



HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTA MINUTES

April 10, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Executive Board meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Vice President, Cindy Kobbe. President Webb joined shortly afterwards.

In Attendance: Brenda Thompson, Cathy Walrod, Pat MacNabb, Ginger Young, Catherine Webb, K. Wolfe, Fiona Sparks, Bill Eber, Charles Baker, Arlene Hackbarth, Charles Baker.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

***NOTE: CINDY KOBBE WILL RECORD TONIGHT'S PTA MEETING MINUTES FOR RECORDING SECRETARY, CINDY SHEFFIELD.**

The minutes from the February 13, 2008 Executive Board meeting were distributed, read and corrected.

MOTION: BILL EBER KOBBE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS IS FROM THE MARCH 13TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SECONDED BY CATHY WALROD; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2007-2008 Treasurer's Report and the March PNC Banking Statement was distributed and reviewed. Not satisfied with the report, Treasurer, Ginger Young request tabling report until May 15, 2008.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal's Report:

- April 25, 2008 News & Notes submission deadline.
- MSA testing going well, science MSA next week.
- 0.9 staffing increase for 2008-2009, decreased instructional assistant aid.
- Fifth grade parent orientation planned April 23, 2008, featuring "A Day in the Life of a Sixth Grader" presentation, club representations and guided group tours.

Teacher's Report:

- Teacher Liaison, Pat MacNabb reports 98% faculty membership.
- Motorized Gym partisan delayed due to BCPS approval process. Original funding approved May 10, 2007 (see also: 2007-2008 line item expense); due to extended delay, funding (\$4,000) will again need to be carried forward as a 2008-2009 line item expense entitled Gym Partisan Expense.

MOTION: FIONA SPARKS MOVED TO DESIGNATE \$4,000 A LINE ITEM EXPENSE ENTITLED GYM PARTIAN IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET, ALL IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality: Teacher's Appreciation Lunch May 9, 2008. Week's events will include: a flower day, fruit day, chocolate day and thank you card day. Teacher's lounge will be overwhelmed with goodies as well. Families also had the opportunity to show their appreciation with the Nation's Largest PTA Thank You Card.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Arlene Hackbarth, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, presented *I Want To Know*, a grassroots voluntary program that facilitates a way for parents to communicate and work together to help protect children in their community who might be experimenting or participating in destructive types of behavior. Ms. Hackbarth wonders if Hereford Middle School would like to participate in the program. Principal Walrod would include links-literature in the school's News & Notes.

Catherine Webb and Cindy Kobbe attended the PTA Council meeting on March 13, 2008 featuring "An Evening with the Superintendent". President Webb introduced herself to Dr. Hairston then asked about teacher's salaries. Dr. Hairston explained the process and its limitations.

- New insurance company; first payment due October 2009.
- President Webb read letter written by an HMS grandparent to Baltimore County Executive, Jim Smith.
- Basket Bingo planned for Karen Robinson.
- Charles Baker attended PTA meeting after reading President Webb's "Reaching Out to Fathers" posted in April's News & Notes.

Several parents from Parents of Performing Students (POPS) presented a Resolution on Keeping Vocal Music Strong at Hereford Middle School and Hereford High School. Discussions included program successes, declining enrollment and staff reductions. Board discussed both short and long term affects from such changes; also referred to as an ebb and flow pattern. POPS may host a town forum in order to solicit more support for Chamber Choir and My Ladies Fair. Principal Walrod is optimistic about the middle school's art and music programs overall stating "*the arts are alive at Hereford Middle school, they're not dying...*"

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Bill Eber reports Hershey trip is planned and ready.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2008 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Sparks Elementary library.

**Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Kobbe*

APPROVED AS:

AS READ _____ OR _____ AS CORRECTED

MOTION TO APPROVE: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

DATE: _____

(Cynthia Kobbe, Vice President)