

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for September 9th, 2019*

## **Attendees:**

- Nicole Alston, President
- Karen Caron, Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, Secretary
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Mike Schmeckpeper, PTACHC Delegate
- Christina Proctor, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- T. McKenna, Spiritwear\*
- Amy Domenicus, Membership Chair\*
- Anne Brown, Gift Card Fundraiser
- Sumaira Bajwa, Webmaster
- Lena Jackson, Parent
- M. Poulouse, Parent\*
- Erin Roberts, Parent
- Leigh String, Parent
- Karen Stoner, Parent
- Adrienne Cheers, Parent
- Diana Tran, Parent
- Shelly Alexander, Parent
- Nasreen Aslan, Parent
- T. Haileselassie, Parent\*
- Kelly Abernathy, Parent
- Nint Pooty, Parent\*
- Dara Glenn, Parent
- Anthea Glassman, Parent
- Aisha Applewhite, Parent
- Alison Wall, Parent

\*see original sign in sheet

## **Minutes**

- **Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by PTA President, Nicole Alston.
- **HMS PTA 2019-2020 Mission:** Nicole Alston was in attendance at the MD PTA Convention this summer with the National PTA President. Based on what she brought back from the convention, she wants the mission of the HMS PTA to be a voice for students and their parents, for student recognition in the

school, a chance to be heard, to provide education and resources for families. She would like to provide more programs for students, parents and the community, and to partner and collaborate with HES PTA.

- **Principal's Report:**

- Dr. Dale was not present. However parents brought up some concerns that they hope to be addressed ASAP, in reference to lunch and the BYOD policy. Parents are confused about why the cafeteria free sit policy was changed with no notice. All the grades have different rules, why? Please clarify these rules and the reasoning behind them. Parents are annoyed by the lack of inconsistency and the lack of communication regarding the new rules.

**Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):**

Tricia Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from May and June, Mike Schmeckpeper seconded the motion.

- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** \$6,111.39 balance

- The yearly budget will be voted on with the General Membership on Back to School Night September 12.

- **PTACHC Report (Mike Schmeckpeper):** County Council to vote on 9/16 regarding surcharge fees to developers of an increase of 4x what it is now. This would help school funding. You can provide written testimony. Redistricting is a hot topic.

- **Community Nights:**

- Screenagers November 6th

- **Special Presentation /Guest Speaker-Suicide Prevention, HMS staff Members Patty Smith and Angela Freitag**

- see attached Power Point

- **Closing:**

- Nicole Alston made a motion to adjourn, Mike Schmeckpeper seconded the motion.

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