



**Hampden Meadows PTO Meeting
Minutes
May 15, 2018~ 7:00 pm**

Board Members Present: Jaime Poirier, Co-President; April Tibbetts, Co-President; Amanda Hope, Co-Vice President; Kate White, Secretary; David Lichtenstein, Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made to accept last month's minutes and the minutes were accepted.

A correction was made to the April meeting minutes. The recorder and chimes concert for 4th grade is rescheduled for June 11, 2018.

Co-President's Report – Jaime Poirier and April Tibbetts

- Tough Tiger was a huge success. Thank you to Justine Currie, who was the lead organizer and to all of the volunteers who made the event possible. We had a huge turn out and it was a great day. If you didn't get your t-shirt that day, they are on the way.
- Arts Alive is well underway with Beauty and the Beast, which will be performed the weekend of June 9th and 10th. Many thanks to our parent liaison, Maura McCrann, who is also organizing a collection from families to purchase gift certificate to Feast and Fettle for Dena Davis, the Arts Alive Director.
- Many thanks to Samantha Bahena and Celeste Bremer for taking on the role of committee chairs for this year's Mother's Day sale. The selection was great and the the earnings will be reported next month.
- Teacher Appreciation week was a great success- with thanks to Amanda Hope who did an awesome job organizing the week. The PTO received many thanks and positive comments from teachers and staff.
- Girl Scout Troop 972 repurposed a shelf unit from the Maker Space to create a 3D mobile Lego wall. It will be housed in the Maker Space but can be moved as well. This was funded through 2017 Whooo's Reading profits. We are grateful to Troop 972 for their hard work!
- No one from this Executive Board was able to attend the President's meeting with Mr. Messore this month but Gina Bae, who is in attendance tonight, was able to fill us in with the following information: Anita DiMatteo is continuing to offer BCI checks, the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was held successfully, and much of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming Device Free Dinner event (5/17) and the possibility of making it an annual or even monthly event.
- The 5th Grade Send Off has been been reimagined as a day time event here to be held at school. The PTO has purchased combination locks for each student as a gift (can be used on their gym locker) with a note that says "unlock your potential at BMS."
- Lynn Lyons will be speaking tomorrow evening, May 16th from 7-9 at BHS.
- Device Free Dinner will be held community wide May 17th. The purpose of this event is to create awareness and encourage all members of the community to put aside their devices and connect with each other.
- Art Night will be held on May 22nd from 6-8pm with a Sensory Friendly viewing at 5:30pm.
- The 5th grade will visit BMS on June 8th.
- The 4th Grade spring concert will be held June 11th at BHS.
- The Father's Day Sale will be held June 13-15th in the HMS lobby.
- Field Day and Cook Out will take place June 15th.
- The current last day of school is June 21.

- Locker Day for incoming 6th Graders to BMS will be held August 27 from 5-7pm.
- Teacher Grants: Alison Burke used her grant to purchase Beach balls for students end of year gift, privacy shields and door tags for next year. Mark Whittaker used his grant to fund backpacks for homeless project that were donated for service learning. There was discussion of revising the reimbursement process for next year to increase the amount of the teacher grants. We will leave those notes for the incoming Executive Board.
- Executive Board 2018-2019: The current board is ending its tenure in June. Maura McCrann has signed on for the role of President and Cynthia Affronti will take on Secretary. If you are interested in the role of VP or Treasurer please let us know! The new board will be signed in at our next meeting on June 12.

Vice Presidents' Report – Amanda Hope

- Thanks again to Samantha Bahena for the amazing job she did coordinating the Mother's Day Sale.

Treasurer's Report – David Lichtenstein

- Budget was distributed.
- The final numbers from Tough Tiger are not in but current reporting shows revenue of \$29,000 and expenses of \$8900 with a profit of \$20,154. That number will likely rise and eclipses last year's profit.
- The Mother's Day Sale numbers will be available at the June meeting.
- We will likely end the year at around \$32,000 now that the major fundraisers have been completed.
- We will be discussing and revisiting the idea of purchasing picnic tables for HMS at our June meeting.
- A motion was made to accept the budget and the budget was approved.

Secretary's Report- Kate White

- Kate is the PTO liaison to for Arts Night and reported that she has met with the art substitute teacher, Sarah Hess, and we are on track for a successful Arts Night 5/22.
- Beth Tanous, SEAC representative, sent the following information to be reported tonight:
 - SEAC members attended the Virtual District Wide Committee and learned that virtual learning can only be applied for 2 snow days. There are many remaining obstacles and many additional obstacles for those receiving special education services. Any specific questions about this process should be addressed to Paula Dillon or Kristin Matthes. This is in the "think-tank" stage so I would urge anyone with concerns to reach out asap.
 - Discussion of the new safety procedures in the schools and how that will work for students with individual plans. For now, SEAC is recommending that parents advocate on behalf of their children until the plans are complete.
 - HMS fellow friends has begun. More work to be done on trying to get special ed students to participate.
 - The Barrington SEAC website is now live and has a lot of great information. There is also a link for "family to family" support. Facebook page is almost complete and hopefully will be live within the next few weeks. Facebook page will be informational only and direct questions or comments will be permitted via direct messaging the administrators.
 - Much discussion about the transitioning of students from school to school and the need for more communication between IEP teams.
 - Finally, SEAC needs nominations for end of the year acknowledgment for individuals (teachers or otherwise) who have made a real difference with respect to special education. People can contact Beth Tanous and she can connect them to the proper channels.

Administration Report- Tracey McGee

- An evacuation was held last week that was absolutely amazing. 600 people left this building in under 5 minutes and were lined up on Pierce Court, silent, and ready to hear instructions.

- The whole school end of year celebration is in the process of being planned and the date will be announced shortly.
- The grass project is still ongoing and a plan will be put in place over the next few weeks to correct and maintain the situation.

At 7:52 pm the meeting was turned over to Mr. Sanguiliano who reported on a recent recess training by Playworks and its impact on HMS. A request was made that the PTO fund a playground project that would involve painting a basketball court and other games to the black top in order for it to be ready for the first day of school in 2018. Mr. Sanguiliano and Mrs. McGee will gather some quotes and we will discuss further and reach a decision at the June PTO meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.