



HMS PTA Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017 @ 9:00 am Cafeteria

Meeting called to order: 9:04 am

Attendees: Pam Ainsworth, Chris Thiel, Jenny Fettes, Emily Owens, Shannon Pickerel, Michele Donovan, Glori Viviers, Teresa Traylor, Spencer Martin, Nancilee Wolfe, Cathy Sisson, Shannon Arant, Stacy Sullender, Denise Noble, Noelle Pedraza, Sarah Whitfield, Lalima Awasthi, Vavi U, Anuradha Chennapragada, Andy Koduru, Corrie Auterson

Call to Order and Welcome - Pam Ainsworth and Chris Thiel

Teacher liaison – Sarah Whitfield, move her to the beginning of the agenda for future meetings

Secretary's Report – Emily Owens

Copies were provided of 8/22/17 meeting minutes. The attendees were given time to review. Shannon Arant made a motion to approve the minutes, Teresa Traylor seconded that motion. All attendees in favor minutes approved as is.

Principal's Report – Michael LeMoynes

Appreciative of all the support from the PTA

Presidents' Report- Pam Ainsworth and Chris Thiel

- Working on CARE for Cause – Ms. Sosebee and the APs decided to reboot the CARE for Cause to make it all encompassing. Need more help; sign up on the website or on the paper today. 3:30 – 4:30 car pool line, get the jugs and walk along and collect coins. Thursday 3:30 we need 4-5 volunteers for 90 kids that will be painting rocks of kindness in the cafeteria, only 30 kids per grade will be “drawn”
- Ms. Sosebee sent all the coins in to the bank and as of yesterday morning, \$6200 raised. \$1200 from car wash, \$2500 raised for aerobic volleyball. Parents can attend if they pay their \$2. Tomorrow during your child's connections. Raised ~ \$9600, if we raise \$400 more, then the teachers will be duct taped.
- Please keep Anne and the LeMoynes family in your thoughts and prayers
- Sue, our webmaster, injured, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers
- Hopewell new long sleeve t-shirt spirit wear is in/available
- Anne's Spreadsheet needs to be kept up to date, Shannon Arant volunteered to take it on
- Career Day – 8th grade, met w/ Lauren Corbett 8th grade counselor, organizes the Career Day. Looking for certain occupations, needs service (Doctor, Nurses). Need volunteers to move the students and speakers around, this will be on the website soon. 11/16 from 1:30 – 4:00pm.
- September Coffee – Ms. Waters taught/explained OneNote. Pam will forward her email once received.
- No October Coffee, however on 10/2 – Whitney Beem (head of media center) has a cyber safety seminar to present at Alpharetta High School at 6:30pm. Light refreshments and will be teaching how to ensure our students are safe online.
- North Fulton Council School of Information, 10/17 9:00 – 11:30am in John's Creek. Our North Fulton PTA meeting is at that time, GA PTA President will be in attendance. Like “North Fulton Council” on Facebook and they will update w/ more information.

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Fettes

- Jenny provided copies of P&L budget report and reviewed. Get handwritten report from Jenny.
- At last month's meeting our balance was \$45,163.69.
- Since our last meeting we have received \$1,040 in membership dues. \$1,470 in enrichment, \$2,325 in Business partners, \$215 in Directory Sales and \$793 in Spirit wear, (\$5,843.00 total)
- We have had expenses since our last meeting. They are \$88.80 in Bank Charges (online fees) \$3,731.25 in Georgia PTA dues, and our annual dues of \$150 and Sally Fitzgerald Scholarship donation of \$125 to North

Fulton Council PTA. We have also paid a deposit for a new carpool sign for Business Partners of \$831.50. The other 50% will be paid upon completion. (\$4,926.55 total)

- Our balance in our checking account as of today is \$46,080.14.
- A few reminders:
 - Make sure all deposits have two signatures before placing in my folder. Having only one signature only delays the deposit.
 - Also, all check requests should be signed by requestor and then signed for approval by the appropriate VP. Lacking approval signature creates a delay as well.
 - October is a very busy month for HMS PTA. Please let Jenny know if you need a check in advance for a special event, examples include food orders or speakers.
- Today will take care of PTA dues that have come in since last meeting and we'll need someone else to look at it that is not on the account.

