

October 9, 2008

HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Marsha Cone-Roddy, Erin Magee, Donna Cormier, Dianne Bonta, Marie Degulis, Linda Falcone, Tim Kelley, Patti Chilton, Lisa Schmalz, Julie Forgaard, Carole Gelotti, Sue Bauer, Terese Althouse, Ruth Kabel, Jean Filer, Kristen Berry, Betsy Cotton

Introduction

Secretary's Report

Dianne Bonta made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Falcone seconded. The motion passed.

Co-Presidents' Report

Officer Irwin retired October 1. A card of congratulations was sent from the PTSA. Thanks to Marie and Erin.

The New Hampshire Partners in Education Breakfast will be on October 27. This is the Blue Ribbon Award Breakfast.

The PTSA conference is coming up on November 14 and 15. Members can go for one or two days. If you are interested in attending, please let Marie or Erin know. The PTSA will pay for two members to attend.

The S-Team scholarship is controlled by a trust. The interest from the trust goes to the scholarship. Last year, David Lindsay was the only applicant. The parameters of the scholarship were discussed. This question was addressed: Are there ways to better publicize this and other scholarships so that more students apply?

Office Depot may donate 5% of purchases to the school. If you shop there, our number is 70065115.

Marie has compiled the PTSA "Year at a Glance." Let Marie know if you would like a copy.

The Hollis-Brookline Facilities Committee meeting was discussed. It projects a facility crisis beginning around 2015-2020. The committee at first thought that a cafeteria was the only addition needed to facilities right now but then changed their minds when someone suggested that only new tables were needed. The Fire Chief has some concerns about seniors eating in the upstairs lobby to alleviate crowding in the cafeteria. As long as the tables are along the wall and off the carpet, there are four doors available for emergency exit. The cafeteria is rated to seat 200 with loose seating (round tables) and 300 with bench seating (24 foot benches/18 inches per student). Currently the school is at 98% capacity. The presentation of the Hollis and Brookline committees is October 23. There are four scenarios for the schools that are being considered. Details to follow, or you can look in the local papers.

This year the PTSA has no fundraisers planned. If you are interested in being a fundraiser volunteer for next year, the NH Charitable Foundation runs workshops. See Marie for information.

The AED (defibrillator) has arrived and will be installed soon in the back lobby. There needs to be some staff training. Rick Towne (Hollis Fire Department) may be available to help.

A Cavalier Chronicle-PTSA liaison was discussed. Students will attend meetings when they are able to.

Treasurer's Report

A deposit of \$2000 was made from funds raised by the directory and dues. Old Home Days profits still to come.

Tim Kelley

Tracy Dunn requested money from school for continuing education. The school helped with a donation toward her registration for the program.

Open House was well attended. Parent-teacher conferences can be scheduled for November 20 and 25.

Testing for NECAP is this week. PSATs are next week. This year the school had six semi-finalists and 12 commended scholars.

The deputy director of NEASC will be meeting with the School Board to discuss recommendations for the school for accreditation. The cafeteria and the parking space problems could affect accreditation. The meeting is Wednesday at 6 pm in the Middle School Multi-Purpose room.

Membership and Directory

There were 450 orders for directories and 279 memberships. Next week, the directory will go to the printer. Sara Schmidt won the cover contest. Congratulations! Margaret Erskine won the teacher drawing from the names of the 18 teachers who became members. Sara and Ms. Erskine will each get a \$25 gift certificate.

Staff Appreciation

Instead of a luncheon, dinner will be served on November 20 during conferences. There will be two servings, possibly in the cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 4-6. There will be soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts. A suggestion was made to do a Christmas tea. Kristen will check with Mr. Kelley.

Old Home Days

Students, parents, teachers, and administration all helped. The new superintendent was there to work a shift. Ruth wrote up the whole organizational process to help next year's volunteers.

Book Club

The book club meets once a month. This month's reading is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. Next month's reading is *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel*. Parents and staff are invited to attend, and even if you can't attend, you may enjoy reading the books.

Booster Club Golf Tournament

The Booster Club did not raise as much money as in former years. As a result, the club is looking into doing an additional fundraiser.

Volunteer Opportunities

Pat Marquette has been running the Parent Education Series. She has four presentations planned for this year. The fifth is being confirmed. We are in need of someone to take this over for Pat for the rest of this year. Everything is booked and planned, but Pat needs to hand it off. Please let the PTSA know if you are able to help

Volunteers are needed for the school store. Ms. Farrar needs volunteers during lunch, from 10-11:30. Students run the store. Adults need to be present to either supervise or sell.

Mrs. Boucher needs afterschool volunteers to stay in the library from 2:30-3:30 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Other Business

Garden: The Green Group has volunteered to take over the garden. Mr. Huckins is their advisor. The group will do the fall/spring clean-up, planting, and other garden chores.

Hollis Women's Club: Julie Forgaard announced a barn dance that will be at the Lawrence Barn on Saturday, November 22 from 6:30-9:30. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, \$5 for children, and under 3 is free.

The next meeting is on November 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marsha Cone-Roddy