

## **HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2013**

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

### **I. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Heather Shalgos at 9:35 a.m.

### **II. Secretary's Report:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 14th General PTO meeting was made. Robin Thrana seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **III. President's Report:**

Open Committee Chair positions were discussed. Robin explained that the PTO will be looking to propose a slate of new PTO officers at the April General Meeting. School Supplies Chair needs to be settled by February in order to move forward with the August Back-to-School day. At the same time the goal is to secure Committee Chairs for the coming school year. Anyone interested in chairing a position was encouraged to contact Heather or Robin.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report:**

Laura Glenn reported that total magazine sales finished ahead of budget by \$2,800. She also stated that deposits continue to be consistent from the Shack and Vending machine sales. Everything else within the budget is on target and going as planned.

### **V. Vice President's Report:**

The "Above the Line" recognition program for teachers and staff is ongoing and awarded on a quarterly basis. Nomination forms can be picked up in the school office or found on the PTO web site under the resources tab. Comments or nominations can be e-mailed to VicePresident@hmspto.org. Kathy Adelman and Karen Choi are the VPs working on this excellence in teaching recognition program.

### **VI. Committee Reports:**

#### **A. SELAS: Christine Allen**

Upcoming District 181 SELAS programs:

January 22: Elm School SELAS Parent Meeting @ 7 p.m. "What's SEL Got to do with it?"

January 23: Hinsdale Public Library SELAS/Parent Meeting @ 1 p.m. "What's SEL Got to do with it?"

January 29: KLM Lodge @ 7 p.m. One District, One Book Discussion of "The Whole Brain Child"

Christine also reminded the PTO that Wednesday, January 30th will be HMS Service Day for the entire school student body. Parents interested in helping can come to the school on Tuesday, January 29th from 3p.m. - 5p.m. to help set-up.

### **VII. Principal's Report:**

Mr. Pena was not present.

### **VIII. Assistant Principal's Report:**

Dr. Martha Henrikson gave her Title I report. She reported that tutoring, executive functioning, writing, reading and literacy programs have all begun as part of the Title I services offered at HMS. Dr. Henrikson also shared that many local volunteer organizations are partnering with HMS to make the January 30th SELAS/Service Day a success. Hinsdale Rotary, Ray Graham Association Hanson Center, Birches Retirement Community, Hinsdale Community Service, and local V.A. hospitals to name a few. HMS staff members have worked tirelessly to make sure the day will be a success.

### **IX. Special Presentation: College Panel**

Seven HMS/HCHS alum, who are now college freshman at various different colleges provided their insight into their transition from high school to college. Some of the colleges that were represented by the panel included University of Virginia, University of Illinois, William & Mary, and St. Louis University.

Universal advise that was given by the panel participants :

- Take advantage of every opportunity at the High School;
- Accept the challenge of AP and Honors classes;
- Take classes you are interested in;
- Pick clubs you will be dedicated to;
- GET INVOLVED!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

1/22 - SELAS/Parent Meeting @ 7 p.m. Elm School

1/23 - SELAS/Parent Meeting @ 1 p.m. Hinsdale Public Library

1/29 - "The Whole Brain Child" Book Discussion @ 7 p.m. KLM Lodge

1/30 - HMS Community Service SELAS Day

2/13 - HMS PTO General Meeting @ 9:30, HMS School Library

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Johns, Co-Recording Secretary