

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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## *Meeting Minutes for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

### *Attendees:*

- Sumaira Bajwa, President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Cathy Stohlman, Secretary
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- Lynne Ward, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Kerri Ukstins, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Diane Garey, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Chair
- Kerry Dufresne, Principal
- Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes Gift Card Chair
- Fred Asifo, PARENT, Dance Committee
- Mary San Antino, Box Tops Chair
- Salena Johnson, Parent
- Ravinder Sandhoo, Membership Chair
- John Woodson, PTACH Rep

### Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order.
- **Secretary's Report (Cathy Stohlman):** Cathy Stohlman presented February's general meeting minutes. Kerri Ukstins made a motion to pass the minutes. Lynne Ward seconded the motion. Minutes passed. Also noted that there was no general meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** The current cash balance for the PTA is \$8,525.00. The PTA earned \$140.00 from restaurant night at La Palapa's Too last month. The check for the author of the poet slam cultural arts activity for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students' is due. The PTA would like to set aside funds for next calendar year's after school activities: intramural basketball, dance troupe, yearbook committee and MathCounts. The MathCounts program will need 2 teachers to oversee the meetings. Kerri Dufresne will ask the Teachers for volunteers
- **PTACHC Report (John Woodson):** At the April PTACHC meeting Homewood Assistance program was put to a vote. First and second motions did not pass. Third motion was put forth to take program to the executive committee for additional research and present their findings to the membership. The MD PTA convention will be held in Columbia this July. There is shortage of school bus drivers. Trying to recruit. Transportation Director feels student's safest option to get to and from school is riding on the bus. The BOE voted to adjust start and dismissal times in the 2018-2019 school years. None of the schools will start before 8:00 am and no later than 9:25am. The necessary changes will be over 18 months
- **Principal's Report (Kerri Dufresne):** PARCC testing begins April 24<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin April 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be administered one testing unit per day for a total of 6 days per grade. There will be an increased presence of staff around 3 student bathrooms in the hallways to ensure student's are following safety rules and getting to class in a timely fashion. Discussions between staff and students are on-going with regards to reviewing the rules of respecting other's personal space, handling peer pressure, and how to identify and report incidents of sexual harassment

- **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Mollie Bauer):** Staff appreciation week is May 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “HMS All Stars”. There will be small activities each day. Students will also be involved. A sign-up-genius for volunteers and donations will go out the week before. The next restaurant night will be at Ginza Japanese Steakhouse in Laurel. The last box tops contest runs through 6/3/17. The winning prize for most tops collected will be a Rita’s gift card for one winner per grade. Parents will be informed that students can drop their box tops off in the cafeteria in addition to the front office. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell Celebration, *Hollywood; a Night to Remember*, is scheduled for Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. The committee is working on procuring the food, decorations, parent volunteers to decorate and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to volunteer the evening of the dance. The committee will hold a CD cover art competition. Mr. Ebbe will handle setting up the competition and the collection of pictures for the class CD
- **President’s Report (Sumaira Bajwa):** Discounted tickets for Hershey Park are available for purchase in the front office. Proceeds will go towards HMS. A Nominating committee is forming to elect new members of the PTA Board and various chairperson positions that will be vacated at the end of this school year. Announcements will be placed in the 3 elementary feeder school newsletters. The following positions will be open and available for volunteers; Restaurant Night Chair, Box Tops, Spirit Wear, Fall Fling, Color Run, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance, Geo & Spelling Bee, Student Directory, PTACHC Reps, Student Directory, PTA Board Treasurer, Recording Secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Anyone interested in finding out more about these positions contact the PTA President, Sumaira Bajwa.

#### **New Business**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9th at 6:15, in the Media Center. All are welcome

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stohlman, HMS PTA Secretary.*

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