

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for November 9th, 2016

Attendees:

- Sumaira Bajwa, President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, 2nd VP
- Cathy Stohlman, Secretary
- Kerry Dufresne, Principal
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- John Woodson, PTACHC Rep
- Lynne Ward, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Kerri Ukstins, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Diane Garey, 8th Grade Dance Chair
- Craig Graf, 8th Grade Teacher
- Ravinder Sandhoo Membership Chair
- Tatiana Pham, Parent
- Selena Johnson, Parent
- Reed Racette 1st VP
- Deveonne Hamilton Stokes, Gift Card Chair

Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Sumaira Bajwa.
- **Secretary's Report (Cathy Stohlman):** A motion was made to pass October's general meeting minutes. John Woodson made a motion to pass the minutes. Tricia Miller seconded the motion. Minutes passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** The current cash balance for the PTA is \$9,203.97. Spirit wear sales reached above estimates. PTA Council dues were paid. Audit of our PTA financials was completed. PTA broke even on the Fall Fling.
- **PTACHC Report (John Woodson):** Mobile version of the Canvas application has user issues. Have to log in as your child to view grades and the calendar. Feedback and subsequent discussion took place at monthly PTACHC meeting with regards to student suspension data, how it is collected and what information does it reveal. The full report can be found on the HCPSS website. Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) exemptions related to 2 HC schools were discussed. Official information can be found at www.howardcountymd.gov/Adequate-Public-Facilities-report2016.
- **Principle's Report (Kerry Dufresne):** American Education Week November 14th-18th. "Viking Day" will be the 18th. Student's can exchange their Viking bikes for prizes. Parents' are welcome to visit the school all week during school hours. An error was made in the link to sign up for Parent-Teacher conferences. Will be corrected asap. Starting this month a different staff member will be attending the monthly PTA meetings. Advisory period takes place every Thursday when students meet with their home room teacher to discuss various topics, share in community building and restorative circles to help identify and discuss conflicts and challenges. There are 14 students per teacher. Students also have the opportunity to meet with one of their teacher's to receive assistance. Howard County Executive Alan Kettleman will be coming to the school to visit with an 8th grade student.
- **1ST VP (Reed Racette):** The Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 19th in the middle school gymnasium. Weather make-up date is January 23rd. No one has signed up for the geography bee to date.

Recommendations were made to send permission slips electronically, post on FB page, the website, newsletter and school announcements. The Color Run is scheduled for the spring. A date to be determined soon. An application for a police permit will need to be submitted. Race Marshalls must be 18 and older. The committee is looking into customized shirts for the Marshal's. The gift card fundraiser order forms will be sent out before Thanksgiving break.

- **2nd VP Report (Mollie Bauer):** Staff Appreciation dinner for Teachers' during conferences November 21st. The meal will be soup and salad with the request via signup genius for donations of sides and dessert. Fall Fling was a success with a large turnout. The Principal would like to see a different procedure put in place when students check-in and place volunteers on hand to clean up the cafeteria floor as needed. There was concern too many students were in the gym playing basketball at the same time. Need to monitor closely to avoid injury. Box Tops brought in \$223.60 to date. Another contest to be scheduled early next year. Restaurant Night to be set up next month at Mission Barbeque or Potbelly. The 8th grade dance is scheduled for June 9th, 2017 and the theme the students voted for is "neon". A second round of voting between 2 choices instead of 3 will take place in the near future.
- **President's Report (Sumaira Bajwa):** The Reflections competition is underway. Still trying to recruit interested students. We currently have 56 families linked to the Harris Teeter grocery rebate program. Last year we had 77 families. We are trying to reach a goal of 100 families. The student directory is completed and forwarded to participating families. We have 271 PTA members! Lots of advertizing and signage helped increase our numbers this year. Thank you letters will be sent out to all those who have generously donated to the Viking Fund. Most of the spirit wear has been sold. Parents and Teachers can still purchase items. Information on ordering can be found on the PTA website.
- **New Business**
A request was made to hold the after school Science Olympiad program at Hammond. The Parents interested in setting up the program have volunteers available to start. The Principal will follow up. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30, in the Media Center. All are welcome.

Action Items

Amanda Yu to confirm May 13th, 2017 for Color Run

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stohlman, HMS PTA Secretary.
