

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2013

PTO Officers Present: Robin Thrana, Heather Shalgos, Kathy Adelman, Karen Choi, Laura Glenn, Laura Gambla, Lisa Milligan, Lisa Seplak, Sharon Johns

I. Welcome

The meeting was held in the HMS MRC and was called to order at 9:39 a.m.

II. Secretary's Report

- A. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 10th HMS PTO General Meeting was made by Robin Thrana. Laura Gambla seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 13th HMS PTO General Meeting was made by Heather Shalgos. Kathy Adelman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Laura Gambla presented the 2013-2014 HMS PTO budget for approval. Last month's meeting included a side by side comparison of this year and next year's budget. Slightly higher expenses are expected to be met by slightly higher income. Lisa Milligan made the motion to approve the budget for next year as presented. Heather Shalgos seconded the motion and the HMS PTO budget for 2013-2014 was approved.

IV. President's Report

- A. Robin Thrana reported that Online Registration starts today and encouraged everyone to register early.
- B. Heather Shalgos reported that STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) volunteers are needed for the District and Foundation are sponsored science fair on May 21st. Since HMS is hosting, we are responsible for staffing volunteers. Need 75 volunteers. Shifts are 8-11:30 11:30-3 6:30-8:30.
- C. School Supply Kit Sale has kicked off. Jan Burr and Laura Glenn are spearheading school supply sales. Online sign-up. Password is HIN022. Most people will pick up at Back to School Day on August 14th. 5th grade parent night will include information about supply kit purchase process.
- D. Robin Thrana and Heather Shalgos thanked all of the committee chairs for their efforts during this past school year. It really makes a difference for the students and staff at HMS.

- E. A motion to approve the Executive Board Slate for the 2013-14 school year was made by Laura Glenn. Heather Shalgos seconded the motion and the motion carried. All Committee chair positions have been filled.
- F. SELAS chair, Christine Allen, thanked the PTO for co-sponsoring with the District 181 Foundation, Dr. Michael Bradley's presentation "Loving Your Teen without Losing Your Mind" in April at HMS and the Community House. The event was a great success with high attendance.
- G. This week, May 6th - 10th is teacher appreciation week. The PTO Staff Appreciation committee has arranged a number of special meals to show the parents' thanks for the staff's hard work and commitment during this past school year.

Monday: Breakfast brought in for the staff;

Tuesday: Snacks provided for the staff in the Teachers' lounge;

Wednesday: Chair messages and snacks will be provided;

Thursday: Catered lunch from The Reel Club and Maggiano's;

Friday: Roving coffee and treat cart throughout the day.

V. Vice Presidents' Report

- A. Above the Line nominations were collected and Jeff Sledz name was drawn. Jeff will receive a gift certificate to acknowledge his "Above the Line" teaching dedication.

VI. Principal's Report

- Ruben thanked the PTO for teacher appreciation week efforts.
- Asked parents to remind their students to finish the year strong;
- Reminded parents that Field trips are coming up for each grade;
- A new fund raising effort is in the works to fund installation of a few more water bottle filling stations through out HMS. It is a joint effort between the local Girl Scout troop and ELKAY manufacturing of Oak Brook. Fund raising will come from students willing to pay a dollar to wear a hat in school for a day and/or not to wear a gym uniform for the day.
- HMS annual participation in the "Unite the Fight" walk to raise money for Breast Cancer research will be on May 16th.
- 8th grade graduation ceremony details were discussed including dress code for the kids. Rubin also shared the idea of raffling off front row seats for the graduation ceremony as another way to contribute to a charity, etc.
- One long advisory will probably be implemented next year.

- Ruben said a Wish List project for extra PTO money would be an Outside Classroom, Shakespeare Theatre style. Madison School just finished an outside classroom. Coventry Garden was the landscaper used.

VII.Advanced Learning Plan

Christine Igoe, Director of Learning (Pupil Services) said 5th grade teachers will use test scores to determine 6th grade placement for opt in process. Letters regarding 6th grade placement will be mailed May 15th. Differentiation and opting in to advanced classes will be the focus next school year. May 17th professional development day will be dedicated to talking about differentiation.

VIII.Title I Report

Interim Assistant Principal, Joyce Macal will conduct the Title 1 conferences with parents on May 21st.

Upcoming and Important Dates

Tuesday, May 22: 5th grade parent orientation

Friday, May 31: 5th graders spend the day at HMS

Wednesday, August 14: Back to School Day

The meeting was adjourned 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Johns, Co-Recording Secretary