

2023-24 Horace Mann PTA Meeting Agenda
 Wednesday, September 27, 2023 (In Person - HMS Library)
 6:00-7pm

Agenda Item:	Who:	Notes:	Follow Up:
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Meeting to Order/Begin Recording. Welcome and Thank You • Approval of the Minutes: PTA meeting notes- May 22nd, 2023 – Horace Mann School PTA (hms-pta.org) • PTA meetings for 2023-24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6-7 - HMS Library ○ Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6-7 HMS Library ○ <i>Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6-7 virtual</i> ○ <i>Monday, Mar 18, 6-7 virtual</i> ○ Thursday, May 16, 6-7 HMS Library 	<p>Grace Hansen Alex Stewart Tasia Stewart Delina Ferfon Amy Kortuem Chandra Kilgriff Christine Holloway Jill Kramer Joy Collman Kaisa Johnson Jennifer Butwinick Allison Broughton Allison Deep Britta Gale Marshall Young Jim Litwin Gina Corradi Andrea Gleckner Sarah Liuzzi Steve Corradi Abby Mosher</p>	<p>Mix of in person and virtual meetings – we will publicize on perspectives and facebook</p>	
<p>Principal's Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is new at HMS? • How are we handling discipline this year? 	<p>Mr. Litwin</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) School Choice Fair December 9 9:30-2, district event with booths set up for families to determine which school. Family representatives are needed. Staff will help with detailed questions two shifts: 9:40-11:45 11:45 – 2pm looking for folks! 2) What's new: new staff! Lots of new people here. Largest # of folks hired in 17 years. New energy, connection and team building has been fun with lots of learnings. Balance of skill mix between experienced and brand new staff. Hopefully you will be hearing about 	<p>Promote school choice fair – need families able to volunteer on December 9!</p>

this from your kids. Hope to be adding in volunteers and scholars from Mac / AmeriCorps volunteers in coming months. New math curriculum this year – very curious to hear what students and families hear about. Complicated by online only math issues. Some technical and staff challenges with early launch. Kids do not seem to be aware of the tech issues happening behind the scenes. Robust curriculum will take time for teaching staff across STP to adapt to all new learnings but lots of capacity to make positive changes. Doors changed at beginning of school related to nutrition services food distribution. Hopefully this is working for families, nutrition staff doing great job getting kids through the lines. Kudos to kindergartener teachers handing out bags to kids in bags. Free lunch and breakfast for all kids statewide. Funding is also determined by poverty levels. Push for all to turn in application. Applications needed by December 1. \$200000-\$300000 on the line of potential lost funding if families do not sign up. Application for benefits are complicated and wordy. Goal is to have 100% completion.

- 3) How to handle discipline – changes in discipline. Cannot suspend K through 3rd grade. Deal with this in the school. Attempt to be proactive as much as possible. Focus on values and strategy. Primary focus for first 6 weeks of school year: rituals and routines to reinforce community and to be safe be responsible be respectful. Goal is to have 8 positive referrals for every 1 discipline referral. Good News phone call is an example of positive referral.

Band update (from question): working with HR and communicating, still not hired, issues getting his transcript and licensure. In final stages.

EDL – October 23 is proposed start date. Bussing is an issue (30-40 drivers short)

		<p>Lego / robotics coach was found. No more paper flyers as a district (PTA can send flyers 😊)</p>	
<p>Teacher updates</p>	<p>Mr. Lindskoog/Ms. Kortuem</p>	<p>Ms. Kortuem echos Mr. Litwin's updates. Also adds that math curriculum is rigorous. We are all learning through this together. Have felt amazing support from school district with implementation of the new math program. Implementation coach is "frequent flyer" to school.</p> <p>This year there are no combination classrooms – feel support and recognition in this.</p> <p>Additional support staff at all grade levels is new and well received.</p> <p>Question: how is new math different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope and sequence is different. "Spark your learning" computer can identify and place similar aptitude students together - "Waggle and Poggle" online activities are fun and game like but also reinforce math learning. Kids seem to really like these games - "HMH math" is name of publisher - Lots of reading with this curriculum 	<p>Reminder that ipads need to be charged.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report / Approval of 2023-24 Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve 23-24 Budget: HMS-PTA-23 24-Budget.pdf 	<p>Alex/Abby</p>	<p>Review of budget one pager available on the website as well.</p> <p>Budget from this year – revenue generates \$95 – \$120K per year, about half of funds come from silent auction then read a thon and then give to the max.</p> <p>Before we think about allocating funds, we think of the cost of each event.</p> <p>Focus on net revenue line. We anticipate having \$80000 net revenue to spend this year.</p> <p>Biggest change in residency category, is that the school now pays for music residency. Money allocated elsewhere – more money to band this year compared to last.</p> <p>PTA will do all / or most field trips this year. Extracurricular bucket to help with needs. Goal to have \$60000 to roll over to next year.</p> <p>Question: Accounting change give to the max and donations? Discussion: No big change in 2022 to 2023.</p> <p>Question: I thought PTA funds cannot be used for field trips? Discussion: PTA can't pay for school buses, schools cant charge families for field trips.</p>	

