**HMS PTO Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2019

Board members in attendance: Stacey Collins, Leigh McCormack, Jenn McNicholas, Bernadette Lawson

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 and the October meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s report:** Jenn McNicholas

* Dues collected so far $8,906 – President’s email blasts have been effective, Jenn has observed spikes in collections following emails.
* PTO received a $600 check from the first spirit wear sale
* 6th grade dance expense $567 - $500 photo booth, $67 decorations
* Ways & Means expense $561 – $500 book fair, book donation for John Tonetti & feminine supplies

**President’s report:** Stacy Collins

* No meeting in December
* Continuation of email blast communication
* Book, The Giving Tree, was donated in John Tonetti’s memory

**Teacher’s report:** Terri Lynn Seavey

* Resource wall – location for students to get info re clubs, activities
* Kindness wall – ‘throw kindness like confetti’ contains student handwritten notes with positive, inclusive messages and ideas.
* Food drive – presentation by 6th grader Alexis Seavey. Drive will end November 21st with a goal of 3,000 items
* “Socktober” success – 1,400+ socks were donated to Cradles to Crayons
* 7th – 8th grade play High School Musical - auditions were this week. Performances are February 27, 28, 29th
* Chorus update

Music Winter Wear Sale – runs until Nov 24th

HMS Flyers Night – Thursday, December 5th; tickets are $35

HMS CHOP Toy Drive – toys must be new/unused. Drop deadline December 6th

* 7th Grade science – STEM project – bottle rocket designed by students

**Upcoming Events**

* New Family Welcome - event will occur prior to PTO meeting. Jen McNicholas has created a document with ideas. Kids can play in the gym with a few older/high school students. Additionally, PTO board members bring their kids.
* School Board visit – 4 members. Typically more parents attend this PTO meeting
* School Board report – Lynnewood construction project moving along – on time

**Principal report:** Dan Horan

* SDHT Strategic Planning Community Forum – review of district goals and mission with input from parents/school community. 3 forums – Nov 13th (7:00 HMS) Nov 21st (9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m – both at HHS) . HMS PTO board will attend pre meeting on 10/21
* American Education Week – Friday, November 22nd classroom visitation from 8:00 -2:00
* Delaware Valley Consortium for Equity and Excellence (DVCEE) – conference for middle schools on November 20th. 10 HMS students will be attending and will bring back ideas to work through the year.
* Restorative Practices – social science that studies how to build social capital and achieve social discipline through participatory learning and decision making.

Core team training for 2019-2020

School-wide training for 2020-2021

* Budget and projections for 2020-2021 process will last December 2019 – May 2020
* Student led conferences – Mr. Horan will be sending an email providing tips and questions that parents can ask of their students.
* Science Fair – in lieu of Science Olympiad, HMS students can participate in the Delaware County Science Fair. Mr. Horan and Mr. Crater will co-sponsors with a goal of drawing in additional community support.

Questions/Comments/Close of Meeting

**Next Meeting:**  January 14th @ 7 pm in HMS Library

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