

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for October 13th, 2015*

## Attendees:

- Pat Johnson, President
- Sumaira Bajwa, 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- Trish Miller, Treasurer
- Cathy Stohlman, Secretary
- Kerry Dufresne, Principal
- Liz Boateng, PTACHC Rep
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- Zhengpeng Li, Parent
- Sonya Miranda, Parent
- Dawn Czahor, Teacher Rep.

## Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Pat Johnson. Roundtable introductions were made.
- **Secretary's Report (Cathy Stohlman):** The September 2015 Board Meeting Minutes were presented but not forwarded to the President for review and webmaster to post. Pat Johnson made a motion to present September and October's meeting minutes at the November meeting. Trisha Miller seconded the motion. It was passed with no opposition.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** The current cash position for the PTA is \$4,774.00. The following income items were reported this month: membership, spirit wear sales. Expenses so far this month include photocopies, PTACHC dues, Volunteer Committee and PRIDE items.
- **Principal's Report (Kerry Dufresne):** The Canvas system is close to being re-launched and the target date is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. First PRIDE Day of the year is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Teacher's are looking into offering a training session for parents on how to navigate the Canvas system during Parent- Teacher conferences.
- **PTACHC (Tami Baldwin):** The Board of Education is posting a questionnaire for parents to complete with regards to changing start and end times of the school day. The topic of environmental conditions with respect to mold found in certain schools was discussed. Some parent's expressed concern that there was not enough transparency in handling this issue. The Superintendent introduced the Bring Your Own

Device (BYOD) to school policy to middle school this year. It is already in place in high school. The policy can be viewed at the PTACHC website, PTACHC.org.

- **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Sumaira Bajwa):** The “Reflections” Original Works of art Program is underway. The theme this year is “Let your Imagination Fly” and student’s can sign up during their Advisory class. Deadline for submission of work is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Submit all entries to the front office. The ceremony announcing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Shopping Benefits program continues to earn the school funds. So far this year we have earned \$177.00 from Harris Teeter. You can re-enroll or sign up for the first time through the PTA website. Family’s can link up to 5 schools on one account. The Book Fair is November 18<sup>th</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can sign up on Sign-Up Genius in November. Staff Appreciation “Octoberfest Lunch” is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zhengpeng Li is the new Chairperson for the Geography Bee. Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Pat Johnson for Zerena Huff):** The Fall Fun Run will be moved to the spring for the “Color Run” as originally planned. The Fall Fling is October 15<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Box Top winners from each grade have been awarded with one overall winner for the most collected. Thanks to all families who participate to help the school. The school earned \$250.00 for spirit night at Kobly’s last month. The next Restaurant Night will be on November 2 at La Palapa Too! on Gorman Road.
- **President’s Report (Pat Johnson):** Memberships and Viking Funds are still coming in. We currently have 167 members. Adopt-a-Staff is underway and teachers are receiving notes and tokens of appreciation. Submissions for the Student Directory have closed and the PDF document will be sent via email in November. Spirit Wear is still available for sale. PTA will be selling at Parent Teacher conferences in November. There is a delay in receiving the Flu Mist this year. The Gift Card Fundraiser will begin October 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through November 13<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be coming home in student folders. Please submit your PTA Newsletter articles to the PTA President, Pat Johnson one week prior to the end of the month. We are still in need of a Staff Appreciation Co-chair to help plan and assist with special events.
- **New Business:** The question was asked about creating an after school Math Debate Team. Kerry Dufresne said she would discuss with her staff. A parent suggested implementing a school wide discussion on cultural awareness with the goal of creating dialog on tolerance and acceptance. Mrs. Czahor, who is the Teacher Representative for the Student Government Association (SGA) stated that all students all welcome to join.
- **Closing: Pat Johnson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Liz Boateng seconded; the motion passed.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stohlman, HMS PTA Secretary.*

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