



Hampden Meadows Parent Teacher Organization

297 New Meadow Road, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806

October 16, 2018

Minutes

Attendance: Tracey McGee, Maura McCrann, Sarah Woolverton-Mohler, Bahar Bilgen, Cynthia Affronti, Lindsay Blond, Bronwyn Ellis, Amy Nunh, Nancy & Joe Steeber, Naomi Green, Brenda Santos, Sue Constable, Melissa Pereira, Melanie Roy, Jacqueline Fournier

Call to Order at 7:04pm: A motion by Maura McCann to call the meeting to order, second motion by Bahar Bilgen

Welcome: Maura McCrann - Introductions

Review & Approval of June Meeting Minutes: A motion by Cynthia Affronti to approve the September Meeting Minutes, second motion by Sarah Woolverton-Mohler

President's Report: Maura McCrann

- Scholastic Book Fair coming up the last week of October. Friday, October 26th will be the preview day for the students. The book fair will take place starting Monday, October 29th. Tuesday evening will be the Book Fair Night starting at 5:30pm and running until about 7:30pm with food trucks.
- Holiday Bazaar coming up Wednesday, December 5th thru Friday, December 7th. Prices range from approximately \$1 - \$10, good variety of items. Volunteers will be needed, more information to follow.
- Family Game Night possibly Friday, November 16th.
- HMS PTO Slate is filling in nicely. Mileage Club has two potential days: Mondays and Thursdays. Hoping to get that up and running soon. Tough Tiger has a parent volunteer to Co-Chair the event. Sunday, May 5th is the date. Food trucks and activities will be offered.
- Presidents Meeting Update - possible start of RI schools to after Labor Day. School safety and lockdowns also discussed.
- Room Parent Coordinator has been filled - thank you Melissa Pereira. Nearly every class has a room parent designated.
- District Events - School Committee Meeting on October 25th. November 6th are the elections. Amy gave a summary of the last H&W meeting discussions around

the School Start Time along with the nutritional content offered through the school lunch program. November 7th Health & Wellness Committee Open Forum, topic Lunch Nutrition. December 5th at 8:30am topic is School Start Time.

Vice President's Report: Sarah Woolverton-Mohler

- SEAC Update - one parent serves as a Committee Chair. The October meeting featured Officer Melo answering questions about children with special needs during lockdown drills and emergencies. Children can have sensory tools with them during these drills to assist them. October 25th at the RICC Temple Grandon is going to be giving a talk.
- Whooo's Reading - Sue Constantino and Brownyn Ellis are Co-Chairs, possibly starting the 2nd week of February through the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report/Review & Approval of Budget: Bahar Bilgen

- Current balance about \$11,000. One additional membership since our last meeting. A few outstanding items that haven't been paid yet; the recent author visit with Kazu Kibuishi, breakfast for teachers, babysitters from PTO meetings.
- Please keep our budget in mind and clear all expenditures with the PTO beforehand.

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Affronti

- Wait Until 8th Campaign - further detailed information available about parents pledging to wait until at least 8th grade to give a smart phone device for their child. Have the option to sign up on the sheet provided.
- Game Night date secured of Friday, November 16th.

Administration Report: Tracey McGee

- Picture Day this Thursday, October 18th
- School Improvement Team meeting this evening.
- Teacher's are taking part in The Ruler Training throughout this school year.
- Harvest Luncheon will be coming up in early November through Chartwells. Hampden Meadows was selected as the featured school this year.

New Business

- Question about what type of activities are highlighted at school. For example, October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, do we offer these?
- Question about the lunch program provided through Chartwells.

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Sue Constable - Social Emotional Strategies

Adjourn at 8:23pm

A motion to adjourn by Maura McCrann, second motion by Bahar Bilgen