Ways and Means- Nicole Younger

- Shannon P. will need help sorting the membership cards after this meeting in the PTA office.
- 1006 members as of today.
- Business Partners – 2nd car pool sign approved. We will be changing/moving signs. We have commitment to 9 of the 11 windscreens. Found spot for 2 more windscreens...so now we can have 13 total.
- ~\$6750 cash commitment
- ~\$20,000 product commitment
- Spirit wear – Kelly and Erin still working on selling spirit wear and ordering more. Do we have any more invoices to pay for spirit wear? Pam will check w/ them on it.
- Box Tops – Tracy and Donna have been doing a lot of work for Box Tops, put in the classrooms, sending emails to Pride Teachers. Class that collects the most gets Tiffs Treats cookies delivered. The winning teacher gets a gift card to Athleta. Last week for this
- Teacher Mini-Grants – already getting the applications in, deadline is this Friday, 9/29. Our budget this year is \$7500 total and the teachers apply for up to \$500 each. The group meets on 10/11 and goes through the all applications to define what is approved.

Grade Level Support- Spencer Martin

- Exceptional children/rising stars hall – thanksgiving feast from Roasters lined up. Lynette Huddle –
- Rising Star Thanksgiving Feast is on 11/17. Need volunteers to assist, sign up on the website.
- 3 dances – mtg w/ 6th grade sponsor and chair, it will be 10/27, Friday right after school for 1 hour 15 minutes.
- 7th grade – 11/10. Dance Chairs got a few contacts to have popcorn.
- 8th grade dance in January, 7-10pm. Met first and have a theme picked out but will not be revealed yet, invitations to go out in December. Save the Date/reveal the theme. Let everyone know soon so they can plan. No limos allowed and no dates. Dress code is enforced.
- Exceptional Children's week is 3/5 – 3/8, more details to come, but need volunteers to assist.

Standing Committees- Shannon Arant

- 10/11 – fall baking event. Donate baked items. Car Pool line to pick up.
- Still need our teacher luncheon date for December, have to confirm 12/6 works w/ the school/Mr. Lemoyne.
- Community relations – Denise met w/ Rikki McCoy to plan out the year. Rikki is assessing the needs of the families at HMS, still needs come up. Lice treatment kit or feminine supplies. We have a Business Partner that is a Lice removal/prevention company so they need to talk/discuss. Creating a bilingual (Spanish, Turkish, Farsi, etc.) request form for specific items so that we can track. Create a "closet" that has these items (in the clinic or somewhere) so they can obtain items as needed. All Jenny needs is a receipt, the form can be whatever is needed to help keep track.
- Parent needs assessment that goes out, there are parent workshops sponsored by the counseling department throughout the year. The next is in October about memory and concentration, neurological non pharmaceutical approach. Trying to get the word out. Also asking for other topics that parents would

be interested in learning more about in the future. Some topic suggestions: Stress management and anxiety

Communications- Noelle Pedraza

- Basketball court maintenance is in disarray, would like to see it kept up. Grounds beautification budget is working on items. Fall clean-up is in the works.
- Suggestion for Beta Club hours for the students to help do the clean-up.
- Communications team welcomes any additional support as a few members are dealing with life events
- Rachel Y – social media, did our Lemoyne duct tape photo, if you're planning for your events and need help "creating" the information, give Rachel enough time and she can come up w/ something creative.
- Noelle will put the bake sale sign ups on the website
- We can put up sign ups now/whenever. Send the information/need/request for Volunteers now/asap, so that it will already be there. You do not have to wait until the event/need is near.
- Dance information is archived from last year, but can be pulled up and refreshed w/ the new date.

