

# HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes

## September 21, 2016

### I. **Welcome**

Introductions by PTO Board Exec Members

### II. **Old Business**

#### **a. Detailed 2016-2017 Budget and Approval**

The revised budget was discussed, reviewed and approved  
Treasurer asks all Committee Chairs to stick close to line item monies budgeted.

#### **b. Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017**

Meeting Schedule will always be posted on HMS PTO Website  
10/4 Meeting to focus on Future of HMS and upcoming Referendum.  
Tours of HMS building will be offered at 10am

#### **c. Committee Reports**

**Directory**, Student Artwork Contest submissions selected for Directory. Directory information compiled and going to print in 1 week.

**Fundraising**, CINE, 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet and great very well received by both Parents and Teachers. Amount raised \$850-900.

**Spirit Wear** purchases will be delivered to students in Advisory.

**SELAS**, Blast newsletter Empathy focus. this month.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Student car wash at HMS to benefit schools flooded in Baton Rouge, LA  
open to all grades for volunteers. 2hour shifts. Tickets \$15/sedan \$20/SUV

**School Supply Kits**, Profits made this year contributed to PTO. Cost of kit high particularly for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Need to evaluate use and amount of supplies ordered per grade kit. About one third of each grade orders a kit. Slightly higher for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### III. **New Business**

#### **a. Bylaws Review in Progress**

Discussed need for updating and will be posted for 30 days and approved at a future meeting.

#### **b. Upcoming Events**

Send President Mary Henneman email for suggested meeting and event topics  
Asking for HMS PTO Website content and design input from Parents

#### **IV. Speaker Presentation:**

##### **HMS 101: Helping Your Child Start the Year Right**

Mrs. Maria Jandak, Mrs. Amy Ostrowski, Principal Ruben Pena

- HMS Circle of support system.
  - Discussed importance of a “go to” person for students.
  - Students self-report, parents can report and also concerned friends of student.
  - The social workers follow students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Anxiety the most seen emotional stressor.
  - Importance of seeking help so as children are assisted they are then available for learning.
  - Discussion of valuable services provided for students who are at all levels of emotional social distress.
  - Consideration of including elements of this presentation at HMS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night.
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- Student services 6<sup>th</sup> Grade pamphlet passed out. Available at the HMS front office and Student Services office.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, September 21 (3-4:30pm) – Activities Fair
- Monday, September 26 (6:30pm) - Board Business Meeting
- Tuesday, September 27 - Parent's Guide to Section 504 Plans
- □□□□□□□, October 4 (10am) – HMS Referendum Overview and Building Tour (Dr. White, Cordigan & Clark)
- Wednesday, October 19 (9am) – HMS General PTO Meeting: *The Future of HMS*
- Thursday, October 27 (9am) - Community Speaker Series Event "Fostering Healthy Childhood & Teen Success - Moving Away from Stress, Anxiety, Depression, and Exhaustion Toward Wellness and Joy with Dr. Madeline Levine"