



MINUTES

Hull Parent/Teacher Organization

September 4, 2019

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

Attendance:

Caryn O'Connor, Amy Hyde, Carolyn Reynolds, Leah Picewick, Misty Whelan, Madeline Rys, Laurie McDowell, Marcia Rymaszewski, Allison Peterson, Cari Resnick, Sharon Striglio, Briana McAuliffe, Leah Putnam

Review and Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda: September agenda was approved with the following additions: Update on tumblers sold at the 375 celebration and Middle School Halloween Dance. June minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The approximate balance was reported.

Presidents Approval: \$55.00 for the purchase of bubbles for the PTO Table at the 375 Celebration

Board Approval: \$467.50 for the purchase of Tumblers sold at the 375 Celebration

Guest Speaker: Amy Hyde spoke and presented Sharon Striglio with a plant to acknowledge that she was recognized this past spring by the Massachusetts House of Representatives as an Unsung Heroine. Sharon was nominated for this award by State Representative Joan Maschino.

Funding Requests:

Jacobs School: None

Memorial Middle School: None

Hull High School:

1. Dan Mastrogiacomo requested \$750.00 for the school's annual Advisory Day for all students.//Approved

Schoolwide: None

Old Business:

- Donation of \$260.00 will be made this month to the Emma Ryan Scholarship. In 2016 a limited amount of T-Shirts were printed with EM20 on sleeve and \$1.00 from each t-shirt sold was set aside for donation to the scholarship.
- Yubbler School Supply Fundraiser – Tabled until next month
- Color Run Final Report – Approximately \$3700 was raised at this point, a complete update on amount raised will be given next month. Next year the jumpy will be eliminated as well as the pledge portion of the fundraising. Allison will look at using our website for payments instead of using an outside source. For next year more volunteers and sponsors are needed. Next year will be Renee Kiley and Kelly Johnsons last year running this event and would like someone to shadow them.
- Membership Recruitment Contest – Leah and Bri will put together a basket to be featured at the open houses, anyone that joins as a lifetime member will be put in a drawing to win basket.

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- Jacobs Garden update – Lyndsey B will continue to run the garden but would like to have volunteers assigned to different duties, for example, one person would own composting and another would own spring planting etc.
- 375 Celebration update – Tumblers sold well, 10 left and will be sold at open houses.

New Business:

- PTO closet was reorganize to comply with fire regulations – no items can be stored on top shelf, need at least an 18 inch ceiling clearance.
- Hull PTO Holly Jolly North Pole Trolley – Leah Picewick will be heading up this fundraiser and planning is ongoing. Trolley to travel from HS around town to view Christmas lights. This event is scheduled for December 14, 2019 and approval was granted by the High School Principal to use the gym for this event. The trolley will hold 32 people per ride and seats sold for \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be presold, if the first trolley sells out we will look into getting a second trolley, the second trolley will hold 22 people. There will be carolers on each trolley, this will take away from the overall amount of seats sold for each ride. Rides will last about 15-20 minutes. Trolley rental will be approximately \$1700 per trolley (a little less for the smaller one), and a deposit of \$500.00 per trolley is needed to reserve date. Leah will meet with the HS drama teacher this week as they are having a production of Elf the week before and may be able to use some students and props for this event. Leah will also speak with Hull Light to see if they will provide a gift certificate towards the light bill for the house with the best lights. Bri McAuliffe agreed to help with the fundraiser.
- Amy Hyde will be hosting a New Member Brunch at her house on October 20 from 11:30-1:30.
- Caryn O'Connor will contact School Principals to advertise via blue notes or blog about the upcoming School Council Elections/Signups. Signups will be held at each schools open house.
- Open Houses for all three schools have been scheduled – 9/10 is the HS and Sharon, Amy and Allison will host the table - 9/12 is MMS and Leah Picewick, Misty and Leah Putnam will host table – 9/18 is JS and Renee and Caryn will host table
- Welcome Back Breakfast will be held Thursday 9/12 at all three schools. Coordinators are JS – Carolyn, MMS - Caryn and HS - Madeline and Amy. Allison has put together the electronic signup sheet and it will go live Thursday September 5.
- Jacobs Fall Book Fair will be held September 30 – October 4. An evening event of Bingo for Book will be held, date will be announced closer to the event. Looking for volunteers to shadow and take this event on next year.
- Fall Pie Fundraiser is scheduled to start 9/30 and run for two weeks with delivery of pies/pastry on November 13. Sharon is looking into having this date pushed back so delivery is just before Thanksgiving.
- Amy Hyde got approval to host a PTO Halloween Dance at the MS this year. Date will be October 25 and run 6:00-8:30 pm. Caryn O'Connor will co-chair this event with Amy.
- Leah Putnam has agreed to be a High School Rep.
- 2019-2020 Hull PTO Goals:
Goal # 1: Continue to increase and strengthen communications with teachers, including awareness of PTO funding, see an improvement in on-time funding request submissions and classroom support of Fundraisers. *Laurie McDowell will be the chairperson of this goal again this year and is looking for volunteers especially someone to help write press releases. Laurie has done a wonderful job over the past few years and has really improved communications between the school staff and PTO.*

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Goal #2: Continue evaluation of past PTO fundraising events, explore new efforts with funding revenue of \$1000.00 or more. Focus on fundraisers with highest profit, look into stopping those that don't meet a set threshold. Consider fundraisers that include participation from all three schools, including preschool. *Allison Peterson and Molly Nunes will co-chair the Fundraising Committee*

Goal #3: Increase pool of PTO volunteers and active PTO members. Educate new parents/caregivers about PTO, make all feel welcome in meetings and encourage parents to lead or coordinate PTO fundraisers and other activities. Constantly expand network of individuals organizing PTO events across three schools. *Bri McAuliffe agreed to help out with this goal.*

Goal #4: Continue technology improvements and other related enhancements. Continue to look into creating a new PTO Logo. *Allison Peterson will be the chairperson again. Allison has done an amazing job getting the PTO's technology and social media up to date over the past year.*

Goal #5: Grant Committee – Seek and research new opportunities for grants that will benefit Hull Public Schools. *Renee Kiley will continue to head up this fundraiser. She did a great job last year getting some amazing grants.*

Comments/Suggestions

Stamps need to be purchased for PTO business as well as paying Square Space for our annual renewal of our domain name. These costs are under \$100.00 each and will be purchased/paid by Presidents Approval. Actual amounts will be recorded on next month's agenda.

Adjournment

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