

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2018

Attendees:

- Sumaira Bajwa, President
- Mollie Baer, 1st Vice President
- Mary Coleman, 2nd Vice President
- Lisa Beck, Treasurer
- Tricia Miller, Secretary
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- Lynne Ward, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Dodie Van't Hoff, Box Tops
- Aaron Dale, HMS Principal
- Christopher Doody, HMS Teacher

Minutes

- **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Sumaira Bajwa. Introductions were made.
- **Secretary's Report (Tricia Miller):**
 - The minutes from the February 2018 PTA meeting were presented for approval. No revisions were proposed. Lynne made a motion to approve the minutes; Mollie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.
 - Hershey Park Fundraiser: a reminder eblast will go out next week. Deadline is March 23, 2018
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa Beck):** Lisa reported that our current balance is \$10,884.47. No income reported this month. Expenses included: staff appreciation, after school bus, geo bee, and PBIS. Upcoming expenses: staff appreciation and cultural arts. We are expecting \$1,100 from Harris Teeter. Tami Baldwin reported that there are 122 families enrolled in the Harris Teeter program.
- **Principal's Report (Aaron Dale):**
 - PBIS Dance is this Friday. HMS staff is handling decorations, check-in / check-out, chaperones, snacks and cleanup. \$5.00 and nominal cost for concessions will be charged. No cell phones will be allowed to stay in compliance with photograph policy. PTA will put link to registration on our website. Currently have 50 registered but expect more coming.
 - Safety concerns discussed: a parent expressed concern about the safety of kids going to and from portables. The HoCo Superintendent held a safety meeting at RHHS and addressed a number of potential safety issues county-wide including portables and recess. The HoCo Super

will also meet separately with all HoCo Principals. It is planned that all middle school will have a School Resource Officer (SRO) on site. Other issues being considered: controlling access to schools, change layout of school interior to increase student safety, improvements to safety protocol and renewed vigilance checking for visitor badges

- Student Walkout: planned for 3/14/18 at 10:00 am. There is more chatter amongst the students this time. Dr. Dale has met with the Viking Voice and various small groups of students to gauge interest levels and potential participation. Dr. Dale stressed that students must be respectful in expressing their opinions. The staff is prepared for all levels of participation and they are looking forward to engaging with students.
 - Dr. Dale reviewed the changes to the school calendar due to snow days. Also, Dr. Dale reiterated plans for 8th graders (60 min promotion ceremony, dance, breakfast, etc.)
 - Community Building: Dr. Dale discussed several ideas including: Courtyard Beautification Project, Community Service Day, Visit to a Homeless Shelter, Visit to a Horse Rescue and the Mentoring program at HES.
 - Staff Presentation: Mr Doody spoke to the PTA regarding the 8th Grade Field Trip. In May, the 8th grade, separated by high school, will be alternately attending a Shakespeare Play in Baltimore and participating in team building activities at Genesee Valley Farm and he described in detail the merits of both. Mr Doody has been arranging this trip since 2007, and in that time he has only had to raise the price of the trip for students twice. This year, however is exceptional as bus routes and vendors have changed and the cost of the bus went from \$250 to \$400. Mr Doody presented an extensive bus fee chart. He is requesting \$200 from the PTA to keep the fee low for students. The PTA agreed.
- **PTACHC Report (Tami Baldwin):** Tami Baldwin reported that there will be a discussion about disparity regarding suspension rates April 11 from 7-9 at LRHS, WLHS and HHS. There was a presentation from the Director of Security and Safety Response Tom McNeill. He outlined his objectives for short term improvements in security for all of HCPSS.
 1. Secure all HS's
 2. Cordon off parts of buildings to enhance security
 3. Transition safety to and from portables
 4. Cameras will be linked to 911
 5. When fire alarms are pulled, police will also be notified
 6. Security of building personnel, staff, etc
 7. MS info session for PTA presidents only, dates are forthcoming
- **President's Report (Sumaira Bajwa):**
 - Sumaira Bajwa reported that the County Spelling Bee is at Howard HS on Friday, March 16, 2018.
- **Reports:**
 - **Staff Appreciation:** Lynne Ward reports that the Pizza Lunch was a success. They are planning for the upcoming Staff Appreciation Week held during May 7-11.

- **Adopt a Staff:** 2 families dropped out. The staff members have been reassigned.
- **Nominating Committee:** Progress has been made but we still need: President, , PTACHC Reps, Membership, Geo Bee Chair, and PBIS Liaison. Will include a blurb in the March newsletter and also reach out to feeder schools.

- **Closing:** Next meeting 4/17/18. Lynne Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lisa Beck seconded; the motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Miller, HMS PTA Secretary.