Haverford Middle School PTO

October 9, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Sarah Maxwell, Leidy Cowling, Jenn McNicolas, Peggy Hermann

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded and broadcast on Facebook. The September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report – Jenn McNicholas

* PTO dues of $8,775 have been received to date. This does not include credit card payments from back to school nights. Estimated total with credit card payments is $9,600. This is a $150 increase from last year.
* A check for $349 was received for the fall spiritwear sale. The PTO makes $1 for every piece sold.
* New plants have been planted in the pots in front of the school. Expenses were covered by the PTO.
* The cost for the teachers’ water cooler is covered by the Ways and Means budget line. Annual cost is $381. Dan Horan noted that the plan is to install water bottle filling stations on every floor. Once these are installed, we will determine if water cooler is still needed.

Teacher report – Jon Smerecky

* An activities fair was held for students the week of 9/17. If a student missed it, they can go to HMS website and reach out to club sponsors. Videos of club leaders talking about their clubs will be rolled out quarterly through Ford Focus.
* Students are being encouraged to look at Powerschool regularly.
* Something new this year are 8th grade team wars. School activities will be turned into competitions with points will be awarded. Winning team will get a BBQ with music at end of year.
* There will be a pink out on 10/19 in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
* A parent suggested that reminders for activity nights be put on the PTO Facebook page.

President’s report – no report this month

Upcoming events

6th grade dance – Friday 10/26 from 5:30 – 7pm. There will not be food at the dance. At this point, it doesn’t look like parent volunteers will be needed. Expenses appear to be on budget. Similar to last year, the kids will go to the football game after the dance. There will be teacher supervision at the game and pizza will be provided.

Old Business

* BTS nights – Approx. 150 new families joined the PTO. Volunteers are entering information into A to Z Connect this week.
* Membership statistics – These numbers aren’t final, but we have 734 households entered into the directory system. About half of these have not yet verified their information in the directory. Current number of students in the directory - 225 sixth graders, 241 seventh graders and 271 eighth graders. This is approximately half of the students currently at HMS.
* Spirit wear - Next sale for holidays will start soon. This sale will end November 10th. We will also do a spring sale. It was suggested that we have basic tshirts available at 6th grade orientation or back to school nights.
* Box tops –Initial amount reported to us was incorrect. We have earned $115 so far this year. First collection will be 10/19. Box tops can be sent in to homeroom teacher with child’s name and team on the envelope. Winning team will get a water ice party at end of year. Only grades K-8 can participate in box tops. It was suggested that we put a collection bin in high school and use some of funds earned towards our BLAST contribution.

New Business

* IDC report – IDC is looking for themes that community is interested in having the council discuss this year. Ideas can be emailed to the PTO via the website - [www.hms-pto.com](http://www.hms-pto.com)
* School Board Report – no report this month.

Principal’s report – Dan Horan

* The first wellness day will be on 10/31 and will cover Digital Safety and Awareness & School Safety. Parent preview night on the 29th.
* Viewed a video of Dr. Reusche’s opening remarks at 10/4 school board meeting. A public meeting with Human Relations Commission of Haverford Twp will be held on 10/17 at 7pm in the Township building.
* The district joined the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity. Team of teachers, administrators and students. Team work done at Univeristy of Pennsylvania. Five students will be selected by administrators and teachers.
* Student led conferences will be held in November. Staff is working with students during advisory time to get them prepared for conferences.
* Day of Giving – Details are on the community info section of district website. Scheier Family & Cosmetic Dentistry will be donating one day of free dental services to HMS students and family on November 9th. Mrs. Scheier was a counselor here. Contact Dan Horan directly to be put on the schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.