

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015

Attendees:

- Pat Johnson, President
- Jen Larsson, Treasurer
- Tricia Miller, Secretary
- Mary Altaner, PTA member
- Tim Altaner, PTA member
- Kerry Dufresne, HMS Principal

Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Pat Johnson.
- **Secretary's Report (Tricia Miller):** The January 2015 meeting minutes were presented. No revisions were proposed. Mary Altaner made a motion to approve the minutes; Tim Altaner seconded; the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jen Larsson):** Income sources included: Box Tops, Membership, Restaurant Night, Spirit Wear and Misc. Expenses included: Photocopying, Staff Appreciation and 8th Grade Dance.. The current cash position for the PTA is \$7,763.33.
- **Membership (Heather Witt):** not present / no update
- **PTACHC Report (John Woodson):** not present / no update
- **1st Vice President's Report (Pat Johnson reporting for Liz Boateng):**
 - **Staff Appreciation:** the PTA will be hosting a meal for the staff during conferences (Feb 12th between 3:00 and 4:00 PM) . Pizzas will be purchased and the membership is being asked to supplement with drinks / salads, etc. A sign up genius was sent out. Some slots are still available – specifically clean-up.
 - **Spelling Bee:** Held on Jan. 15th. Update in PTA newsletter. Thanks to Yael Harris-Goldwater for coordinating this event!
 - **Restaurant Night:** The next restaurant night will Tuesday, February 24 at Chick-Fil-A on Gorman Road. Subsequent events at Chick-Fil-A will be held on 4/14/15 and 5/12/15.
- **2nd Vice President's Report (Shari Obler):** not present / no update

- **Principal's Report (Kerry Dufresne):**
 - **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Kerry briefly discussed the rationale for limiting conferences to three per student. A survey of several other middle schools in the area revealed that many other schools are limiting conferences as well – with some being even more restrictive than HMS.
 - **Pride Day:** is being handled a bit differently this year. Previously, Pride day included a lesson, recognition and an activity. This year, each staff member is running an activity. Students get priority in selecting these activities if they have 10 Viking bucks. As some activities are perceived by the students as being very desirable, this system is providing good incentive for the students to earn Viking Bucks.
 - **Testing:** HMS is preparing to administer the PARCC. Pilots for English and Math have already been completed in anticipation.

- **President's Report (Pat Johnson):**
 - **Geography Bee:** was held on January 29th and was both successful and fun! The Board discussed different ways to advertise this event next year to expand participation.
 - **BoxTops for Education:** no updates
 - **Rainbow Run:** Kitty O'Hara has offered to coordinate. Thank you, Kitty! Details will be forthcoming.

- **Old Business:**
 - **Drama Class:** will run with less than the minimum (17 students). Practices will take place Mondays after school. Students will present "Aladdin" on May 8th and May 9th.

- **New Business:**
 - **Nominating Committee:** the Board discussed possible names for the nominating committee. In addition to an e-blast soliciting individuals, personal emails will be sent as well.

- **Roundtable:** Kerry asked if the PTA would consider purchasing teacher incentives again this year. Last year, \$200 was taken from Team Funds and used for several small denomination gift cards. Pat stated that we will review the budget and get back to Kerry on this issue.

- **Closing:** Jen Larsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tricia Miller seconded; the motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Miller, HMS PTA Secretary.