

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2010 Pending Approval

Attendance: Mary Cass, Beth George, Linda Rio Reichmann, Annette Phillips, Nancy Hamp, Christine Allen, Cindy Scalzo, Suzanne Heneghan, Liz Monson, Inga Haveric, Lynne Bloomfield, Julie Liesse, Stephanie Domiano, Sue Butler, Susan Joyce, Yvonne Mayer, Martha Henrikson, Ruben Pena, Tammy Mason, Laura Augaier, Elena Hildrett, Nikki Byrnes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-President Stephanie Domiano at 9:38 a.m.

Recording Secretaries' Report: The minutes from the February 10, 2010 meeting were circulated and reviewed. Mary Cass, Co-Recording Secretary, made a motion for their approval, which was seconded by Liz Monson, Treasurer. The minutes were unanimously approved. Stephanie added that minutes would now be available as "pending" approval on the HMS PTO website before their final approval at the subsequent meeting.

Presidents' Report: Two items were voted on at the D181 School board meeting Monday night and are now official policy. The busing policy was changed to include only students living 1.5 miles from school (door to door). Exceptions are included for hazardous crossings. A family living within 1.5 miles can pay \$550 per student annually for bus service if there is enough room on a bus or if there are 50 students to fund an additional bus. There were also changes made to the school calendar to acknowledge religious holidays.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Monson reported that the Book Fair revenue was still coming in and that any profit goes directly to the MRC. Donations can still be made to the MRC. Liz has contacted everyone with budget responsibility to obtain end of year forecasts and their needs for next year in preparation for the 2010/2011 PTO budget.

Vice Presidents' Report: Julie Liesse and Lynne Bloomfield will be contacting current committee chairs to prepare for 2010/2011 appointments. Directory and Back to School chairs are a high priority.

Committee Reports:

The Peer Leadership Club will sponsor a pizza and movie evening, "Show Heart for Haiti", to benefit Friends of the Orphans in Haiti. The movie, UP, will be shown on Friday, March 19th from 5:30–8pm. The new video of the song We are the World will also be shown. Donations will be accepted.

Beth George, an advisor for the D181 Foundation, thanked the PTO as the largest contributor to the Foundation. Beth discussed the wonderful programs sponsored by the Foundation and encouraged parents and staff to request funding for Kid Grants, Community Partnership Programs and Teacher Grants. There are three new events coming up:

Believe in Green Fair on April 10th at CHMS from 10am–3pm – recycling and eco-information at its best.

Hinsdale shopping day April 27th – % of sales goes to Foundation.

Staff Appreciation Campaign – Recognize an outstanding teacher or staff member with a donation to the Foundation in their honor.

More information can be found on their website, www.d181foundation.org

Principal's Report: Ruben Pena reported that ISAT's are complete. He has been working on 2010/2011 scheduling and stated that class sizes at the start of the year will be at a target of 27 students. Teams will be created for the 6th grade level next year as recommended by the teachers. The 7th and 8th grade levels will remain one grade level team. HMS is also going to provide intervention instruction for students struggling or not meeting standards. Ruben is also trying to create organizing checkpoints at the beginning or end of day for students with this need. Ruben also reported that WWII Day was powerful. A solar panel and wind turbine will be installed on the roof at HMS as part of Chevron's contractual commitment to green technology.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Guest Speakers: Laura Allgaier and Elena Hildreth from Quest Food Service discussed the food offerings and service for the HMS students. Breakfast is served daily from 7:15–7:45 and also is available during morning breaks. Quest manages the food service for a fee. There is no local, state or federal funding as HMS does not qualify. Go to mynutrikids.com for information on the prepaid card for meals. Quest's health focus has been on whole grain breads, fruit and vegetable offerings, salads with low fat dressings and no frying.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Submitted by Nancy Hamp and Mary Cass, Co-Recording Secretaries
March 17, 2010