**January 15, 2019**

**HMS PTO Meeting Minute**

**Opening of Meeting/Introductions**

Peggy Hermann opened the meeting at 7:05pm and asked for approval of minutes. November 2018 Minutes were approved.

**Meet Dr. Reusche and HSD Board Report:**

Larry Feinberg, President; Bridget Weidemann, VP; Susan Mingy and Dr. Reusche, Superintendent were present as representatives from the District.

* School Board had significant changes in membership this past year; Has invested a lot of time with training new and current members.
* Havertown Twp School District (HTSD) has reached 6,500 students in District which is an increase impacting staffing, space and costs. This has impacted the board’s decisions this past year.
* Renewed contract for Dr. Maureen Resuche was approved for 5 additional years.
* *Facility Updates:*

Brookline- Currently houses childcare and senior programs in the building. Due to significant repair and upgrade needs of the building, HTSD is transferring title of the building to the Township in next few weeks. Township will plan to tear it down and possibly build a new library in that location in the future.

Lynnewood*-* Borrowed $10 million to start the project of building a new Lynnewood School. Decided it was more economical to build new versus renovate.

High School- Eventually high school will need 11 new classrooms to accommodate increased student population. They are starting to look at ideas/plans to accommodate the changes including expanded common areas and fitness area and hope to make these changes incrementally.

Coopertown/Chatham- Will have some upgrades related to climate control, i.e. air conditioning.

* Legislative Activity:

County School District Board—15 Districts in Delaware County meet regularly and cooperate to address state issues

Work to create and maintain good relationships with legislators: *Greg Vitali and Daylin Leach*—solid support on education through years, *Mike Zabel*—new state representative starting to build a relationship with, and *Mary Gay Scanlon*- new representative to US Congress.

Larry Feinberg is going to DC/Capitol Hill next week to meet with Representatives and educate them on Education Law.

* PA Schools Work Group: State Wide Legislative Group – Meeting on February 2nd at DCIU which is open to the public. Larry encouraged community members to attend. The group discusses funding and advocacy. Larry encouraged community to write to Legislators and say you support PA Schools Work.
* **\*\*Academic Calendar Update for September 2020** - first day of school will be August 31st, which is BEFORE Labor Day! However, Spring Break Week is BACK for a week in the next academic year! The move to a before Labor Day start is not planned as a permanent change but is based on timing of Labor Day and need to have additional weeks in Summer 2021 for Lynnewood construction.
* The Board would love to have a Haverford Parent Group/Committee to work on FAIR FUNDING.
* School Start Time Issue: County wide group is working on this issue to edit school start times to be later for older grades; Amy Goldman of the Radnor School Board initiated the county group. There is now a commission at the state level working to assess this issue for one year and a report and recommendation will follow. Lots of complicated pieces to this puzzle—providing transportation to over 140 locations and coordination of intra-school athletics are big issues. They do not expect there to be any movement on this issue for at least one YEAR within Haverford Township.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

*Income:*

Total income so far this year of approx.. $11,0000 - PTO Dues still coming in which totals $10,081, Clothing Sales--$126 from last sale for a total of $475, Box Tops income of $426.

*Expenditures:*

Science Olympiad—Gave $1,000, Water Coolers for Teachers---PTO will eliminate after new filling stations are installed which will save money.

Water Filling Stations—5 will be purchased by school district, so a donation from PTO is not needed.

**President’s Report:**

Our current VP will no longer have a student at HMS and therefore will need to step down, according to our by laws. The PTO needs a new VP and is taking nominations now.

**Teacher’s Report:**

* 7th and 8th Choral Concert- January 24th at HHS at 7pm.
* Science Olympiad—At the team’s first competition, Katie McGuirl and Sammy Waterston won 3rd Place.
* Author’s Visit—Nic and David Sheff were here on Thursday, January 10th . Even was well received.
* Geography Bee—Ethan Parmet, 7th Grader won and Ellie Nagle (6th grader) is runner up.
* MLK Day of Service—Cozies for Chemo on Monday, January 19th. Come make blankets - we need help!
* Thanks to PTO for book donations from the Book Fair.

**Upcoming Events:**
Career Awareness Day—Date TBD; Jeff Salvesen is the coordinator.

**Old Business:**

*Food Truck Event:* March 14th 11-3pm

Bruce Hine, Lindsey Cook and Angela Mancini are Coordinators. They need Template of Contract, Proof of Insurance for vendors. Have 4 Food Trucks set---hoping for 8. In the process of collecting information in Google Drive to document their process. They will need volunteers the day of.

Water Coolers/Water Bottle Filling Stations---Do not need our donation now as District is purchasing Filling Stations

Box Tops Collection—Next Collection date will be February 14th.

**New Business:**

IDC Report:

*Change of Start Times Effort/Group (Haverford Adolescent Sleep Health -HASH) -* Kate Deriel, John Delise, and Vaishali Vora are current members; Looking for new committee members for group to work on this issue. Grassroots effort to work with School Board.Looking to study/complete surveys on our district to determine issues specific to HTSD. May bring in speakers to educate on the issue.

[www.StartSchoolLate.com](http://www.StartSchoolLate.com)

*Haverford Education Foundation -* Grants changed to rolling acceptance; $1500 Mini Grants. Annual Twilight Run will be April 27, 2019

Topic for Next Month: Communication in District

School Board Report:

* Audit Available on District Website
* New Website for District
* State Scores—Higher than Average; Check HSD Website for more details
* Recognition of staff 25 Years of Service and School Board
* Reviewed Academic Calendars

Opening Nominations for VP

The board is accepting nominations for new Vice President; Please contact Sarah Maxwell if interested.

8th Grade Dance Chair—FILLED!

Dance is on June 7th.

**Principals’ Report:**

* Some staff participated in a FOX TV show in program called “CLASHROOM”.
* Two staff trainings have occurred with Police Department in Active Shooter Training.
* Safe2Say: State Program Anonymous Tip Line that is open 24/7; Five Administrators from our District serve as responders. On Feb. 15th Wellness Day students will be exposed/educated on this. Program can be accessed via app.
* Potter Cup: January 25th from 1:00-5:45pm @ Haverford High School. Focusing on collaborative Team Spirit between Haverford and Paxon Hollow with new activities and entertainment this year.
* Academic Calendars for next two year available on District Website
* January and February Dates:

January 17th- School Board Meeting

January 18th- Act 80 Early Dismissal-Wellness Day

January 24th- 7 &8th Grade Winter Choral Concert @ 7pm

January 25th- Q2 Ends/Potter Cup

January 28th- Q3 Begins

January 30th- Rising 9th Grade Parent Night at HHS@ 6:30pm

February 1st- Q2 Grades Available/HMS Jazz Festival at HHS @ 7pm

February 7th- School Board Meeting @ 7:30pm

February 8th – Activities Night @ 7pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.