Math & Social Studies Midterm
January 29th	Potter Cup
February 1st	School counselor appreciation week
February 4th	2nd Quarter grades verified/stored/posted
February 5th	HMS Jazz Festival @ 7:00 PM
February 8th	Bus driver appreciation week

## Questions/Comments

None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty

Secretary