		<p>Question: why is \$0 allocated to library books? Discussion: we had a massive donation to the school from a community member trust (\$150000). Donor was a librarian and neighbor, Georgiana Herman. Mr. Litwin has placed a 10-year plan to update and refresh library books.</p> <p>What are we doing with \$500 landscaping money? Volunteers on 10-14. Some funds used to buy donuts / coffee. Field is out of scope for landscape committee. What do we do to improve the field – research needed. Artificial field turf is currently out of scope.</p> <p>Question: Can HM families participate in boo bash without buying tickets? Answer: Yes – plan is to distribute tickets directly</p> <p>Motion to approve the budget approved, will be posted online.</p>	
<p>Approval / Election of new Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Coordinator - Christine Holloway 	Grace	<p>Recognize Christine Holloway as co-volunteer coordinator.</p> <p>Christine approved to board.</p>	
<p>PTA Team Updates (see below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Family Nights - Sock Hop this Friday (9/29, 6-7:30) Read-a-Thon Kick off is October 30 with activities throughout November Directory - thanks to the 240+ families who submitted their information. Planned distribution will be mid-October. 	Team Chairs	<p>Free family fun nights – reps not here today. Sock hop is back! Really fun dance this Friday night, bring a part of socks to donate to project reach part of SPPS kids in need of supplies.</p> <p>Read a thon kicks off October 30 through end of November more info coming soon.</p> <p>Directory – almost 240 families submitted info. Mid-October for directory published</p> <p>Allison / Jennifer: Looking for people to join Carnival and Silent Auction! No cap for the committee</p> <p>Make it take it not planned for this year – budget for make it take it is included with free family fun night</p>	<p>Looking for more volunteers to the silent auction and carnival committee</p>
<p>PTA and Volunteer Open Positions and updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Volunteer Service Chair 5th Grade Ambassador Coordination 	Chandra/Christine	<p>Changed strategy of recruiting from directory form. This year we took off on directory form due to the volume of responders who did not follow up last year. Recruiting the available opportunities at sock hop this Friday – with chance to win a waffle maker!</p> <p>Targeted flyers in folders / emails to parents.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you/ Recognition committee • Carnival committee 		<p>Update: Christine will be fifth grade ambassador coordinator – thank you Christine!</p>	
<p>News/Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM School Website (see below) • HM PTA Employer match • HMS PTA archival materials - now available for view at Gale Family Library at the MN History Center. Thank you to Allison Broughton for making this connection. • Horace Mann Spiritwear Store: https://shop.game-one.com/minnesota/saint-paul/horace-mann-school 			
<p>Recognition/ Shout outs / thanks yous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher welcome back - thank you to Katie Bliss and Abby Mosher who coordinated breakfast for the teachers to Welcome them back in August. • PTA room clean out: Thank you to master organizers Jennifer Duda, Casey Mason, Gina Corradi, Judy Browne and Katie Daigh for cleaning out and rehomeing items in the PTA storage room so the room could be used for school activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace 	<p>PTA room – THANK YOU everyone (listed to the left) for cleaning out the PTA office Archival materials found and sent to Minnesota historical society. Thank you Katie Bliss and Abby Mosher for welcome breakfast!</p>	

Open Forum/Action Items:			5 min
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