

# Hinsdale Middle School General PTO Meeting

March 12, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.

## Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 9:43am by Kathy Adelman in the Large Meeting Room at the Hinsdale Library.

1. Secretary's Report

- a. Nellie motioned to approve the January minutes, Kathy seconded the motion and the January minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – Dennis Brown reported that overall income is up in most categories and expenses are on track.

3. Vice Presidents Report

- a. Above the line Drawing –there were 3 nominees.
- b. Deb reported on the Nominating Committee. Some positions for the 2014-2015 PTO Executive Committee are still open. Special mention was made about the need to fill the Back-To-School Day Chairs, where 2 positions are open. Also, the 2 School Supplies Chairs that have agreed to stay on for another year will not be here the following year, so we need some new committee members to learn the position and help out this year. Also, additional Magazine Sales Chairs are needed, who might consider initiating an additional or different fund-raising idea. Deb also passed around a sign-in sheet so parents could sign up to be an HMS Helper on an as-needed basis.

4. Committee Reports. WWII Day is coming up on March 14<sup>th</sup> and will feature some interesting WWII Vets. Also, the HMS Book Fair will be held on March 19, 20, and 21.

5. Title 1 Report. Rocky reported that Dr. Hendrickson will be rolling out tutoring opportunities after Spring Break.

6. Principal's Report. Rocky said there have been conversations about sharing the outdoor classroom with the MRC. Ruben told Rocky that the wooden bookcases in the MRC are gone and metal ones will be in their place. The MRC will continue to be a learning commons and a flexible use of space. Discussions are also going on regarding the pros/cons of desktops and laptops. Another issue came up about filters/humidifiers that require an

ongoing expense. The thaw is concerning, with the ice melt, and the building is being closely monitored. There will be a Facilities Committee meeting on 4/7 which will outline the building construction and summer plans.

7. Special Guest: Bridget McGuiggan, d181 Director of Communications: Social Media 101.  
Bridget presented a thorough slideshow about the current social media. The presentation will be on the HMS website. There will be another symposium coming soon called Tech at School/Tech at Home on Sat 4/12, and more information will be on the website.
8. New Business. Christine from the FRN d181 said there will be another media presentation on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Hinsdale South and also again on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am at The Community House.

## Upcoming Events

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March 14: WWII Day at HMS

March 19,20 & 21: HMS Book Fair

April 16: General PTO meeting, 9:30. No guest speaker. This is a business meeting to review the proposed 2014-2015 budget and next year's slate of Executive Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am