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Hull Parent/Teacher Organization October 10, 2017

7:00pm Eighth Grade Large Group Room Memorial Middle School

Attendance:

Caryn O'Connor, Carolyn Reynolds, Sharon Striglio, Linda Alexander, Tony Hrivnak, Renee Kiley, Brenda Nashawaty, Sara MacNeil, Keryn Leonard, Julia Grunert, Amy Hyde, Marcia Rymaszewski, Laurie McDowell, Heather McDonnell, Monique Roche, Madeline Rys, Molly Nunes, Aleeza Hagerty, Brianna McAuliffe, Marilyn Capuzzo, Nicole Azer, Ernest Minelli, Leah Putnam

<u>Review and Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda</u>: The September minutes were approved. The October agenda was approved with two minor changes: 1) the funding request for the Jacobs Halloween Dance was increased from \$350.00 to \$400.00; and 2) addition to New Business section requesting donations of refreshments for the NHS Induction Ceremony.

Treasurer's Report: The approximate balance was reported.

<u>Presidents Approval</u>: \$60.00 was approved for custom screen printed t-shirts created by high school students for the Journalism Club to help promote the school newspaper.

Board Approval: None

Guest Speakers: Tony Hrivnak spoke on the funding request for a geography guest speaker for the MMS.

Funding Requests:

Jacobs School:

1. Molly Nunes and Renee Kiley requested \$400.00 to cover the cost of the DJ and glow items for the Halloween Dance. // Approved \$400.00

Memorial Middle School:

- 2. Principal Tony Hrivnak requested \$1500.00 for a geography guest speaker. // Approved \$1500.00
- 3. The 8th grade leadership team requested \$950.00 for a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts. // Approved \$600.00

Hull High School

- 4. Sharon Striglio requested \$1000.00 for Grad Night. // Approved \$1000.00
- **5.** Music/Band director Ian Barkon requested \$300.00 for the band to play at the Providence Bruins game. // Approved \$300.00
- 6. Social Studies teacher Brian Mullin requested \$600.00 for the senior class to attend a Senate Simulation at the Edward Kennedy Institute. // Approved \$300.00

New Business:

- KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser to date has sold 173 books for a profit of \$2235.00.
- Jacobs Fall Book Fair was a success and made a cash profit of \$1584.35.
- Jacobs School Student Directory Online sign ups have started and have been advertised in the Blue Notes.
- Pie Fundraiser is ongoing through October 18. Linda Alexander and Marilyn Capuzzo have offered to help Sharon Striglio distribute the pies when they are delivered to MMS on November 16.
- Hull Cultural Council Arts Alive grant application has been submitted by Amy Hyde.
- Jacobs School Halloween Dance planning is well underway. So far, the following businesses have donated items: Nantasket Pharmacy, Patriot Cinemas, Dunkin Donuts, Fruit Market, and Stop and Shop. Still waiting to hear from Trader Joe's, Wal-mart, L Street, Nona's and Carousel Fun Center.

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• Parent Teacher Conference Dinners – Sign-up forms via signupgenius.com will be created and distributed for each school.

HS – November 14, Madeline Rys JS – November 15, Aleeza Hagerty

- MMS November 16, Marilyn Capuzzo
- Leaders of the Hull National Honor Society have asked for the PTO's help in soliciting donations for the Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 26 at the High School. Aleeza Hagerty has agreed to set up a signupgenius.com form for this event. Sharon Striglio will let her know what items should be requested.

On Going Business:

- Update on PTO 2017/2018 goals:
 - Goal #1: Increase and improve communications with teachers, including increase teacher attendance at PTO meetings.
 - A few goals currently being worked on are:
 - ✓ Contact Christine Cappadonna to request a room parent meeting be scheduled as prior one was cancelled.
 - \checkmark Establish a room parent/grade parent for the MMS.
 - \checkmark Coordinate a Meet & Greet at each school once per year.
 - ✓ Compile PTO trivia that will be placed in teacher mail and lunch areas as well as on social media.
 - ✓ Committee asked that each member search out other PTO/PTA websites and checkout what other schools are doing.
 - Goal #2: Evaluate past PTO fundraising events and build out a fundraiser schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Focus on fundraisers with highest profit, stop those that don't meet a set threshold. This committee has met a few times and is currently reviewing some new ideas. Aleeza Hagerty has already started the Slivergraphic fundraiser at the Jacobs School and items will be available to order for holiday gifts. Sharon offered to possibly bring this to interested students at MMS during their enrichment period.
 - 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 but all involved have been spreading the word to parents about volunteer and participation opportunities with the PTO.

• Box Tops – JNHS will help sort and count box tops at MMS.

Members Suggestions:

A member in that works with many school districts around the country mentioned that in other areas the PTO/PTA, Boosters and Local Chamber of Commerce/Business Community all seemed to work together with a streamlined message/mission and noted that does not seem to be the case on the South Shore. This goes back to Goal #1 of the PTO to improve communication, ways to improve this will be considered.

Adjournment

Board of Directors: