

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for October 3rd, 2019*

## Attendees:

- Nicole Alston, President
- Karen Caron, Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, Secretary
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Christina Proctor, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- T. McKenna, Spiritwear\*
- Vicki Bokhari, Fall Fling Chair
- Mary Coleman, Spelling Bee
- Aaron Dale, Principal HMS
- Barb Fuller, Parent
- Michelle Slinghuff, Parent
- Tiffany George, Parent
- Fuji Lian, Parent
- Kim Newkirk, Parent
- Don Roberts, Parent
- Adrienne Cheers, Parent
- Alison Wall, Parent

\*see sign in sheet

## Minutes

- **Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by PTA President, Nicole Alston.
- **President's Report:** It was decided by the Board that Eblasts would be sent out on Wednesday of each week.

**Fall Fling:** No walk ins, Cost of Pizza based on attendance, DJ \$200, Activities: Trivia questions for Zots, Selfie Station, Icee Pops, Game Room,  
Set up, Sign up, chaperones, supplies will be sent in a sign up genius  
waivers, permission slips, flyer, payment link, will be done by webmaster  
logistics day of TBD security and dismissal

**Color Run:** due to permit issues this fall, replace with Health Fair/Fitness Night in January  
February OR spring Color Run---TBD

**Restaurant Nights:** In Future, make sure there is no overlap with HES/FES/AES when scheduling.

**Spirit Wear:** Mascot change??? Order no new inventory, sell off backlog until decision is made.

**Box Tops:** Shelley will follow up with Dodie on last year, Contest ended October 1, no gift card prizes decision by MDPTA, maybe prize lunch instead?

**Spelling Bee:** no more gift card prizes as there are too many rules from MDPTA to track

**Amazon wish Lists:** [hmsptawishlist@gmail.com](mailto:hmsptawishlist@gmail.com) Karen will work on ways to separate list

- **Principal's Report: Dates:**

- Fall Fling 10/17
- ODE Parent meeting 10/17
- Off 10/9, 10/18
- Flu Clinic 10/14
- ODE 10/21-10/23
- MAP Testing 6<sup>th</sup>-10/15 & 10/15, 7<sup>th</sup> 10/16 & 10/17, 8<sup>th</sup> 10/22 & 10/23
- 11/1 half day for students
- Screenagers in Homerooms 11/5 (45-50')
- Screenagers for community 11/6
- ROTC Visit 12:30 11/14
- Vision and hearing screening 11/19
- American Education Week 11/18-22
- Parent conferences 11/25,26,27
- Schools closed 11/28 & 11/29

HMS is at 120% capacity, redistricting is needed. As a result there are some larger class sizes. There are over 600 students. Hallways are crowded, Dr Dale has been staggering to resolve crowded hallways.

Attendance last year was 97.5%, it is usually 95%.

In 2015-2016 in ELA 53% met state guidelines

In 2016-2017 62% met state guidelines

In 2017-2018 66% met state guidelines

In 2019-2019 71% met state guidelines

Math scores stayed the same those years, however, the number of students taking the algebra one assessment tripled.

In 2015-2016 there were 412 incidents/office referrals

2016-2017 there were 404

2017-2018 there were 302

In 2018-2019 there were 402

SEL programs have been put into place that teach to the whole student, there are mentoring programs and Dr Dale is coming up with ways to connect the students to the school and community.

In regards to the phone policy phase in, in 2018-2019 it was just 6<sup>th</sup> grade that was NOT BYOD. This year it is 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, next year it will be whole school. Dr Dale has seen a drop in bullying/intimidation/harassment complaints as a result.

The after school activity schedule will be coming out soon.

An activity bus will be coordinated.

Currently chess club is running.

HMS is ranked 16 out of 348 MS in MD, Dr Dale's goal is #1

Focus on recognizing good students.

The lunch seating policy was implemented so that no student would be sitting by themselves. The rotation is every 2-4 weeks students sit by homeroom 1<sup>st</sup> part of lunch, free sit 2<sup>nd</sup> part of lunch, with no phones. This idea stemmed from Viking Voice who wants more students included and encourage responsibility for own actions ie cleaning up messes, walking, using low voices during lunch. Parents pointed out that the children see it as a punishment. Dr Dale will continue this policy with looking at possibly free sit Friday if policies are adhered to.

PBIS-September goal was writing in agendas October goal please and thank you

New grading policy 820: no extra credit, grades must be updated on canvas, provide make up work, offer students opportunities to incur credit, canvas or hard copies are both options, no homework over long breaks, no homework over an hour per week by one teacher, more flexible due dates, homework may not be more than 10% of grade

**Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):** Tara Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from September, Karen Caron seconded the motion.

- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** \$10,585.67 balance
  - Tricia was unable to stay for the whole meeting.
- **PTACHC Report (Nicole Alston):** Keep an eye on Annapolis, state legislators are making decisions that impact education. The HCPSS BOE is also making new policies. Some of the policies will include reviewing the tobacco/drug policy, redistricting, calendar, etc. Nicole will post a list. There was also a presentation at the meeting about Title One schools.
- **Special Presentation:** was canceled but will send how to slides and offer workshops in the future on Canvas
- **Closing:**
  - Nicole Alston made a motion to adjourn, Karen Caron seconded the motion.

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