

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2018

Attendees:

- Donna Boudreau, President
- Mary Coleman, 1st Vice President
- Anna Beavan, 2nd Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, Recording Secretary
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Mike Schmeckpeper, PTACHC Delegate
- Dupe Fajembola, PTACHC Delegate
- Kerri Ukstins, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Lynne Ward, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Anne Braun, Giftcard Fundraiser
- Nicole Alston, Membership Chair
- Melody Johnson-Morales, Nominating Committee, Hersheypark Fundraiser
- Tatiana Pham, Directory
- Tiffany George, Parent
- Joanna Masters, Parent
- Shelley Mansolello, Parent
- Alison Wall, Parent
- Leigh String, Parent
- Lisa Beck, Outgoing Treasurer
- Marcy Leonard, HCPSS Community Superintendent
- Aaron Dale, HMS Principal

Minutes

- **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Donna Boudreau.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia):** Tricia reports that our current balance is \$6,534.50. This year the PTA has a surplus of \$10,000 to spend. Ways to spend it were proposed, including increased use of activity busses and structured activities every month. Should that be offered, we would need a chairperson to implement that program. Tricia introduced the proposed 2019 budget, Lynne made a motion to approve, Lisa seconded motion. At Back to School Night on September 13, 2018, the budget will be voted on as a whole.

- **Principal's Report (Aaron Dale):**
 - **Communication:** Dr. Dale promises that the school will be better in communicating programs such as after school activities, when activity busses are available for use, etc.
 - **Community Superintendent:** Marcy Leonard was in attendance, she supports 26 schools in the county and offered her support on any issue. Her contact is 410.313.1720
marcy_leonard@hcpss.org
 - **Back to School Bash:** was a huge success! Next year they wish to co sponsor with the PTA regarding the use of inflatables.
 - **School Improvement Committee/Restorative Practice Training:** HMS would like to see PTA/parents in the building more than 1x monthly. Please consider joining the School Improvement Committee. Contact Dr. Dale for details. Also there is a Restorative Practice Training for any interested parent to facilitate more involvement for the sake of transparency in the school.
 - **Schedule:** The schedule was changed to let the content area teachers have more planning time. There are 582 student this year, so a .2 band teacher was added, as well as a .3 social studies teacher and a .4 science teacher. That reduced the class sizes that were as large as 30 students per class.
 - **SEL:** In accordance with Dr. Martirano's Strategic Call to Action, "Be Someone to Somebody" promoting whole child development and support, there are new posters around the school with the HMS vision. The whole staff is collaborating and hoping to learn what their students are feeling, holding community circles, relationship building during Viking Time, and Town Hall meetings to go over expectations.
 - **PBIS:** The Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity for HCPSS, Dr Gilbert, is promoting "No Place For Hate", a structure to address bullying by positively pairing with cultural sensitivity groups and restorative practice/restorative justice groups. Last year HMS reduced discipline referrals by 90, this year hoping to reduce even more through Positive Office Referrals and through PBIS
 - **Misc.** Dr. Dale says that it was a wonderful opening week, 2017-2018 were great and he knows this year will be even better.

- **Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):**
 - The minutes from the June 2018 PTA meeting were presented for approval. No revisions were proposed. Nicole made a motion to approve the minutes; Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

- **PTACHC Report (Mike Schmeckpeper):** The monthly PTACHC meeting was held on September 4, 2018. Brent Loveless is the new PTACHC president along with an all new board. APFO is his passion, which is good for HMS regarding new construction in the area. There will be a survey to all PTA Delegates and Presidents regarding what they should be focusing on for 2019. A budget of \$12,000 was passed. PTACHC and BOE need volunteers at the county level for parent policy committees. BOE Forum for Candidates will be on Youtube. At the county level, a Capital Budget was proposed to the Council on September 6. The operating budget for 2020 has begun. Discussed was how to alleviate overcrowding at

4 county high schools. The Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee would like a representative from every school. Dr. Dale added that the more voice in representation from our community will advocate for us, he asked that it be included in the newsletter.

- **President's Report (Donna Boudreau):** Color Run will be held on 9/22. At Back To School Night Christina Alvarez will sell Spirit Wear. To approve the budget, teacher sin the classrooms will count raised hands for budget approval. BTS Night is at 6pm, it will be A Day schedule. The Chess Club info will go in the newsletter, they will use the Friday Activity Bus. 10/26 is Fall Fling. New Meeting times were proposed, Donna Braun will send out a survey monkey regarding choices.
- **Closing:** Next meeting is October 2, 2018 at 6:15. Kerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Leigh seconded; the motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mollie Baer, HMS PTA Secretary.