

Holmes Jr. High PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015

In attendance: Anne Finkelston, Rachel Gunn, Sara Johnson, Tracy Skinner, Natalie Lindquist, Ellen Shields, Jean Kennedy, Karen Hamilton, Lori Benedict, Diana Mahoney, Caroline LaFlamme, Karen Fee, Gina Nunes, Emily Ault, Susan Strachan, and Megan Rabin.

1. Welcome and Approval of October Minutes

2. Treasurer's Report

Tracy reported on deposits and checks written and where we stand with regards to the budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for February, March and April 2015.

3. ASB Student Leadership, Caroline LaFlamme

- During the block schedule leadership is organizing lunch activities every day.
- Leadership is planning a staff appreciation on April 29, 2015. They are decorating the staff lounge and will have coffee, tea, cookies, and bagels.
- May 14th there is a rally assembly
- Spirit Week is May 11- May 15
- End of Year Activities
 - Day on the Green – 7th and 8th grade only – they are changing what has been done in the past
 - 9th Grade Dance – 9th grade leadership is planning this
- Recycling Program – 4 days a week different sub-committees are doing the sorting for the recycling program

4. WEB, Caroline LaFlamme

- Leaders did presentations in the 8th grade social studies classes to recruit for the 2015-2016 team.
- Applications available through social studies teachers and the office. They are due Friday, May 1st.
- Interviews May 1st after school and May 4th at lunch.
- Selection process is done and letters are out by May 8th. Last year there were 100 applicants and they picked 50.
- New leaders first meeting Wed. May 13th (8-9am)
- WEB Dance May 15th – need chaperones and donated water and sodas
- Need to think about training additional teachers for the future – training is \$2000 a person for teachers

5. Nominating Committee, Sara Johnson

Here is the proposed slate of officers:

President: Anne Finkelston

Vice President: Sara Johnson

1st Vice President of Fundraising: Diana Mahoney

2nd Vice President of Membership: Michelle Agnew

Secretary: Natalie Lindquist
Treasurer: Tracy Skinner
Auditor: Gina Nunes
Historian: Emily Ault
Parliamentarian: Karen Hamilton

6. Bylaw Amendments, Karen Hamilton

Karen Hamilton read the proposed changes to the Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended Bylaws. The Bylaws were adopted.

7. Counselor's Report, Ellen Shields

- She is getting kids set up for summer school.
- Prep work has begun on the master schedule.

8. Vice Principal's Report, Jean Kennedy

- Testing started this week and continues to next week
- May 5 – 9th grade hike and 7th grade Renaissance Fair.
- May 6 – Civil War re-enactment
- June 10 - Holmes Celebration (starts at noon) and 9th grade trip (leave at 8:30)
- Finals schedule – there will be half days on June 2, 3, 4.
- Mrs. Harvey back soon.

9. Staff Appreciation – Lori Benedict

Planning is going well. There is a theme and baskets for each day.

10. Committee Reports

- SPAC – There was a Strategic Plan final report with red/yellow/green light to grade how things are going.

11. Adjourn – Next meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Holmes Library.