

## HMS-PTSO

### Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015

Present: Deidra Kloberdanz, Josh McKay, Susan Anderson, Jeannie Keller, Julie Flynn, Amy Heuiser, Tammi Jo Reuther-Affor, Emily Brand

**Next meeting: December 2, 2015, Noon, HMS Library**

#### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Jeannie Keller provided a treasurer's report--no major changes since last month. Most of the conversation centered around yearbook costs. We were about 21 books short to break even and will adjust pricing accordingly for next year's book.

#### **2. Old Business**

Yearbook planning was discussed at length: how to generate more interest with students, perhaps using the tv/reader board. The online sales are ready to go and it was discovered that online orders require a \$2 processing fee that was not known about before. In trying to find ways to help with costs, we discussed the possibilities of selling ads, having sponsorship, or having folks buy pages. Deidra will look in to selling a simple signature page (in lieu of the whole book) to kids for a lower price. Pricing is now \$20/book before winter break, \$25/book after winter break.

Grade Incentives: All grade incentives are in place, thanks to the efforts of Diana Hammer. In addition to a grade incentive, Rivals Athletics will partner with HMS to give 3% of sales (when requested) to our school. Josh plans to send a public "Thank You" school wide with a list of the local business who generously support our kids.

Parent/Teacher conference meals and PTSO table sign-ups were passed around.

Library has requested help with the book fair and Read it Forward program—those sign up sheets were passed around as well.

#### **3. New Business**

Far Country fundraiser is tentative and may not happen this year. There was discussion about other fundraising options. Equal Exchange and Made in Montana were brought up as possible sales opportunities, but the group agreed that selling things is a challenging way to yield a marginal profit, that we might be more successful with a one time event. An idea that was brought forward was a "Pi Day Fun Run" that could occur

on school grounds, include entry fees/sponsorships for participants, and be a fun community event. More discussion to follow.

Spirit wear: Two options were chosen. Amy and Emily will follow up with Pete of Qwik Signs and order forms will be distributed.

Holiday Staff Luncheon will be coordinated by Jeannie and will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Holiday Snack Packs are being coordinated by Susan Anderson with the help of staff member Jamie Pandis. They will plan to ask for donations the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>, prepare bags on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and distribute the packed bag on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Jeannie will check with Nabisco connection and we often have help from St. John's Church. The number of remaining cloth grocery bags is probably adequate; Susan will verify. If we need more, we will reach out to Natural Grocer and other local merchants.

#### **4. Principal's Title 1 Report:**

The board presentation went well. There was recognition for our positive school culture, positive growth trends in academics, and acknowledgment that middle schools need a lot of facilities and other updates as a part of the greater issues before the district.