

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes  
May 8th, 2018

**Welcome and Introduction**

Alice Waverly introduced the current Executive Board and welcomed parents and committee members.

**Old Business**

Alice asked for motion to approve March 14th 2018 minutes, made by Karin Rohn seconded by Alisa Messana. Minutes approved.

**Committee Reports**

Staff Appreciation- Corlyn Simmons reported the PTO, parents and the staff appreciation committee were recognizing teachers and administrators at HMS this week. Everyday a light breakfast and coffee are prepared for teachers in the staff room. Wednesday will be the lunch which will consist of salads and food truck preparing food for the teachers. Thank you to Michelle Fischer, the teacher appreciation committee and the parents that have donated food items to help thank our teachers.

Recycling/Re-Purposing- Will be collecting gently used school supplies the last week of school. The teachers go through the boxes and collect items they can use in their classrooms. Remaining items will be donated to schools in Chicago.

Lost and Found- There are many items that need to be claimed. Tables with items found are located outside Student Services. Please claim items by the last day of school. All items left after June 6th will be donated.

Eighth Grade Graduation- Monday June 4th at 2:30 at Hinsdale Central.

Future Funds- Gayatri Batra informed us of the spring requests they have received from teachers. She discussed the items her committee would like to purchase from future funds. Total amount that will be spent for the spring is \$5,500. Alice asked for motion to approve the purchase of the items, made by Mary Blue Henneman, seconded by Alisa Messana. Motion approved.

**New Business**- Alice asked for nominations from the floor for any Executive Board positions. No nominations from the floor were announced. Nominations from the floor closed. Alice introduced Donna Abourass Attassi who presented the new Executive Board for the year 2018-2019.

Co-Presidents: Alice Waverley and Karin Rohn  
Co-Vps-Fundraising: Kristin Kentra and Andrea Garcia  
VP-Communications: Laura Tortorello  
VP-Technology: Sujit Menon  
Treasurer: Stephanie Geier  
Assistant Treasurer: Jennifer Fisher  
Corresponding Secretary: Kristin McDaniel  
Recording Secretary: Corlyn Simmons

Alice asked for motion to approve the new Executive Board nominees, made by Mary Blue Henneman, seconded by Gayatri Batra. Motion approved.

Principal Report- Ruben discussed the email he sent to HMS parents about the focus group he is putting together to help parents, staff and students better understand diversity in our community while continuing to advance our school mission. He has had positive and negative feedback from the email. He will continue to listen to all input regarding this subject. He has had many people reach out to him to be a part of the focus group that will be lead by Dr. Markeda Newell, Associate Professor in School Psychology at Loyola University Chicago. Anyone else interested should contact Rubin Pena.

#### **Upcoming HMS Events and PTO Meetings**

- May 15th HMS 5th Grade Parent Night
- June 1st 8th Graders' Last Day of School
- June 4th 8th Grade Graduation, 6th and 7th Grade Student Attendance
- June 4th 2018 is now a full day student attendance day due to snow day. This day was formerly Grading Day.
- June 6th Last Day of School (6th and 7th Graders)
- August 17th Back to School Day

#### **Upcoming District and Community Events**

- May 10th 5pm: BOE Finance Committee Meeting
- May 15th 6pm: BOE Facilities Committee Meeting
- May 17th 9am: Religious Observances and Holidays Meeting, District Administration Center, 115 W. 55th St, Clarendon Hills

**Adjournment**-Alice adjourned the meeting at 10:10am