

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2018*

## Attendees:

- Sumaira Bajwa, President
- Mollie Baer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Mary Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Lisa Beck, Treasurer
- Tricia Miller, Secretary
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- John Woodson, PTACHC Rep
- Lynne Ward, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Dodie Van't Hoff, Box Tops
- Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, Giftcards
- Aaron Dale, HMS Principal

## 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 March 2018 PTA meeting were presented for approval. No revisions were proposed. Lynne made a motion to approve the minutes; Deveonne seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.
  - Hershey Park Fundraiser: Tickets recently received and will be distributed this week.
  - Nominating Committee: we are still in need of a President, Membership Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> PTACHC representative. Dr. Dale is willing to help. He suggested copying him on some of the recruiting emails and he can follow up. A question was raised about the duties on the newly formed position of "PBIS coordinator". Duties might include: attending PBIS committee meetings, value shopping for PBIS store, fundraising and / or soliciting donations
  - Bylaws Update: the updated bylaws were re-submitted on 3/27/18 in response to a request from MDPTA.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa Beck):** Lisa reported that our current balance is \$8,658.48. Income reported from Silver Knights, Restaurant Night and Box Tops. Expenses included: contingency fund, staff appreciation, cultural arts, membership dues and Hershey Park fundraiser. Upcoming expenses: invoices from Outer Office for photocopying..

- **Principal's Report (Aaron Dale):**
  - The staff organized PBIS dance was a success!
  - Testing Season is upon us: 6<sup>th</sup> grade PARCC testing will take place during 4/23/18 – 4/30/18. 7<sup>th</sup> grade PARCC testing will take place during 5/1/18 – 5/8/18. 8<sup>th</sup> grade PARCC testing will take place during 5/9/18 – 5/17/18.
  - HCPSS will no longer use the MAP test to measure academic progress. Starting next academic year, the PARCC test will serve this function. It is unclear if the HCPSS contract with MAP will be renewed.
  - Disciplinary Data: Dr. Dale provided statistics on current year referrals in comparison to the two prior years. HMS is on track to significantly reduce disciplinary referrals both by volume and gravity. The Viking Voice is an active player in the HMS school community and is currently tasked with initiating an anti-bullying campaign.
  - Dr. Dale will investigate hosting a student / staff basketball game.
  - School calendar update: HCPSS has requested a waiver for the last two snow days. If granted, the last school day for students will be 6/15. If denied, the last school day will be 6/19 for students. Under either scenario, all academics will be completed by 6/14.
  - Upcoming Student Walkout scheduled for 4/20 will be handled similarly to the last walkout. Although the administration plans to support respectful student demonstrations, Dr. Dale is also encouraging students to make a difference in other ways as well.
  - UMES is looking for a pilot school to host a Parent / Teacher workshop to improve relationships. The pilot will include two 90 minute sessions and will conclude by 5/31. Incentives will be provided to both the school and the participants. Dr. Dale will canvas the HMS staff and will solicit PTA for parent volunteers in some of the HMS teachers express interest in participating.
  - HMS is planning a volunteer appreciation breakfast and hopes that all of the PTA can attend. More info coming but likely end of May or the beginning of June.
  
- **PTACHC Report (John Woodson):** Alan Kittleman spoke at this month's meeting. Topics discussed included the proposed Milk Co-op Development at Gorman / Leishear Roads, New High School # 34 on Route 1 (possibly in Elkridge), and the controversy over the razing of the Talbot Springs school (now proposing to renovate rather than rebuild). Due to the tragedy in Parkland FL, Howard County police officers will now be present in both elementary and middle schools. A concern was raised about reduced transfer taxes (generated by home sales) affecting available school funding if the county significantly increases apartment housing.
  
- **President's Report (Sumaira Bajwa):**
  - **Spelling Bee:** Aymen Haq placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Howard County Spelling Bee.
  - **Silver Knights:** PTA received a check for \$60 and the spring session will begin this Friday.
  - **8<sup>th</sup> grade dance:** Posters will be coming this week to advertise event. The "Glow" theme was selected by students. The dance committee asked if a fog machine could be used in the gym. Dr. Dale will check. PTA will offer online payments again this year for tickets sales. Sumaira will coordinate with Becky.

- **Reports:**
    - **Gift Card Fundraiser:** Deveonne will distribute flyers by 4/24 and the orders will be due by 4/30. Giftcards should be in by the week of 5/7 – in time for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Graduation. Mary will proof and approve flyer. It was suggested that Deveonne modify the flyer to accentuate the higher profit gift cards.
    - **Restaurant Nights:** PTA earned \$290 at the Corner Stable last month. The next event will take place at BJ’s n May 17<sup>th</sup>. It is located near Target at Columbia Crossing. (Former location of the Don Pablo’s restaurant)
    - **Staff Appreciation:** is scheduled for 5/7-5/11/18. Still fine tuning the details but planning for a “beach” theme. Activities will include: a snack cart on Monday, breakfast on Tuesday, a lunch on Wednesday, a Kona ice truck on Thursday and a gift raffle day on Friday. Lynne asked if the PARCC testing would affect the lunch schedule that week. Dr. Dale will confirm the schedule that week as well as a head count for staff meals. Lynne and Kerri would like access to staff lounge the Friday before in order to decorate. The sign up genius has been sent to Sumaira so that it can be sent to parents.
  
  - **Closing:** Remaining meetings for this year: 5/8/18 and 6/5/18. Mary Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John Woodson seconded; the motion passed.
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**Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Miller, HMS PTA Secretary.**