

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2014

Attendees:

- Joanne Ashton, President
- Daphne Stanley, 2nd Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Pat Johnson, Secretary
- John Woodson, PTACHC Representative #1
- Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, PTACHC Representative #2
- Youfeng Jiang, 8th Grade Basketball
- Kerri Dufresne, HMS Principal
- Sam Davis, HMS Assistant Principal

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order in the HMS Media Center by PTA President, Joanne Ashton.
- **Secretary's Report (Pat Johnson)**
 - The November meeting minutes were reviewed. Daphne Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes; Tricia Miller seconded; the motion passed.
 - The Gift Card Fundraiser raised \$473.35 for the Outdoor Education program. Only 20 families participated. Imagine how much we could raise if 100 families participated. Pat suggested holding another fundraiser in the spring. Everyone agreed that would be a good idea. Pat will start planning the second fundraiser.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller)**
 - Current balance (as of December 31, 2013) is \$11,303.54
 - Income: Dues, Viking Club, Gift Cards, Restaurant Night, Fall Fling.
 - Expenses: PTACHC Dues, Scholarship (PTACHC and Homewood), Accounting Services, Office Expenses, Box Tops, Fall Fling.
 - Total PTA members this year is 228.
 - Tricia noted that the PTA did not receive the income check as expected from the Box Tops program. Kerry and Sam will check to see if it arrived at the school over the holidays.
 - Suggestions for the 8th grade gift were discussed, but no decisions were made.
 - Scholarship fund for the Outdoor Education program
 - Audio System for the school
 - Ending Check Register Balance as of 1/13/14 is \$10,947.84.
- **Principal's Report (Kerri Dufresne, Sam Davis)**
 - There will be a Parent Orientation for the Patuxent Valley parents on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.
 - 6:00pm Overview of teaching program
 - 7:00pm General Meeting (PTA members are encouraged to attend.)

- Several women from Hammond Middle School, including Mrs. Dufresne, are going to the White House for a “School Girls Unite” event on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.
- 6th Grade Orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.
 - 6:00pm GT Meeting
 - 7:00pm General Meeting
- Congratulations to the HMS Robotics Team for winning 1st place for all of Howard County.
- Congratulations to Audrey Lynn for winning the HMS Spelling Bee.
- Congratulations to HMS’s Black Saga Team as well. They won the Howard County Black Saga Middle School competition.
- The HMS Administration is working with the HES Administration to jointly provide resources for all students.
- The 8th Grade Celebration will be held on June 13th.
- The last day of school will be June 18th (as of February 11th).
- Students will have a lot of assessments this spring: MSA, MAP, PARC, etc.
- **PTACHC Delegate’s Report (Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes and John Woodson)**
 - The January PTACHC meeting focused on the new “Bring your own Device” policy. There was a lot of discussion on the policy.
 - Mrs. Dufrense noted that HMS has not had any problems with the devices thus far.
 - The Common Core Forum has been rescheduled due to weather. It will be held on February 23 from 5-8pm at Reservoir High School.
- **Presidents Report (Joanne Ashton)**
 - Joanne would like to create a calendar of upcoming events (with costs) for parents.
 - February 28 – Ice skating
 - Talent Show
 - Spring Fling
 - 8th Grade Basketball game
- **1st VP Report (Karin Bruce)**
 - N/A
- **2nd VP Report (Daphne Stanley)**
 - The 8th grade dance will be held on June 13th. Daphne will hold a volunteer meeting on February 19th to start planning/preparations.
- **8th Grade Basketball (Youfeng Jiang)**
 - Youfeng and Woody discussed the 8th grade basketball game.
 - Potential Date is Thursday, May 15, 2014.
- **Roundtable**
 - N/A
- Joanne Ashton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Pat seconded; motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Johnson, HMS PTA Secretary.