

HMS PTO GENERAL MEETING 1-19-16

Meeting called to order 9:02am

Treasurer's Report

- Spartan Shack doing really well
 - Need to sell more spirit wear
- Amazon smile and Box Tops- need to make sure we have enough reminders about collecting these items more
- Ruben's wish list is now empty (majority of it used for Rachel's Challenge) and Ruben will follow up with district for the portion they should be reimbursing us for
- Classroom money, most classrooms still have 5K to spend towards enrichment (from the Student Services Fund)

VP Of Communication's Report

- Dr. Tornatore and Dr. Dawn Benaitis attended the last PTO meeting
- Looking into updating our encore classes- as far as what the class covers
 - Discussed the implementation of the new math program

President's Report

- Looking for PTO Board members and volunteers for next school year
- Will post opening soon
- School supplies
 - Using same company
 - Shipping differently this year- using UPS instead for more efficiency
 - Ship to home will still be available
 - Chair is talking with a few vendors to optimize pricing
- Spartan shack is doing extremely well
- Raised \$96 dollars from Standard Market night

Principal's Report

- Title one tutoring- this week, identifying group of students that need support
- Facilities committee - looking at different designs
- 6th grade math issue: areas we were weak in were the same at CHMS
 - HMS is using the Math FTE specialist, compressed the 6th grade into two periods so that the advanced math lab can have more time to monitor kids progress and be more transparent to parents.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. David Bedney from Robert Crown Center

- Brought in evaluation for parent feedback
- 6th grade Life Begins program, 7th grade Teen Sexual Health program
- All programs are science based and in-line with Illinois state standards
- Have a nurse, biology teacher, an individual with Masters in curriculum development, and a few doctors consulting
- Robert Crown is NOT here to usurp personal parenting positions...NOT teaching values to your kids, teach only medically factual information.
- If we don't teach them the right answers then they will get the wrong answers elsewhere
- State standards says that anywhere from 5th grade to 8th grade can start teen sexual health
- Issue with STI's, even locally, due to children thinking if they use their mouth, they won't get pregnant
- 13-19 yrs old highest range of STI's nationwide
- CDC the only 100% method is abstinence, other ways only reduce the risk
- Studies have shown when boys and girls are together in the presentations they ask more questions
- Suggests that really only certain websites are safe and proper informational websites (.gov or .edu or kidshealth.org etc.)
- *HMS parents are requesting some sort of information prior to the presentations*

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- (6th grade) Life Begins class, (reproductive systems, puberty, secondary sex characteristics and gender, pituitary gland, hormones and chemical messengers, changes in puberty, anatomy, correct medical terms, Urinary tract infections, how many openings each gender has and which one is used for reproduction, reproductive cells, menstrual cycle, Ovulation, eggs, fertilization, embryo, growth, labor,
 - 7th grade Teen Sexual health program: reproduction, fertilization, menstruation, no safe days to have sex to lessen chance of pregnancy, myths about risk of pregnancy, different types of sex, STI's often no symptoms, HIV, teen pregnancy, babies costs, Contraceptives, sex and media, what would you do situations
 - *HMS Parents wondering if we need an 8th grade program*

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- Suggest speakers Officer Coughlin, Digital Meeting for parents (how to check what apps and programs kids are actually using).
- Ruben will follow up with district for the portion they should be reimbursing.

- Have teacher's class specific list and have it posted sooner or available sooner to have the school supplies. Also possibly using a long advisory to allow them to organize lockers and supplies.
- Spartan shack possibly make the volunteering time slots shorter (one hour instead of two).
- Box Tops need to send a deadline date
 - Allow them to turn box tops in at Advisory