

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2019*

## Attendees:

- Donna Boudreau, President
- Mary Coleman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Anna Beavan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Mollie Baer, Secretary
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mike Schmeckpeper, PTACHC Rep
- Leigh String, Horizon Grant Coordinator
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Rebecca Paskill, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Committee
- Aaron Dale, HMS Principal
- Linfeng Chen, Parent
- Tiffany George, Parent
- Christopher Wachira, Parent
- Linette Baa, Parent

## Minutes

- **Welcome** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Donna Boudreau.
- **Principal's Report (Aaron Dale):**
  - **Team Collaboration:** coming up next week
  - **Testing:** MAP Testing and PARCC coming up
  - **BEES:** Spelling Bee, GEO Bee and Math Counts (larger group this year, but many 8<sup>th</sup> graders, need more recruiting next year Ulalia Vu goes to state competition in March
  - **Viking Voice:** students would like to have a Lock In (Dr Dale needs info) Could the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance be a Cruise? Fundraisers for cruise?
  - **Cell Phones:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade issues pictures being posted, pictures being taken starting 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, phones go in lockers until lunch, if teachers require them, they will be allowed to get them from lockers. Pilot this year, phase in next year to rest of school. Schools are allowed to be more stringent, but not more relaxed. There are restrictions on taking photos and posting at school through the school privacy policy.
  - **Parent Education Night:** next year have a video showing of Screenagers (see below)
  - **Girls basketball league:** Dr Dale got inquiries form parents about their girls being on a team. He is exploring an idea of Girls Intramural team. Go Fund Me page was well visited. Can we do a team? No, outside of PTA purview.

- **8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion:** 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> at HHS
  - **PBIS:** gift card raffle?
  - **Beyond School Hours:** program will start in a few weeks, provides additional support for reading and math
  - **Teacher of the Year:** Ms. Haley, can we provide her with a thank you basket Tuesday at staff meeting possibly an arrangement of some kind?
  - **Strut with Staff competition:** with Bright Minds Foundation for staff
  - **Horizon Foundation Grant:** HMS received the grant written by parent which covers: 1. screening of Screenagers mental health outreach, can be shown in school without additional licensing. 67 minute video of tips and ideas about how to manage screen time with kids. 10 years and up. 47 minutes classroom run time 2. also representative go to 2 hour training on movie Angst 3. sending different info on mental health grant is only for this year. March 28 is ES viewing, maybe HMS could piggyback on that for a potential second viewing, Dr Dale will share with ITL's Can someone go to orientation on February 12<sup>th</sup>?
- **Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):**
    - The minutes from the December 2018 PTA meeting were presented for approval. No revisions were proposed. Donna made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections. Please note that there was no PTA Meeting held in January 2019.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** Tricia reported that our current balance is \$12,166.80. Income reported from Faith In The Flakes , Membership, Spirit Wear, Interest and Staff Appreciation donations. Expenses included: Membership dues, credit card fees, photocopying, PBIS. Upcoming expenses: Restaurant Nights? Chess Club check? Cultural Arts for ELA? After School Bus still happening? No requests have been received. PBIS events subsidizing, no info has been shared from them. Postcards going out? Who is point of contact? Dr. Dale will follow up. Dr Dale proposed for back to school bash we sponsor the inflatable portion, can we budget that in next year. Also 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion this year tentative date soon. Plan again to hold at HHS
- **PTACHC Report (Mike Schmeckpeper):** HCEA education rally in March 11 busses from the HS's will march in Annapolis. Watchdogs Program: Dads volunteer in the school. National PTA will be considering raising dues to 5.75 per person, which is significant. Time sensitive: HCPSS proposed budget has been given to Howard County Council. Feedback requested on focus with dollars, payback health care deficit? Capital budget? Etc.
- **President's Report (Donna Boudreau):** meetings set for rest of year: second Thursday 6:30. members for nominating committee needed. Dr Dale will go visit ES PTA's. please go to mental health orientation. Spirit Night event at Monster Mini Golf? Donna will set up. We may have to increase dues next year if National PTA does. Dates for Color Run? April 27<sup>th</sup>? May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 11<sup>th</sup> Amy Whitney is coordinating. Need A lot of volunteers. 8th grade dance: cruise, hiphop, carnival? Idea of cruise will be up to Viking Voice can we promote themes through video with Mr Ebbe next month pending cruise proposal. 8

people on committee, with experience! About 180 students. Date of dance? June 7? Staff Appreciation report: Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> pizza and drinks to staff

**Parent Question: what is budget item student assistance?** Teachers were buying things for students, budget line was proposed for teachers to be reimbursed

**Can we consider having a marquis sign?** Quote is \$4000-\$7000 to plan for budget next year

- **Closing:** Next meeting is Thursday March 14th . Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tricia seconded; the motion passed.

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**Minutes respectfully submitted by Mollie Baer, HMS PTA Secretary.**