



# MINUTES

**Hull Parent/Teacher Organization**  
September 19, 2017  
7:00pm Seventh Grade Large Group Room  
Memorial Middle School

## **Attendance:**

Caryn O'Connor, Aleeza Hagerty, Madeline Rys, Carolyn Reynolds, Molly Nunes, Sharon Striglio, Keryn Leonard, Laurie McDowell, Lindsey Buchleitner, Allison Peterson, Meaghan Gerritson, Briana McAuliffe, Marilyn Capuzzo, Candice Lancaster, Renee Kiley, Jenna Gleason, Linda Alexander, Jennifer Whelan, Amy Hyde, Lynn Strong, Monique Roche, Stacey Jones, Nicole Azer, Dina Cook

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda:** The June minutes were approved. The September agenda was approved with the correction that the 1<sup>st</sup> grade will go to the Boston Children's Museum for their field trip, not the Museum of Science, and the addition of the Kindergarten field trip to CN Smith Farms.

**Treasurer's Report:** The approximate balance was reported.

**Presidents Approval:** None

**Board Approval:** None

**Guest Speakers:** None

**Funding Requests:**

## **Jacobs School:**

1. The Kindergarten team is requesting \$605.00 for a field trip to CN Smith Farm. // Approved for \$450.00
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade team requested \$360.00 for the field trip to the Children's Museum. // Approved \$360.00

## **Memorial Middle School:**

3. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team requested \$900.00 for a transportation to an overnight trip to the Museum of Science. // Approved to \$600.00

## **Hull High School**

4. Nicole Nosek requested \$500-1000 for Advisory Day lunch for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes. // Approved for up to \$500.00
5. Sharon Striglio requested \$280.00 for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English class towards a Huntington Theatre field trip workshop. // Approved \$280.00

## **New Business:**

- SchoolKidz School Kit Supply Fundraiser Final Report – The final profit was \$1019.97. Lots of issues with delays and communication this time around, considering other companies and the possibly of putting the kits together ourselves.
- KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser is ongoing, deadline to have payment or book returned is September 25, 2017.
- Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast Final Report – Positive feedback and appreciation from the staff at all three schools. Online sign up went well and the addition of an option for a cash donation was welcome. Looking into ways to donate cash online.
- Open Houses Final Report – Open houses at all three schools went well. We had quite a few sign up for the PTO at each school. Molly Nunes spoke on behalf of the PTO at the Middle and High School Open Houses.

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- Jacobs School Farm Stand Final Report and Garden Update– This was the first time to host a farm stand and it was a great success. The group profited \$85.00. This money will be earmarked for the Jacobs School Garden. The garden team is still working with John from Holly Hill and will be harvesting garlic soon.
- Jacobs School Student Directory – Notification has been sent to Christine Cappadonna and Kyle Shaw that the links are open and sign ups can begin. Ongoing discussion continues whether this should be an online directory or continue to have a hard copy printed out for each student. A PTO member suggested if it is a hard copy, to change the font as they thought the prior year version was hard to read.
- Pie Fundraiser is starting up, fliers will be sent home at the Jacobs and Middle School next week and will need to be returned by October 16, 2017. Delivery of the pies will be November 16, 2017 at the Memorial Middle School Cafeteria.
- Memorial Arts Alive Update – Amy Hyde has met with Anthony Hrivnak. In the coming months, a committee will be formed. Boston Improve will not be performing this year and other performance groups are being looked into.
- Hull Cultural Council Arts Alive Grant is currently being applied for. Amy Hyde is heading this up and has the ball rolling.
- Jacobs School Teacher Committee & PTO Representative update – Molly has PTO volunteers for each committee except for Career Week and Field Day. Made a request to speak with her if there is interest.
- School Council Election update – PTO hold sign-ups/elections for each of the three schools School Council at all the open houses with an election being held in the case of too many sign-ups. There did not need to be an election this year and all information of interested parents turned over to each of the school principals.
- Fall Book Fair planning is underway. This year the theme is Wild Wild West, Saddle up and Read. The fair cases will be delivered by Friday 29 and the fair held the week of Oct 2 -6, 2017.
- PTO 2017-2018 School Year Meeting Dates – A few dates needed to be changed due to conflicts with having them on the same night as School Committee meetings. The November date has been changed to Wednesday November 8 and both the April and June dates are to be determined. All principals have been notified and asked to update the school calendars. Diane Saniuk has also been notified to revise the 7th Grade Large meeting room reservations as well as any town calendar.
- PTO Parent & Teacher Surveys Final Report - Good response from both the parents and teachers. Top responses from parent were: they appreciate all the PTO does, a majority did not belong to the PTO but thought PTO was important and wanted to help. Top responses from teachers were: They appreciate all the PTO does and they understand our mission.

## **On Going Business:**

- Update on PTO 2017/2018 goals –

Goal # 1: *Increase and improve communications with teachers, including increase teacher attendance at PTO meetings.* Laurie McDowell reported that the sub-committee has had their first meeting and came up with some great ideas and each assigned a task. Second meeting will be October 4.

Goal # 2: *Evaluate past PTO fundraising events and prepare a fundraiser schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Focus on fundraisers with highest profit, stop those that don't meet a set threshold.* Aleeza Hagerty reported that the sub-committee held their first meeting prior to the PTO meeting. She was very happy with the turn out and said lots of great and new ideas were discussed as well as how to branch out beyond the school population. Over the coming weeks they will stream line their ideas and report back to the PTO.

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Goal #3: *Increase pool of PTO volunteers and active PTO members. Expand network of individuals organizing PTO events across the three schools.* This sub-committee has not held an official meeting yet but all involved have been spreading the word to parents about the PTO. There were many new members at the meeting tonight and they learned about it via members of this sub-committee.

## **Members Suggestions:**

- Sharon Striglio is still heading up the Scripts program. It was suggested that during teacher appreciation the gift certificates purchased for give-a-ways could be purchased through the Scripts program.

## **Adjournment**

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