Programs and Events – TBD

- Still don't have a VP, if interested please let Chris/Pam know.
- Next Event – Family Tailgate Fun night on 10/20, directly after school until 7:00pm. There will be a permission slip that has to be turned in in order for the student to stay after school. The event will be outside, if parents want to come during the day and set up their spot, have food truck, Texas Tacos and Kona Ice, and yard games (corn hole, giant jenga). It's the same night as the Cambridge v Alpharetta and Carnival at SHE, there will be a raffle.
- Book Fair Chair and Reflections – Angie. We need to get the reflections information out, poems, writing, painting, music, dance, etc. submissions are due 10/11. Need volunteers for judges. Any questions about the event, reach out to Angie.
- Still need a chair for International Night, in the spring. Set up in the cafeteria. Mr. Finley teaches science and salsa. Competition for dance, costumes, and food. Bring internationally inspired food. Suggested to bring the recipe for the food item

Legislative Update – Nancilee Wolfe

- Nancilee provided copies of legislative updates.
- Katie Reeves meeting at Cogburn Woods elementary in their media center. SPLOST funded, mixed use space, it's gorgeous.
- For graduation rates, they are now also Tracking 3rd grade reading and grade when starting Algebra to identify earlier on and impacts w/ graduation rates.
- Hurricane impacts, not a lot of physical/structural damage, but power outage and loss of lunchroom food.
- High School student numbers have increased. Both Milton and Alpharetta have more students than their school was built to support.
- Millage rates have been updated
- College program going back to Dual Enrollment, they get credit for college and high school English, but running into some issues that they are trying to correct.
- Move on when ready for high school, as parents you need to know that program well. 2 years of college "under your belt" when graduating high school and it's free.
- We are a charter school and an A & B school
- Marketing of our career and technical programs in high school. Different high schools have different programs and they could go to that other high school to take advantage of the program.
- New STEM High school will not offer a football program
- Revision of use on school facilities, so that Milton can sublease.
- Alpharetta High School being registered as international

Walk-ons:

- Carpool line issues, need a sign there to go down. Used to put cones out there, the special needs buses pull in through there, so we can't keep the cones there. Do Not Turn Left here during these hours, it's on order.

- 8th grade VP will talk to Lemoyne about putting up the cones again before/after the special needs bus arrives. Email the principal
- Kindness month
- Security Guard has a specific job, not to monitor traffic.

Mtg adjourned at 10:23 am

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
10/2/2017	Online Safety Presentation @ Alpharetta High School 6:30 pm
10/5/2017	No School - Teacher Work Day
10/6/2017	No School - Teacher Work Day
10/9/2017	No School - Columbus Day
10/11/2017	Hospitality - Harvest Luncheon
10/11/2017	Reflections Entries Deadline
10/17/2017	Katie Reeves Meeting 7pm Milton HS
10/17/2017	North Fulton Council School of Information @ 9:00 to 11:30am in John's Creek
10/19/2017	Reflections Celebration
10/20/2017	Family Tailgate
10/23/2017	Red Ribbon Week
10/24/2017	HMS PTA Meeting 9am cafeteria
10/27/2017	6th Grade Dance
10/31/2017	Canned Food Drive 10/31 - 11/11
11/10/2017	7th Grade Dance
11/14/2017	Katie Reeves Meeting 9:30am New Prospect ES
11/16/2017	8th Grade Career Day 1:30 - 4:00pm
11/17/2017	Rising Star Thanksgiving Feast
11/20/2017	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday 11/20 - 11/24
11/28/2017	HMS PTA Meeting 9am school cafeteria
12/5/2017	HMS PTA Meeting/Winter social
12/6/2017	Community Outreach
12/7/2017	Community Outreach
12/8/2017	Community Outreach
12/12/2017	Katie Reeves Meeting 9:30am Northwestern MS
12/21/2017	Last Day of First Semester
12/22/2017	No School - Winter Break 12/22 - 1/3
1/4/2018	No School - Teacher Work Day

1/5/2018	No School - Teacher Work Day
1/5/2018	No School - Winter Break 12/22 - 1/3
1/8/2018	First Day of Second Semester

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 24, 2017 in HMS Cafeteria 9am

Submitted by: Emily Owens