

**PTA General Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. – HHE Activity Room**

Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.
Sign in sheet was available for all attendees

Motion to approve minutes from 4/26/16 General Meeting (by Charla Griffy-Brown), motion seconded by Barbara Forsman. Minutes approved.

PTA Goals for 2015-16 were distributed by Melissa Johnson for General Membership's review.

2016-17 Slate for PTA Board

Presentation of 2016-17 Slate of PTA Officers, presented by the 2016 Nominating Committee:

- President – Liza Yore
- Co-President – Charla Griffy-Brown
- Treasurer – Michelle Sceppa
- Secretary – Krista Hines
- VP of Ways and Means – Rachel Ustorf
- VP of Enrichment – Diana Christiansen
- VP of Community Outreach – Sarah Newell
- VP of Family Life and Health – Melissa Johnson and Jackie Giardino

Reviewed the by-laws regarding PTA Board elections for the general membership. Melissa Johnson asked if there were nominations from the floor – no response from floor.

The nominating committee chair declares the nominations for these positions closed. There was a unanimous vote to elect 2016-17 board.

Melissa Johnson presented thank you and recognition for board members who are leaving HHE and or the board:

- Christie Messmer, Louise Harb and Connie Glass (this is their last year at HHE)
- Kelsey Carlson and Sandra Rubow (this is their last year on PTA board)

Budget Review – presented by Louise Harb

- Louise reviewed the 2016-17 as prepared and proposed by current PTA board. Diana Christiansen made a motion to approve budget, Nicole Coyne seconded. 016-17 was approved. Will be posted to HHE-PTA website.

Principal's report – JoAnn Todd

- Working on hiring for next school year as well as master scheduling and class lists
- Verified that we will not combine 5th and 6th grade grad events next year, each departing class can enjoy their own events
- Lots of changes coming to the district and our school in 2017, asked PTA to keep lines of communication open and if there are questions/concerns about anything, to please go directly to the source.
- Potential for significant changes in start times in 2017, the recent NSD survey did not produce any definitive results in terms of community preference. No decisions have yet been made.

Joe Mismas and Amber Pacquer (Principal and Vice Principal from Timbercrest JHS) came to discuss the transition from JH to MS in 2017.

Several highlights:

- Will continue with WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program – student mentoring program, to welcome incoming students
- Looking at implementing “Mascot Time” – time each day (except on early release) designed to foster social, emotional and academic needs
- Showed example of sample ‘Block Schedule’ – 3 subject periods a day, alternating (except on the early release day)
- Answers to questions regarding foreign language offerings and waivers are still pending
- Challenge – board approved to continue self-select Challenge courses for 7th and 8th grades, heterogeneous ‘Challenge for All’ model for 6th graders
- Elementary Band/Orchestra – will remain in place 2016-17, beyond that is under review
- Sports – would like to offer a variety of no-cut middle school sports
- Pre-registration will begin next year in October 2016 for the 2017-18 school year (needs to be done much farther in advance than usual for planning purposes). HS registration will also be much earlier than usual (November – December).
- A copy of this presentation will be available on the Timbercrest website. Another resource for information is the district website:
www.nsd.org/msgtrf

Advocacy – Charla Griffy-Brown

- Look for upcoming info on “Every Student Succeeds” act
- Be aware of what is happening at state Supreme Court level

Ways and Means – Christie Messmer

- Very successful auction in March 2016

- Spirit Wear has been successful this year, earning money for PTA instead of breaking even or being a cost. Denise Need would like a co-chair to lead spirit wear with her next year. She can train someone and this is a very flexible job in terms of time commitment.
- Popcorn is complete for the year – Nikki Coyne would like to find a co-chair to lead popcorn with her next year.
- Looking to bring back Walk a Thon or Fun Run event in 2016-17
- Family Life and Health – Sandra Rubow
- Talent Show – very successful event
- Art Walk – planning to do this again next year
- Field Day is June 15 – volunteers needed, please sign up (and bring water balloons!!)
- Please continue to collect BoxTops and participate in Amazon Smile program

Community Outreach – Connie Glass

- Over 1000 lb food collected at Food Drive
- 8/21 is Community Serve Day from 9 to 1 p.m. at HHE – please sign up at Communityserveaday.org if you have not already done so. This is a fun event for families!
- Staff Appreciation week is underway (6/6 – 6/10)
- Book Swap – well attended and even making some \$ for the school. Popular event allowing kids to trade books in time for summer reading

Enrichment – Diana Christiansen

- Missoula is scheduled for 11/14-18 with the performance on 11/18. The show will be Princess and the Pea. If we are to do a ‘Stage Stars’ crew a co-chair volunteer will be needed to manage this.
- NO PTA enrichment offerings will be held after spring break next year, enrollment levels are too low to justify holding these classes

SEPAC/NSF – Denise Need

- HHE was awarded 2 grants from NSF – one to JoAnn for books and the other to Victoria Gray for heart monitors. Congratulations!
- Connie Krogh was recognized at recent Golden Acorn awards ceremony – 27 years of service in special education support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.