

# Hammond Middle School PTA

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*Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2015*

## Attendees:

- Pat Johnson, President
- Liz Boateng, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Secretary
- Amy Shugar, Event Coordinator
- Cathy Stohlman, Nominating Committee
- Mary Hughes, Nominating Committee
- Kerry Dufresne, HMS Principal
- Craig Graf, HMS Teacher
- Bruce Sartwell, Member

## Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Pat Johnson. Introductions were made.
- **Secretary's Report (Tricia Miller):** The March 2015 meeting minutes were presented. No revisions were proposed. Amy Shugar made a motion to approve the minutes; Cathy Stohlman seconded; the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Pat Johnson reporting for Jen Larsson):** The current cash position for the PTA is \$8,506.56. Income from ice skating night and restaurant night was received.
- **Membership (Heather Witt):** not present / no update
- **PTACHC Report (John Woodson):** not present / no update
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Liz Boateng):**
  - **Staff Appreciation:** the fried matzo was enjoyed by the staff during April. Staff Appreciation week is coming (May 11 – May 15). The bulk of the remaining budget will be spent on a special gift for teachers. Other activities planned for the week will be handled via donations / sign up genius. A final event is also being planned for the last Friday in June.
  - **Restaurant Night (Amy Shugar reporting):** May 12<sup>th</sup> is the next event at Chick Fil A. There will also be a fundraiser at Rita's on May 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go towards the Rita's invoice for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Amy is also considering inviting Trattoria to join this event so folks can get a pizza dinner and Rita's for dessert.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President’s Report (Amy Shugar reporting for Shari Obler):**
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** a “save the date” has gone out and invitations will follow in Mid May. Advertising aimed at students should emphasize the “Farewell Program” in addition to details on dance. There will be a separate advertising campaign to solicit parent volunteers for setup/chaperone/etc. Important dates: June 5<sup>th</sup> is the dance and June 4<sup>th</sup> is setup (beginning at 3:00 pm until finished). Kerry requested a meeting to discuss chaperone logistics.
  
- **Principal’s Report (Kerry Dufresne):**
  - **Testing:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing for Science MSA. All grades will be taking the EOY PARCC at the end of the month. This year’s PARCC results will be provided to schools in November and to parents by December. In subsequent years, results should be received within a couple of weeks after the end of the school year.
  - **Field Day:** is scheduled for the last week of school
  - **Security Issues:** new security doors have been installed. All visitors / guest must now enter through the front door. There was a recent theft during non-school hours. Point of entry was identified and HCPSS has taken steps to prevent any repeat occurrences.
  - **Misc:** 6th grade orientation being held on 4/15. No Aspen next year. More info on its replacement at our next meeting. Spirit Days coming up next week.
  
- **President’s Report (Pat Johnson):**
  - **Run for the Colors:** the course has been designed – a one mile loop that can be repeated 3 times for a 5k run. White t-shirts and sunglasses will be provided to each entrant. “Colors” will be applied each time participants loop through the upper school parking lot. Rita’s ice and water have been donated by a local business. The police department will assist in course setup. The fire department will also be present at the event for community building. Event is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 29<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **New Business:**
  - **Nominating Committee:** the committee is making good progress recruiting folks for next year’s PTA. Bruce Sartwell expressed interest in a position. After some Q&A, he agreed to be our PTACHC representative next year. Thank you, Bruce! It was agreed that we would strive to fill all spots in order to hold elections at our May 12 meeting.
  
- **Closing:** Amy Shugar made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Liz Boateng seconded; the motion passed.

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**Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Miller, HMS PTA Secretary.**