

10-20-15 HMS GENERAL PTO MEETING

Meeting called to order 9:02am

President's Report – Michelle Fischer

- Box Tops (canister's in main office),
 - Incentive -possibly a gift for top class
 - Families should put names on bags
 - \$50 so far
- Restaurant fundraisers
 - \$400 total last year from restaurant fundraisers ...goal is 1K this year, will have restaurant fundraisers more often this year
 - Membership renewal
 - Sending out an email soon to remind families to pay their membership...we are currently at 45-50%

Principal's report- Ruben Pena

- Title One Funding
 - Needs to be added back to agenda (allocation provided by Fed Gov to help close achievement gap, including academic performance)
 - To ensure that all students meet the challenging state academic standards, Mr. Pena is identifying families and students eligible for academic assistance according to the Title One federal program. (Title One is the federal program that provides funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.
 - Title One Funding can only be used for services not products
- Nov 11- 8th grade DC Trip
- Nov 12 - Hinsdale Central high school will be here to discuss High School Transition
- Rachel's Challenge, was an amazing, emotional event for families and students
 - Students meet on Tuesdays at 7:15 (4R club) to start chain reaction that was discussed at Rachel's Challenge
- First Map Testing Session (a little different this year)- not in Language Arts as in past, created an alphabetical testing schedule
 - Norms changed this year
- Robert Crown, need to re-visit involvement and material discussed

Assistant Superintendent - Ken Surma- Q & A

- 3 architectural firms presented at meeting
- The Board ranked all 3 (top is Cordogan, Clark & Associates)
- Currently starting negotiation with Cordogan, Clark & Associates
- Board continues discussion about referendum (may involve parents forming a committee and possibly leading referendums in buildings)

- NOTE: Dec 15 ballot has to be decided by Board (public will want to know effect on tax bill)
- A possibly community Referendum Committee can form at any time to gather support they want. If it forms earlier, parents can be involved from the beginning
- 51% vote to pass
- Referendum Facility condition assessment report...identified approximately \$10-12 Million of needs that would need to go into HMS
- Public (on either side) has been happy with how the assessments, studies and communication have been going so far.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 17- Next PTO meeting
- Thursday, October 22
 - 7th and 8th Girls Basketball playing at high school
 - One Act play night
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- Nov 11- HMS 8th grade DC Trip

TO DOs

- Box tops reminder
- Try adding Nothing Bundt Cakes to restaurant fundraisers?
- Membership email – Add AtoZ actual app Graphic to both the reminder email and HMS PTO Website (reminding parents that they will also have access to a valuable app) example...

AtoZ School Directory app



- Access Directory on-the-go!**
 - GPS directions!**
 - Call, Text, Email directly!**
- Should the PTO put out information about parent involvement in Referendum?
 - Invite Parents or students from Central for Q & A?

Meeting adjourned 10:20