

HMS PTO November 2015 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on November 10th, 2015.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Maria Purdy (Vice-President), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Dana Key, Johanna Fahringer, Michele Moresco, Bernadette Lawson, Lisa Koslowski, Angela Helfer, Brie Irwin, Lawrence Price, Nicole Price, Betsy McElreavey, Nell Stetser, Catherine Frank

President Newby called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Opening of Meeting:

President Newby introduced herself.

- Bernadette Lawson made a motion to approve minutes for October Meeting. Lisa Koslowski seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.
- Motion was made by Bernadette Lawson to not hold a PTO Meeting in December. The motion was seconded by Joanna Barringer. Voted with a show of hands.

Old Business:

- **Membership Drive** - there were some glitches with the membership drive this year. On April 1st, PTO Manager was closed. Company launched Volunteer Manager, and information wasn't switched from one database to the other. More directories needed to be ordered.
- **Volunteer Manager** - talked about getting word out to elementary schools, targeting the 5th grade classes.
- **Halloween Dance** - Chaired by Renee Lawler and Therese Menear. They reported that the 6th Grade Halloween Dance Party was a huge success. There were 380 children who attended, and they seemed to really enjoy themselves, dancing and checking out each other's costumes! A Big Thank You to all of the parents who donated their time to setup, chaperone, serve food and drink, as well as clean up at the end of the night! In addition, a big thank you to the parents who donated a food or drink item! All of this support helped to make it a terrific night for your children. Happy Halloween! Michele Moresco and Megan Garrett will co-chair 2016's Halloween Dance.
- **No Place for Hate** - 12/2 will be the next Mix It Up Day.
- **Box Tops & Labels for Education** - reported by Angela Helfer. Next pick up date is 12/22. Labels for Education website is up and running. A blast will be send to announce this. Discussed with HHS to help collect, and we could make a donation to the Blast.
- **Water Cooler** - reported by Maria Purdy. Discussed changing to Artic Cooler. Water filter hooks up to sink. Expense will be buying filters, around \$30 a month.

- **Phones4Charity** - reported by Brie Irwin. Discussed where and when to drop off phones. Mrs. Gavio would be happy to have a "Green Project".

Upcoming Events:

- **Book Fair** - chaired by Sarah Brooks and Jen Kirkland. Monday 11/9 to Friday 11/13. Penny Wars going on now! Monday - Nickels, Tuesday - Dimes, Wednesday - Quarters, Thursday - Pennies. Wednesday night opened from 6:30 to 8:30. Books will come from Children's Book World. No credit cards will be accepted.
- **IMPACT Testing** - 10-12 student are signed up for next testing day on 11/12 from 2:45 - 4 PM in Room 18.
- **Activity Night** - chaired by Maria Purdy. The next Activity Nights will be held on 11/20 and 12/11 from 7 - 9 PM. Need more volunteers.
- **Spirit Wear Sale & Survey** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Amanda will not be chairing next year, so we are looking for a new chair to take over the spirit wear. 77 responses were received for the survey. It was very productive. A suggestion was made to sell pink colored items for the month of October. Other great suggestions were made. Some cons - hard to judge sizes, did not find size chart helpful, and the H logo did not go over well. They like having the cash and carry items at the Back to School nights.
- **Martin Luther King Day** - chaired by Maria Purdy. Ashley Gavio will have all activities set up. This is a volunteer day of service. The activities will be between 2 to 4 ½ hours in duration.

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.

- November 9-13 HMS Book Fair
- Friday, 11/13 End of Quarter 1
- Monday, 11/16 Start of Quarter 2
- Friday, 11/20 Parent Visitation Day
- November 23-25 Act 80 Days / Conferences

- **Bowling Club** - starts Wednesday, 11/11, and held twice a month. Cost is \$6.00 The dates are as follows: 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10 and 2/24.
- **Ford Frenzy Club** - open to all students who want to cheer on fellow Fords at home games and events.
- **Gaming Club** - Starts Tuesday 11/10, and is held most Tuesdays until February.
- **Planters** - Thank you from the staff for the big flowerpots in the front of the school. We love the recent change to a winter theme! They look beautiful!

New Business

- **Garden Club Seasonal Planter Updates** - Thank you to Gina Ramieri, Jen Hufnal and Merri Lee Newby for helping with planters. The following is a report from Gina: The holiday greens will stay until the end of January. Spring planting will happen, depending on the weather, at the end of March or beginning of April. We will put in tulips, daffodils, pansies and other cold hardy plants. The planters will remain like that until the middle of May. Summer planting in May, we will install heat tolerant plants and shrubs. We will need to come up with a watering schedule to make sure they survive the warmer weather. In the spring, we will also be re-planting the 3 islands in the main entrance parking lot. We will also create a planting bed in the grass between the 6th grade and 8th grade entrances. Mr. Horan has given us a grant to make this happen.
- **IDC Report** - Ann Phillips is our representative. Last meeting's discussion focused on communication consistency between schools.
- **EIN** - has been noted that HMS does not have an EIN number.
- **Facebook Page** - discussed setting up a Facebook page. Looking for a chair to head this. Discussed settings, information settings and accessibility.

Principal's Report

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

- **Beautification** - Thank you.
- **Book Fair** - 11/9 - 11/13 Sponsor will be Children's Book World.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** - PTC Wizard to schedule, 11/23 - 11/25
- **Student Health & Safety Meetings** - Facilities and evacuations, Medical support, Reporting abuse
- **Author Visits** - Mike Townsend - December 4th
Andrea Davis Pickney - May 13th (Author of *The Red Pencil*)
- **Calendar**

November 9-13	Book Fair / Family Night 11/11 - 6:00 - 8:00PM
November 11 - 18	Food Drive
November 13	End of Quarter 1
November 19	Final grades available
November 20	American Education Week - Parent Visitation
	Final Friday - Superhero day / Activity Night
November 23 - 25	Conferences - 10:50 AM dismissal
November 26 - 27	Thanksgiving - No school
December 2	Mix It Up Day / Instrumental Winter Concert
December 3 - 5	Musical - Dear Edwina Jr.
December 10	6th Grade Winter Choral Concert
December 11	Activity Night
December 16	7th & 8th Grade Winter Choral Concert
December 18	Quarter 2 - mid quarter progress / Final Friday - Ugly Sweater Day
December 24 - Jan. 1	Winter Break

Questions/Comments

None at this time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary