

Holmes Jr. High PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2015

In attendance: Anne Finkelston, Joy Klineberg, Kerry Sortor, Rachel Gunn, Michael Dufresne, Madelyn Schwartz, Emily Ault, Sara Johnson, Natalie Lindquist, Ellen Shields, Tracy Skinner, Navi Bains, Derek Brothers, Karen Hamilton, Megan Rabin, Lori Benedict, Camille Melendres, Jennifer Chapman, Joyita Sen and Tara Diel

1. Welcome and Approval of October Minutes

2. Treasurer's Report, Tracy Skinner

Discussion about amending budget because of scrip shortfall.

- discussion of 2nd Unfundraiser mailing
- contacting other junior high treasurers to see what budgets are like

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2014 through Jan. 21, 2015. Motion approved.

3. Nominating Committee

A motion was made to accept the nominating committee of Karen Hamilton, Sara Johnson and Emily Ault. Alternate is Karen Fee. Motion approved.

4. ASB Student Leadership, Mr. Dufresne

- Dude Be Nice – recognize organizations in community that have been nice and serve the community.
 - Leadership with band members went to Ace and thanked Ace for what they do for the community
- Dude Be Nice 2 – Oak Tree Plaza – May-ish
- Sister Schools Committee – 3/13 – leadership will have a movie or game night – way to establish connections before 6th graders come to Holmes
- Applications are going out for the leadership class – more applications come in than there are spots for kids
- Day on the Green changing to Holmes Celebration – June 10th – 9th graders are not on campus. 8th grade leadership students are responsible
- Magazine Sale – 120 people participating – would like to look for some other type of fundraiser
- Break the Record Night – Jan. 27 and 28th – band will be playing. Games start at 4 and 5:15 pm.

5. Hospitality, Lori Benedict

- Monday Jan. 26th there will be a Souper Lunch for staff at 11:30. All slots full. Bring food to MPR. There are surprises planned.
- May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Weeks – activities planned for that week.

6. Unfundraiser, Joy Klineberg

120 families have donated. \$12,600 was raised. Handwritten notes were sent to families that donated \$100 or more.

7. Special Education Department Presentation, Jennifer Chapman

- Special Education Department is made up of Resource, Inclusion, and ED Foundations
- 70 special education students
- 150 on 404 or an IEP
- They have a therapy dog.
- There are 22 paraeducators to assist students.

8. Counselor's Report – Ellen Shields

- Friday is the end of the first semester.
- No school on Monday
- Report cards will be mailed out on Friday
- Feb. 17 – program planning starts
 - Talk about course options and four year requirements
- Weds. Feb. 25 – info night for incoming 8th grade parents 6-7:30
- Parent Involvement Night – 6-9pm at Harper – best practices

9. Principal's Report, Derek Brothers

- Holmes has the best staff going on
- Band invited to go to Ace Hardware event
- Metamorphosis – Greek myths, Thurs., Fri., Sat. Jan. 29, 30, 31st at 7pm
- School read Wonder – Mr. Brothers wore a tutu
- NEAP – NH Education Assessment Program – test 50 kids – 25 in English, 25 in Math – 2 sessions for 2 hours
- ESPAC – new name for yearly testing – individual child will get score, no school scores – results come out in June
- Discussion about North Davis Evacuation. Holmes evacuation point is Little League Park or Chestnut Park – there will be a checkout point to release children
- End of year – P buildings going away – the school will get new portables
- Mrs. Agee is gone for the rest of the school year. She will be replaced with a new sub with a secondary credential in Math.

10. Committee Reports

- At SPAC there was budget and curriculum discussion.

11. Adjourn – Next meeting is Thursday, February 26th at 7:00pm at the Holmes Library.