

HMS PTO GENERAL MTG 4-19-16

Called to order 9:05am

President's Report

- 110 families have not yet paid the Mandatory graduation fees, they will be receiving an email
- Trying to get everyone to pay their PTO dues by April 29, so we have a higher percentage of participation and people don't forget, there is a link on the HMSpto.org website.
- Many *board positions* open and need to be filled ASAP
 - Co-Vice presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, VP of membership, secretary
- PTO presidents meeting they discussed the Digital Learning Initiative
- Teacher Appreciation coming up
- Renew license agreement with A to Z

Principal's Report

- PARCC testing next week
- Lagging behind as a school population, for Autism walk
- Summer school brochure is out
- Washington D.C. parent meeting next Wednesday

New Business

- Meg Cooper director of D181 foundation... Hinsdale PTO's
- It is very simple, all families have to do is sign up and then Nordic Energy donates \$50 and there is No termination fee.
- Nordic energy is an electric energy provider. When families sign up, Nordic energy will donate \$50 per year each year as long as the family stays with them.
- Every account will be split, half with the foundation and each PTO will also receive a piece
- Nordic Energy – based In Oakbrook Terrace and operates in 15 states, licensed in Illinois
- 10% off of ComEd rate for the first month then market based price, which is very competitive after that
- Anyone is eligible to participate and anyone inside our outside of our district, family and friends etc ...can participate by using D181 promo code. **MUST USE PROMO CODE WHEN SIGNING UP...(Code is DISTRICT181)**
- Even if you are getting your energy from ComEd now, it is actually already separate currently, ComEd is responsible for lines and repairs but other energy providers provide the energy
- This can continue as long as your meter is being served it is a seamless change for you.

-Current Nordic Energy customers can also participate, Nordic Energy will contact those customers

-Questions please contact: Andrey Shaak, Sales Partner Manager

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PRESENTATION: YOUR TEEN AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Officer Coughlin & Kate Klara presentation

-Almost every middle schooler has a telephone and they are mini computers right in their hands

-Usually the more kids that are on these group chats the worse it can be, kids will "ice/drop" each other out of the chats and it can be painful

-Officer Coughlin did a little HMS research...

-most popular apps were Instagram and Snapchat

-Instagram and Snapchat, Twitter, Facetime and (Youtube also but not included in the below timeframes)

6th grad 1-3 hrs per day

7th 1.5 – 3 hrs day

8th 1.5 -4.5 hours per day

-If your child is on a social media platform, you should also be on that platform and also friend them and have their password.

-Remind your kids that what is presented on these apps is not a true reflection of reality, usually many, many takes of selfies...(faked to make them look like the best time) and you should turn off the location feature (anyone can fake and say they are local or someone they might know based on where your child is).

-Instagram- most popular site, share photos and comments

-Snapchat- share photos and the photos delete in a few seconds, but many kids are using it for sexting since they think the photos delete quickly... but anyone can screen shot them and save them and the companies servers own the photos forever. (Site recently hacked.)

-Talk to your kids about your expectations and how they represent themselves.

-KIK Messenger- a quick instant messaging app that allows teens to text their friends and add photos and videos to the text message, for 17+

-Too many young kids even in elementary schools with phones now and we need to wait on the phones to help preserve their youth, childhood and some innocence.

-Have proactive (as opposed to reactive) discussions constantly

-Now we need to watch out for Vaults (ie. Picture of a calculator app looks like a calculator but kids program their own code to hide pictures and videos)

- Omegle is new app invites you to talk to strangers and pedophiles NOT FOR KIDS
- Oovoo- Free instant messaging and video app
- Periscope- live streaming app
- tell them not to share their passwords with their friends
- watch for kids for having pornography on their phones especially in older grades
- We need to set rules for them and check their phones periodically
- let them know you are monitoring them
- CommonSenseMedia.org is a great resource for parents, a good starting point
- Sexting – even in Hinsdale there were girls sending inappropriate pictures to boys here
- Once a week go through all the apps and go through their phone and have them open apps
- Webwatcher and Teensafe are good parental monitoring resources
- Parents should Google Amanda Todd Video
- This powerpoint presentation will be posted on HMS/D181 Student Service site on
- Any questions about anything contact Officer Coughlin with the Village of Hinsdale, mcoughlin@villageofhinsdale.org

Adjourned 10:45am