

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes November 15th, 2017

Meeting called to order 9:05 am

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes for the September meeting minutes was made by Gayatri Batra and seconded by Maria Kluchenek.

Principal's Report: Rocky May reported for Ruben Pena. He stated there was some confusion with the sign up genius for the parent teacher conferences. The problems are being worked through. The system is not perfect but getting better and teachers and administration will continue to improve it. Parking has been discussed with teachers to make parking near the school available for parents.

Winter MAP testing dates are tentatively scheduled for 6th and 7th grade for December 12th and 13th. Information will be sent to parents.

Committee Reports

Future Funds: Alice Waverley explained Future Funds was developed last year to take a portion of extra PTO funds at the end of the year and place it aside. The teachers were asked for suggestions and ideas of how money could be spent on the children and classrooms to enhance learning experiences. Gayatri Batra, the chair of future funds this year, explained the committee met and decided to purchase: color Canon printer, speakers for small music room, fiberglass conductor stand for orchestra and band directors, 30 Google cardboard virtual reality headsets for social studies, music ensemble series for family and friends event for end of school year and sensory canoe for occupational therapy department. Total cost was \$2,300.

SELAS: Alissa Messina informed us her committee is hoping to do a fund raiser during the holidays. SELAS will again be holding a car wash in the spring. Information on both will be sent.

Speaker Presentation: "Teens: Social Media and Other Distractions." Officer Coughlin, Dr. Kula, and Mr. Pena-The PTO has been receiving requests from parents to offer more information on the E-cigarette and vaping issue. The PTO decided to include that topic in today's discussion on social media. The link to the presentation is http://www.hmspto.org/wbcentnt3236/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/TEENS_SOCIAL_MEDIA_2017.pdf

Officer Coughlin stated continued conversation regarding safe internet use needs to be on going and constant by parents. Administrators feel the biggest deterrent for students is seeing and hearing the consequences for poor choices.

Adjourned: 10:54 am by Mary Blue Henneman

Respectfully Submitted,
Corlyn Simmons, Recording Secretary 2017-2018

Upcoming HMS Events and PTO Meetings

- January 16th: PTO Meeting, ***“What Middle School Parents Should Know About College Planning”***
- March 13th: PTO Meeting, **“Curriculum Topic TBD”**
- May 8th: PTO Meeting, **Budget and New Board Approval**