

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2018*

## **Attendees:**

- Donna Boudreau, President
- Mary Coleman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Anna Beavan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, Recording Secretary
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Sumaira Bajwa, Website, Reflections
- Dupe Fajembola, PTACHC Delegate
- Lynne Ward, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Anne Braun, Giftcard Fundraiser
- Nicole Alston, Membership Chair
- Melody Johnson-Morales, Nominating Committee, Hersheypark Fundraiser
- Tatiana Pham, Directory
- Leigh String, Parent
- Renee S Patrick, Parent
- Kevin Applewhite, Parent
- Aisten Applewhite, Parent
- John Livingston, Parent
- Nicole McKeller, Parent
- Terimi McKenna, Parent
- Roderick Beresford-Cole, Parent
- Linfeng Chen, Parent
- Vanessa Reed, Parent
- Diana Tran, Parent'
- Lan Tran, Parent, HMS Basketball
- Will Price, Parent, HMS Basketball
- Natalie Albanesi, Teacher
- Joanne Topping, Teacher
- Aaron Dale, HMS Principal

## **Minutes**

- **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Donna Boudreau and Principal, Aaron Dale.
- **Open Forum:**

- Mr. Tran, parent of a sixth grader and Will Price from HCYP explained how the girls basketball program was working. 18 girls tried out, tryouts were last week. Next year they would like to have a rec league team and a travel team. Mr. Tran would like more awareness at the school by students coming out to support the games, and financially from the PTA. The fee for players is \$400.
- Mrs. Albanesi, 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, asked if the PTA would assist with a Winter Solstice presentation on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> by Justin Berk, Meteorologist as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade severe weather curriculum. By selling shirts it could somehow be a fundraiser for the PTA, the shirts would be a few dollars more, if they were sold minus the fundraiser, more people may buy them. The PTA is not in desperate need of funds at this time. Mrs. Albanesi was going to find out more details, and regardless, we will advertise on the website.
- She also reported that outdoor Education was upcoming, they are taking 200 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 17 female chaperones, 22 male chaperones, and all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher sexcept for Mrs. Canfield and Ms. Jennifer who are going to run Camp HMS. It was planned purposefully for October 16-17-18 as there is no school on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Topping asked for funding for the PBIS post card program, she was informed that it was happily already budgeted.
- Tara Terry inquired about the different schedule pilot program that was happening in some middle schools in the county. It promotes heavily performing arts and Project Lead The Way, but not a lot of emphasis on related arts. Not really an option for kids who don't yet fall into a category, not very equitable and accessible. It replaces the I&I reading module.

- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia):**

- Tricia reports that our current balance is \$12,855.99. We have exceeded our budgeted donation goal for the year. Hopefully this will make up for our lack of funds from low membership. Our membership is down from previous years. Looking for ways to recruit more members.
- Tricia introduced the proposed 2019 budget, Lynne made a motion to approve.
- Tricia proposed popsicles for class with most new memberships, Dr Dale will consult with his café manager. Also ways to recruit staff, maybe Starbucks gift cards, etc. Can we recruit at November conferences? Fall Fling? Income: membership, donations, spirit wear, interest. Expenses: square fees.
- Do we want to donate to HC Drug Free? Should we propose it in next year budget? (They offer presentations on being proactive and aware rather than reactive to situations in regards to drug use amongst kids. Also drive through med take back.)
- Someone else from the board needs to attend the Financial Training. We have an auditor. Tricia has been in contact with Letisha Williams and she has launched our new Facebook page. PTA advertisement is available there. Do we want something for the fall ie Sky Zone, Ice Skating, Ninja Be, etc.

- **Principal's Report (Aaron Dale):**

- **Professional Workday 10/3-** interims go out 10/9
- **School Improvement Committee/Restorative Practice Training:** a parent volunteered: it was a 4 day training learning about the ability to create a community with in a group by getting to know each other such that if a conflict arises, the conflict can be mitigated through knowing the members of the group. She learned that the teachers aren't doing just a job, they really wish to

- see the kids succeed. All different levels of authority, grade levels, special ed. Will take time and funding. The team learned how to address conflict, developing relationships.
- **Schedule:** walkers are dismissed at 2:50, go right to the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot to avoid traffic congestion to get them out before busses
  - **PBIS:** great job, mobile school store starts this week.
  - **Misc.** competition to get families to go to hcpss connect to update family files. We are at 50-60%
  - **MAP:** Ms Galbreath is preparing for administration of MAP testing: 10/8&9 6<sup>th</sup> 10/10&12 7<sup>th</sup> 10/18 8<sup>th</sup> grade then again in the winter
- **Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):**
    - The minutes from the September 2018 PTA meeting were presented for approval. No revisions were proposed. Tara made a motion to approve the minutes; Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.
  - **PTACHC Report (Dupe):**
    - survey results: overcrowding, funding, school security were hot ticket items. Jump Start program: enrollees pay 50% for college courses, FARMS no fees. enroll in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, effect on diversity was questioned and no sped. How does this program help with overcrowding? Small percentage of enrollment was reported. Transportation options were looked at also.
    - Public Hearing on the 2020 calendar will be coming up.
    - BOE meet to discuss overcrowding: volunteers needed for committees.
    - APFO presentation: ordinance allowed developers to go around loopholes and that is why schools are overcrowded. Any new development becomes a polygon, they will be bussed to Glenelg or MRHS. No redistricting next year. When is does occur, move small 4-6% polygons. Magnet schools was mentioned as an option to relieve overcrowding. Next review in 3-4 years. PTA must advocate for change.
  - **President's Report (Donna Boudreau):**
    - chairing color run? Have help, but we need a chair.
    - Meeting survey: Third Monday was the consensus. November- second Monday December- second Monday due to holidays.
    - Fall Fling: DJ contract \$50 sign up genius for fall fling need a lot of chaperones.
    - Reflections is a national PTA arts competition, film production, music, photo, dance, etc. Papers will be coming home soon. End of November entries are due.
    - Anything for newsletter? October will go out Friday.
  - **Closing:** Next meeting is November 12, 2018 at 6:15. Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tricia seconded; the motion passed.