

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes March 11th, 2019

Welcome and Introduction

Parents and PTO welcomed to meeting

Old Business

Approval of minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Karin Rohn, 2nd by Laura Tortorello. Minutes approved

WWII Days recap by Heather Hester and Leslie Smith-Social Studies unit culminates with WWII Days. WWII veterans were present and led small break out sessions. The band and show choirs performed. Wonderful opportunity for this generation to see and hear first hand accounts of WWII.

Book Fair was successful. Almost \$4,800 was earned. Chairs have agreed to run it again next year.

New Business

Stuff the Squad will be April 29th at HMS. Police cars will be going to the D181 schools on different days of the week and collecting items for the food pantry. This is first time HMS will be participating. Details for items to donate will go out in the PTO weekly email to parents.

SELAS committee is working on a car wash fundraiser. Details will be sent to parents when finalized.

Principal Report

Currently the administration is looking at mid year building wide proficiency goals. 8th grade is highly motivated and proficient in math and ELA. They will look at each grade level and determine areas where kids need help and where they are succeeding. Also looking at homework load for each teacher and will determine if loads are enough or too much and make changes as needed.

Committee Reports

Future Funds report was given by Stacy McGowan. She has asked that teachers and staff submit request to her for items they would like that are beyond normal school expenses. She evaluates requests and discusses with the PTO Executive Board her findings.

Nominating Committee is chaired by Alice Waverley. They will be reaching out to current PTO members and interested parents to fill the PTO Executive board and committee positions for next year.

Eighth Grade graduation Committee -planning for 8th grade graduation continues. Currently working with village and surrounding churches to help with parking. Final details will be sent to families. Graduation is Friday June 7th 3:00 pm. That evening there is a party for the 8th graders at the school. Hype Productions will be the DJ. Committee working on photo booth. Breakfast and rehearsal will be Thursday June 6th. SUG will go out for 6th and 7th grade parents to volunteer.

Speaker Presentation

The Changing Moods of Adolescence: What's Normal, What's Not and How to Manage Link to presentation

<http://www.hmspto.org/wbcntnt3236/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Parent-Presentation-3.4.19-.pdf>

Upcoming HMS Events and PTO Meetings

March 12th-HMS Band Concert 7:00pm

March 23rd-31st -Spring Break-No School

April 29th Stuff the Squad-Send items to donate

May 2nd- 7th and 8th grade parent night out-Nabuki-7:00pm

June 7th-Last day of school and 8th grade graduation

Upcoming District and Community Events

April 2nd-General elections including D181 board, D86 board, Hinsdale Village board, and D86 referendum

April 17th-Raising Awareness Around Anxiety-Film and follow up discussion. Community House and Hinsdale South. Appropriate for kids 10 and up

April 24th 7:00pm follow up to community speakers for students and parents.

April 28th-8:30am Walk the Walk at the Community House

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am