

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2014*

## **Attendees:**

- Joanne Ashton, President
- Karin Bruce, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Daphne Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Pat Johnson, Secretary
- John Woodson, PTACHC Representative #1
- Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, PTACHC Representative #2
- Heather Witt, Membership
- 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 February meeting minutes were reviewed. Daphne Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes; Joanne Ashton seconded; the motion passed.
  - The PTA will sponsor a second Gift Card Fundraiser to support the Outdoor Education program. The timeframe will be March/April. Be on the lookout for the flyer and order form.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller)**
  - Current balance (as of February 28, 2014) is \$10,971.38
  - Income: Dues, Viking Club, Interest, ACH (Automated Clearing House) Rebates.
  - Expenses: Office Expenses, Spelling Bee, Student Directory, Staff Appreciation, Gift Cards
  - The Box Tops income has been resolved.
  - Ending Check Register Balance as of 3/11/14 is \$11,390.38.
- **Principal's Report (Kerri Dufresne, Sam Davis)**
  - The Bus Incident (February 26, 2014) was very traumatic. Hammond Middle School received great support from the Howard County School System. The Crisis team responded immediately.
  - Spelling Bee: Audrey Lynn took 2<sup>nd</sup> place!
  - Robotics Team: Cherry Pi took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Innovation!
  - Black Saga: The HMS team will be competing this weekend (February 14-16, 2014).
  - On June 3, 2014, new students (due to redistricting) will visit Hammond Middle School. There will be a big welcome for them, including pizza and T-shirts.
  - We have had a lot of snow days. No decision has been made on whether the school year will be extended.
  - Dr. Minus (PTACHC) has been visiting middle schools, including HMS, to monitor cell phone use.

- Testing:
  - The Reading MSA will be finished tomorrow (March 12, 2014).
  - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will complete the Science MSA online.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Ms. Canfield and Ms. Pickrel classes will take the PARC test.
- **PTACHC Delegate's Report (Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes and John Woodson)**
  - Frank Eastham (Executive Director for Improvement & Administration) spoke about the Wellness Program. Discussion focused on the snacks offered during the lunch period.
  - 4 scholarships are available. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2014.
  - Video from the Common Core Forum (held on February 23 at Reservoir High School) has been posted to YouTube. The session lasted longer than 2 hours, so it will be posted in segments.
- **Presidents Report (Joanne Ashton)**
  - The PTA received a heartfelt Thank You note for an Outdoor Education scholarship.
- **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Karin Bruce)**
  - Staff Appreciation for March will be St. Patrick's Day theme with Shamrock Shakes & cookies.
  - April will have a cruise theme with travel size items.
  - May will have an Around the World theme.
  - June will feature a Farewell Breakfast.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Daphne Stanley)**
  - Audrey Lynn came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Spelling Bee last week. Congratulations!
  - We need someone to take over the Spelling Bee next year. Many thanks to Rogers Stanley for his support to the Spelling Bee for the past several years.
  - The theme for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be "A Night in Paris." 5 people attended the planning meeting. We will send another email to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents before the next meeting in hopes of getting more volunteers.
- **Upcoming Activities**
  - Talent Show – April
  - Spring Dance – May 2, 2014
- **Roundtable**
  - N/A
- Joanne Ashton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Pat seconded; motion passed.
- **The next HMS PTA Meeting will be**
- **Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2014
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm
- **Location:** HMS Media Center

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**Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Johnson, HMS PTA Secretary.**