

## HMS PTO April 2016 Minutes

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

**In attendance:** Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Sarah Maxwell, Susan Pollock, Megan Salvesen, Renee Lawler, Dana Key, Angela Helfer, Linda Short, Catherine Frank, Brie Irwin, Helene Conroy-Smith, Ann Phillips

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

### **Opening of Meeting:**

President Newby introduced herself and the Board.

- Sarah Maxwell made a motion to approve minutes for March meeting. Carol Buehler seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Garden Club Spring Planting** - Gina Ranieri and faculty member, Alicia Courtney
- **Save-A-Heart** - Carol Buehler - was a huge success. Thank you to the PTO for donations, raised biggest amount to date.
- **Phone Recycling Event** - Brie Irwin, 5/19 to 5/13 - in the library, toner can not be bigger than hand, digital cameras are being taken as well
- **Senior Citizen's Prom** - 4/29/16 - Merri Lee Newby

### **Old Business**

- **Activity Night** - chaired by Maria Purdy, Last Activity Night was 4/8. 20 tix were presold, 120 children attended.
- **Box Tops** - chaired by Angela Helfer - YTD \$1,750.00, 5/27 will be next collection. Looking for a chair for Box Tops for next year.
- **Spring Spirit Wear Sale**, 149 Items were ordered. In store pick up at C&M.
- **Sleep and the Adolescent Brain** - Brie Irwin - discussed later start times, cutting off all electronics earlier in the evening.

### **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, April 15th                      End of quarter 3  
Jazz Ensemble Competition at Beverly Hills MS 7  
PM
- April 11 - April 29                      PSSA testing window (ELA, Math and Science)
- Tuesday, April 26                      Teacher In-Service (no school for students)
- Friday, April 29                          Senior Citizen's Prom
- Friday, May 6                              8th Grade Career Awareness Day / Act 80 Day  
(11:20 AM Dismissal for Students)

Haverford Kids' Comic Fest - Visit [hkcfest.org](http://hkcfest.org) to learn about Haverford's 3rd annual HKCF, which will be held on May 21, 2016 at HMS. Open to all ages.

Haverford MS Jazz Ensemble - performed at the Drexel Hill MS Jazz Festival on April 1st. The band received the highest rating of Superior for the second time this year. The trombone section was chosen as the Best Trombone Section at the festival. An 8th grader was chosen as the overall best soloist in the band. The ensemble also played with Dick Oatts on Friday, April 8th at the 37th annual Evening of Jazz at HHS.

National Latin Exam - HMS had 21 8th grade winners this year on the National Latin Exam.

Reading Olympics - May 3rd at Radnor High School.

### New Business

- Host film screening of "Screenagers" - presented by Carina Ahren. Mr. Horan will decide on the presentation date.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong - Scheduled for May 6th. Volunteers are needed.
- **8th Grade Career Awareness Day** - chaired by Monica Burns - plenty of speakers and volunteers. Survey should be completed by 4/15.
- **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 Catherine Frank. Valerie Burnett was speaker. Discussed last day of school and kiosks for clearances.
- **School Board Reps** - volunteers to represent HMS PTO at School Board Meetings.
- **Strategy to increase registration and payment of dues** - discussed ways to increase participation for future years. Discussed Outreach to Elementary PTO meetings
- **Teacher Wish Lists** - Wish lists total \$1600.35.

## 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
- **Gardening Club** teacher liaison will be Alicia Courtney
- **Spring Sport Season** is underway
- **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
  - F. Testing should conclude by 10:03 AM each day
- **Cell phone recycling program** - Week of May 9th
  
- **Calendar**

- 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	Science PSSA
April 28th	7th & 8th grade Ensembles Spring Concert
April 29th	Senior Citizens' Prom @5:00 PM
May 3rd	Reading Olympics at Radnor HS @ 5:00
PM	
May 4th	6th Grade Instrumental Spring Concert @
7:30 PM	
May 6th	Act 80 - Teacher in-service - 11:20
dismissal	

## Questions/Comments

Openings for Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, WebMaster, IDC Reps

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty  
Secretary