

HMS PTO General meeting Minutes

9-15-15

Meeting called to order 9:05am

Treasurer's Report- Johara Moosabhoy

- 14K in dues so far
- PTO paying for part of Rachel's Challenge

VP of Communication Report –Nancy Hamp

- Keyboarding class available after school (using online program)
- UPCOMING PTO GUESTS
 - October 20 – Ken Surma (Asst. Superintendent of Business and Operations) coming to our next PTO meeting, discussing facilities and board meeting updates
 - November 17- Dr. Marcia Tornatore (Interim Assistant Superintendent of Learning) and the directors of learning.

Vice president's Report - Trista Negele /Diane Ray

- Will be discussing above the line more next meeting- recognition by parents recommending teachers that have made connections with their children.

Presidents Report- Michelle Fischer

- Rachel's challenge upcoming, important program
- 25K is the goal for dues and we are still short
- 18K sales in –half chocolate sales and half flat donations
- Parents like being able to just contribute a flat donation as an option

Principals Report- Ruben Pena

- Rachel's challenge will be here (rachelschallenge.org)
 - 1st sharing video with students this week,
 - 6th grade separate message (younger and new to HMS)
 - Having evening community event here September 23 (different than discussion during the day)
 - 4R club will be created to promote chain reaction idea from Rachel's Challenge
- Facilities survey now closed, (teachers were part of survey too)
 - Many different ideas, suggestion, pros and cons

- Facilities committee will be making recommendation to the board
- Now Using portable classrooms...wi-fi set up, larger than old portables, projectors working
- Sept. 17- Curriculum night 6:30 doors open, gym first then walking schedule
 - Will be talking about holding kids accountable...middle school is a great time to help them have discomfort and suffer a bit (ie. Forgetting their homework)
 - What should homework look like to be manageable?
 - How much and how should we communicate with parents during the year with grades and how much do they want to be involved
 - NEW! Placement 8th grade now using fall MAP testing instead of Encore to place for freshman year of high school
 - There is a class petition process that you can look into
 - Activities fair today September 15, 2015

VOLUNTEER REQUESTS

Looking for 2 more people for the Restaurant Fundraising committee (ie. Chipotle nights etc...)

- Julie Acres for Oak volunteered
- Please contact Grace@imsanet.org Or 773-798-9512 or 312-772-3228

Needs 2 co-chairs- Veterans World War days

- Please contact Stacy Kinnas at anastasia65@aol.com
- If you have a World War II Veteran that would like to participate let us know

School Supplies- Rawea Schwalb

- Next year link will go out earlier
- Shipping to home earlier

Meeting minutes approved from May 2015 PTO meeting

Adjourned 10:06am