

NOVEMBER 12, 2009 HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Diane Barrett, Marie Degulis, Janet Listowich, Krista Whalen, Steve Ebers, Linda Falcone, Tim Kelley, Jill Russell, Joyce Woodrow, Steve Pucci, Julie Forgaard, Joyce Pepin, Merle Carrus, Lynn Post, Sole Hawekotte, Kristen Berry, Karen Rowe, Karen Roberts, Heidi Cadwell, Cherie Wholey, Janet Vaughn, and Karen D'Intino.

Secretary's Report: - Janet Listowich made a motion to accept the October 8, 2009 minutes. Jill Russell seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: - See Attached. Julie Forgaard went over expenses and income for the PTSA Account and the S-Team Account from October 6 – November 11, 2009. The balance on the PTSA Account is \$10,460.33 and the S-Team has a balance of \$7,159.79. A payment for the state membership dues are due December 10, 2009.

NHPTA Convention: – To be held November 13 & 14 in Nashua. Julie Forgaard, Marie Degulis and Jill Russell are scheduled to attend workshops. The school will receive the Gold Seal Award for good standing. Donna and Brian Cormier will also attend. Brian was the recipient of the State PTA Organization Scholarship.

Membership/Directory: – PTSA Memberships are down from last year. The Directories are being given out during lunches. There are additional directories for purchase.

Destination Imagination: – Krista Whalen and Steve Ebers returned to request \$300.00 for registration fees for their Destination Imagination team. During Octobers meeting it was requested that the PTSA board research if any prior donations were made to previous DI teams. Julie Forgaard went through the check book and made a list of donations from 1999 to present. (See attached summaries). One check was written in 2001-2002 to HBHS with memo line " Destination Imagination". Merle Carrus clarified that was the year her daughter was on the DI team and Merle went to Deb Champigny and asked if the school would pay their registration fees. The school did pay the fee. Merle never knew that the money actually came from the PTSA. Cherie Wholey commented that other schools have DI registration fees as part of their school budgets. Krista was asked if the team has sponsors and unfortunately they do not. Janet Listowich is concerned that this group is not accepting new members. The team maximum is 7. Steve Ebers stated the team has 6 and 1 student is not a member of the Hollis Brookline High School. Merle Carrus feels that the team should be supported. It is very hard to keep the kids interested when they get to the high school level. Could there be a compromise in the amount requested? Julie Forgaard stated the PTSA have not supported student clubs. There are 36 clubs at this school that have expenses and need. Perhaps the PTSA would support unusual and unplanned expenses. Janet Listowich made a motion to vote on the \$300.00 request. There were 10 yes and 10 no

votes. Jill Russell mentioned having a school banner that could be used by all clubs when they went to different events. Steve Ebers mentioned that the banner could be used in opening ceremonies. The team has been to the National Competition the last five years. The registration fee per team is \$4,000.00, which is paid by the families along with travel and living expenses. The team does fund raising all year long. There was a re-vote. There were 9 yes votes and 11 no votes. Lynn Post made a motion to vote on contributing \$150.00. There were 10 yes votes and 10 no votes. Tim Kelley joined the meeting and was asked to vote and break the tie. The vote ended with 11 yes votes and 10 no votes. The motion passed.

Cates Family Fund: – Marie Degulis made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the fund, Janet Listowich seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report: – Tim Kelley thanked the PTSA for making a memorial donation for his father-in-law who passed away recently. Grades closed last Friday and report cards will be issued this Friday. The school has just started using a new program, Power School & Power Teacher. Upon completion of staff training and testing, parents will be given a password to login to the program to review grades and attendance. The fall sports award night held November 10, recognized over 300 student participants. There are parking passes available for the upper parking lot. There is plenty of parking in the lower lots, which should fill up in the spring. The lower lots may be re-graveled in the spring to eliminate the pot holes. Student absences peaked last week to approximately 170 students. By the end of the week it was down to 112. Tim was asked about the bus situation and if there were any changes. The school board has removed the restriction about gym bags and instruments and the ability for students to go home on different buses. The revised routes will continue and they will keep watch on ridership, which will change again once winter sports have started. The bus pass fee for juniors and seniors will not go into effect. Lynn Post asked what the cost savings are for the two buses. The cost is between \$25,000 - \$28,000 per bus per year. Steve Pucci (Chairperson of the Coop Budget Committee) stated "the number of buses and routes are for 100% of the students. They are trying to improve efficiency due to students driving and carpooling."

Nurses Office: – The school nurse is running low on supplies. She could use saltine and peanut butter crackers, tissues, cough drops and juice boxes. Anyone wishing to contribute can leave donations with the nurse or brought to the next PTSA meeting in December.

Library Presentation: – Barb Boucher – The library web page can be accessed from the Schools Website. Click on Student Information and click on library. The web site contains Databases & E-Books from Off-Campus. Students and parents can access the databases using their child's login information. Some of the material is purchased and some are free from the State Library. Students can use the databases for research, they provide better quality information than Google. Any material brought up can be

saved, emailed or printed. The middle school has access to some of the programs as well. Barb Boucher would like to set up an information session for parents in the spring.

Staff Appreciation: – Scheduled for Thursday November 19th, during conferences. Kristen Berry & Sole Hawekotte could use help 2:30-7:00, setting up and cleaning up. They do need more soups and salads, or funds to purchase if there is a shortage of items. This event feeds about 100 people. Jill Russell made a motion to spend up to \$100.00, if needed. Linda Falcone seconded. The motion passed.

Coop School Board: – Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18.

Coop Budget Committee: – Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16. The meetings are being taped to get information out prior to the Town Meeting in March. Steve Pucci commented that two contracts are currently in negotiations. More information tends to come out once you get closer to the March meeting. Emotions arise when you are dealing with dollars and cents. Steve also commented on the Budget Committees recommendation that the new budget come in 3% below the current budget. He went over an example to illustrate how the committee came up with the percentage.

Doug Scott is the interim Business Administrator, currently working with an assistant. He replaced the prior administration that left the position this past summer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am
Respectively Submitted.

Diane J. Barrett

Hollis Brookline High School PTSA Treasurer's Report

10/6/09 - 11/11/09

OPERATING ACCOUNT

	\$ 290.00	Membership & directory sales		
	\$ 484.19	OHD proceeds		
\$ 774.19		Total Income		
	\$ (70.00)	NH PTA convention registration		
	\$ (100.00)	Memorial donation for Tim Kelley's father-in-law		
	\$ (497.00)	Printing student directories		
\$ (667.00)		Total Expenses		
\$ 107.19		Net Income (Expense)		
\$ 10,353.14		Previous Balance		
\$ 10,460.33		Ending Balance		
			\$ 3,257.90	YTD Inc
\$ 506.05		Allocated to the Garden Project	\$ (1,122.00)	YTD Exp
\$ 9,954.28		Available General Funds	\$ 2,135.90	YTD Net Inc (Exp)

S-TEAM ACCOUNT

\$ -		Total Income		
	\$ (200.00)	Speaker - Sandra O'Keefe		
	\$ (200.00)	Speaker - Gail Vanark		
\$ (400.00)		Total Expenses - Parent Ed		
\$ -		Total Expenses - Other		
\$ (400.00)		Net Income (Expense)	\$ 25.00	YTD Inc
\$ 7,559.79		Previous Balance	\$ (400.00)	YTD Exp - Parent Ed
			\$ (71.72)	YTD Exp - Other
\$ 7,159.79		Ending Balance	\$ (446.72)	YTD Net Inc (Exp)