**HMS PTO Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2019**

Board members in attendance: Sarah Maxwell, Peggy Hermann, Stacey Collins

**Opening of Meeting/Introductions**

Sarah Maxwell opened the meeting at 7:05pm and asked for approval of minutes. January 15 Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report: Sarah Maxwell**

*Income:*

$300 from two of the food trucks so far, plus $40 in dues payments through Paypal.

*Expenditures:*

Donations— Senior Citizens Prom ($800), Haverford Education Foundation ($1,000), and HHS BLAST ($1,500), PTO Today Membership/Insurance – $614, A to Z online directory - $199, Water Coolers for Teachers---$95 (will end in August).

**President’s Report: Sarah Maxwell**

We are continuing to work on putting together an “operations manual” for the PTO to document processes, etc.

**Teacher’s Report: Jon Smerecky**

* Reading Olympics – Will be held on April 3rd at Northley Midde School. Over 30 students are participating.
* MLK Day of Service—45 student made, no sew blankets will be donated to Cozies 4 Chemo.
* Latin – Several Latin 1 students entered projects at Philadelphia Classical Society competition and will be honored at an awards ceremony in April.
* Best Buddies – Will be hosting a silly sock day on Thursday, March 21 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.
* This week – Bringing Hope Home and student-led parent teacher conferences.
* Competition Math club participated in Delaware County MathCounts Competition at Radnor and did very well.

**Upcoming Events:**
*Food Truck Event:* March 14th 11-3pm - Bruce Hine, Lindsey Cook and Angela Mancini are Coordinators. There will be 7 vendors. Event is being promoted on social media. Have enough parent volunteers to help. Will have a photographer at the event.

Career Awareness Day—May 31st; Jeff Salvesen is the coordinator. Looking for presenters.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Suggestion was made to get the teachers a catered lunch for Potter Cup next year. We will discuss when setting next year’s budget. For this year, it was proposed to provide dinner for the teachers on the day of evening parent teacher conferences. Sarah agreed to contact possible caterers to see what can be provided for Thursday.

Nominating Committee – Rachel McGuire has agreed to be the new nominating committee chair. All committee chairs should let Sarah know if they will be continuing for next year.

**Old Business:**

Vice President – We are still in need of a VP/President Elect

Library Organization—Shelving has been delivered and will be assembled soon. Sheli Hay is very positive about the shelves and crates.

**New Business:**

IDC Report – Vashali Vora reported that the school district has hired an outside consultant to audit the district’s communication. The consultant met with the IDC and they talked to her about recent communication issues. There will be focus groups and a survey released to parents. Final report is expected by the end of the school year.

School Board Report - None

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

Administrative Assistant Day - April 24th

Spiritwear Sale – Megan Salvesen reported that the link is now live and the sale will be running through March 29th. Orders can be picked up at C&M. It was suggested that we provide the link to elementary schools to be shared with 5th grade parents.

**Principals’ Report: Dan Horan**

* Student led conferences are being held March 13, 14 and 15.
* Bringing Hope Home Olympics are March 13, 14, and 15. Over $70,000 has been raised so far for this local organization.
* Presentation at 9am on the 15th called “On the Spectrum” by Kalin Bennett and Lee Woodall. Select HS and ES students will be attending.
* A new security assistant has been hired for the school. Joe McCunney will have a number of responsibilities including training staff, monitoring the cafeteria and interacting with students.
* PSSAs are coming up: ELA on 4/24-26, Math on 4/29-30 and Science (8th) on 5/2-3.
* Delco Track Invitational will be held at HMS on May 3rd from 11am – 5pm. Approx. 500 kids will participate. Possibility of running the snack bar as a fundraiser.
* March and April Dates:

March 21st – Silly Sock Day for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

March 22nd – HMS Jazz Festival

March 26th – Choral Night at HHS

March 29th – Final Friday/40th Annual Evening of Jazz at HHS @6:30

April 2nd – Blue Out for Austism Awareness

April 5th- End of 3rd marking period (grades available on PowerSchool 4/12)

April 17-19th – Spring Break

April 22nd – No school for students

April 24 – 26th – ELA PSSAs

April 29-30th – Math PSSAs

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.