

## Secretary HMS PTO April Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on April 14th, 2015.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Yoonie Hong-Lint, Catherine Frank, Teresa Yacono, Brian Yacono, Lillian Mittleman, Nichole Bethel, Berndadette Lawson, Linda Short, Helene Conroy-Smith, Tricia Massella, Ann Phillips, Katie Hogue

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

### Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Yoonie Hong-Lint made a motion to approve the March minutes. Helene Conroy-Smith made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

### Old Business:

- **Spirit Sale** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Reported by Jen Hufnal. As of today, 104 items were sold. This sale is up by 104 items from last year's sale.
- **Market Day** chaired by Jenn Dixon. Jen Hufnal reported that Market Day refused to fill order because order was under \$500.00. Last order will be on May 27th.
- **Activity Night** - chaired by Catherine Frank. Activity Night was held on Friday, 4/10. 150 students attended. All Grades were invited. High school students were there talking about Build-On. These students will be traveling to Haiti to build a school
- New Webmaster is Michele Blickley.

### New Business:

- **Box Tops** chaired by Kathy Kerns-Phillips. Box Tops will be collected until May 1st. Proceeds will go towards new library furniture. Winners of the box tops contest per grade will have a water ice party in June.
- **8th Grade Career Awareness Day** - chaired by Nichole Bethel. Will be held on 5/1, which is an Act 80 Day. As of date, 21 speakers are confirmed.
  - **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong-Lint. Catered lunch will be held on 5/1. 135 people are expected to attend. Crystal Waters will be providing water cooler services. Water bottles will be ordered for all teachers.
  - **7th Grade Dance** chaired by Trish Mazzella and Beth Zukowski-Dougherty. Event being held on Friday, May 29th. DJ is booked. Planning details within next couple weeks. Letter being sent out on May 8th.
  - **8th Grade Dance** chaired by Helene Conroy-Smith. Being held on June 12th. The theme will be "Night of Hollywood". T-shirts will be done by Tom Carbury.
  - **Teacher Wish List** - reported by Jen Hufnal. As of date, 9 wish lists were submitted. Items requested included: Chromebook Projection Device, Boys Centered Books, Desktop Organizer, T-shirt to be framed, Book Facing Displays, Wireless Printers, Shredder. Vote was taken and all were approved.

- **IDC** reported by Ann Phillips. No January Meeting. February Meeting included the Education Foundation's Twilight Run and Walk. It will be held on April 25th. This is their biggest fundraiser. Also discussed PA Common Core Standards, What's in & What's Out.
- **Garden Planters** - Gina Raineri was unable to come to meeting.
- **Haverford Ed Foundation** - reported by Lillian Mittleman. Twilight Run and Walk will be held on April 25th.
- **Stop Hunger Now** - reported by Teresa Yacano. Talked about having a Stop Hunger Now event at HMS. \$400 to open an event. \$2900 for the smallest event that would provide 10,000 meals. .29 feeds 6 children. 100,000 meals would cost \$29,000.00

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

- **Upcoming Events:**
  - April 14-17 - ELA PSSA
  - April 21-23 - Math PSSA testing
  - April 28-29 - Science PSSA testing (8th grade only)
  - Friday, May 1 - Act 80 Day (early dismissal); Career Day (8th grade only)
- 7th grade Science - all 7th grade science classes made "invasive species 180 videos".
- 8th grade Latin - 27 8th graders won awards on the National Latin Exam.
- Pi(e) Day - on Thursday, 3/12, Ms. Bond's math class cooked with M
- Mrs. Barber's class for an interdisciplinary lesson. They made apple pies.
- Reading Olympics - Teams will meet with numerous middle schools in Delaware County at the end of the month.

#### **Principal's Report**

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

- New superintendent of schools

Dr. Maureen Reusche

Building visit on June 2nd

PTO leadership 2:15 - 2:40 PM

Official Start Date - July 1, 2015

- **Volunteers**  
Act 153  
HTSD website>About>Employment Opportunities  
Required background clearances including PA Police Background Check, FBI Criminal Clearance, PA Child Abuse Clearance  
Update every three years
- **PA System of School Assessment (PSSA)**  
Day 1 done!  
New format - more rigorous expectations  
April 14 - 17 - English Language Arts  
April 21 - 23 - Math  
April 28 - 29 - Science (8th grade only)
- **Jazz Appreciation Month**  
April 17th - Jazz collaboration event / HMS / 7:00 PM

April 23rd - 26th Annual Evening of Jazz / HHS / 6:30 PM

April 24th - Springton Lake Jazz Festival / 7:00 PM

April 28th - 7th & 8th Spring Concert (band, jazz ensemble, wood wind ensemble, and brass ensemble) HHS / 7:30 PM

- Career Awareness Day - May 1st, 8th grade event
- Planning for 2015 - 2016

Retirements

Gift program proposal

Staffing

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty