

March 16 General PTA meeting Agenda

Call to Order the third General PTA meeting of the 2015-2016 Hammond ES PTA on March 16, 2016 at 8:30pm in the Media Center of Hammond Elementary School: Erin Roberts called to order at 8:33 PM

Roll Call of Officers: Erin Roberts

Introduction of current PTA Executive Board members working hard this school year on behalf of all the students and staff at HES:

President-Erin Roberts

VP Membership-Jen Beaverson (not present)

VP Communications- Sumaira Bajwa

Treasurer- Randy Baldini

Recording Secretary- Anne Braun

Volunteer Coordinator (VACANT)

Delegates Mike Schmeckpeper (not present) Teiko Campbell

Minutes Approval: Anne Braun

- Asked for approval of September 30, 2015 board meeting minutes. Moved by Erin Roberts, seconded by Randy Baldini. Motion passed unanimously
- Asked for approval of December 16, 2015 board meeting minutes. Moved by Maria Rocco and seconded by Linfeng Chen. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Randy Baldini

- Presented 2015-16 budget updates.
 - The budget is on track and things are looking good.

Presidents Report: Erin Roberts

Update on NEW PTA Initiatives

- Education Grants for each grade level K-5
 - Each grade level gets \$800 for in house field trips/presenters.
 - Many grades already used their funds.
 - 1st grade planetarium
 - K- zoo mobile/ owl outreach

- 5th grade geocaching
- Would like to increase the amount at least \$1000 next year. Every child benefits from this because it is an in school learning opportunity.
- Mr. Walsh thanked the PTA for their support. He witnesses the children's engagement level and excitement during these events. They are a success.
- Information posted on our website regarding the opportunities brought to the children through these education grants.
- Spring Sprint powered by Boosterthon
 - Boosterthon comes in every day the week before the run.
 - They have a pep rally, character lessons, etc
 - Every child gets a free t shirt.
 - You must order online. The PTA will send this out again
 - Parents can watch the run and hand out water
 - PTA is hoping to generate enough funds to support the PTA's activities so this is the only fundraiser we hold.

VP of Membership Report: Erin Roberts on behalf of Jen Beaverson

- Update membership
 - Had 398 at the start of the meeting with the goal of 400
 - Two people joined during the meeting which means we have reached the goal of 400!
 - PDF directory is available for those who did not get one. mail hammondsvpmemberhip@gmail.com for a copy

VP of Communications: Sumaira Bajwa

- Update communication issues and outlets
 - Website
 - Facebook page (Like us!)
 - Monthly Newsletter
 - email to contact general PTA is hammondsppta@gmail.com
- Sumaira thanked her team, Lynne, Lara, Vicki and Ying. She also thanked Mrs. Pratesi and Mr. Walsh for being so supportive of our communication requests in the form of eBlasts and morning announcements.

PTACHC Delegate Report: Teiko Campbell

- Report on March 2016 PTACHC meeting

- At the next PTAHC meeting on Monday April 4, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Homewood Center, 10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, the PTAHC will host "Meet the Candidate." President Avery has invited the 11 candidates vying for the 3 (of 7) BOE seats that are up for election
- A diversity committee was established after the incident at Mt Hebron High School
- Bring your own device policy survey was completed. Based on those results it was voted not to extend to elementary school

Administration Update: Mrs. Pratesi/Ms. Ciarapica

Deferred because of Mindset presentation

Committee Reports: Chair and Co-chair of all 3 committees

- **Nominations/Bylaws Committee-Kasso Okoudjou/Stephanie Jones-**
 - Bylaws APPROVED until 2018
 - Sarah Fahrendorf accepted spot on the Nominations/ByLaw committee,
 - PTA will hold elections at the May 18th meeting.
 - PTA is seeking individuals interested in:
 - PTA Treasurer(2 yr term)
 - experience with quicken and excel helpful. Bookkeeping and budgeting responsibilities
 - PTA Recording Secretary (1 yr term)
 - Various Event Manager positions
 - Event managers are not elected into office but appointed by the board
- **Community/Fundraising Activities Committee- Erin Roberts/ Jen Beaverson**
 - Restaurant nights are a success. Nice to see other families from Hammond. Thank you for your support
 - 3 Brothers- April
 - Nando Peri Peri- May
 - Spirit wear can be ordered at any time but there is another free shipping period running from 3/14-3/28.
 - Sweetheart dance was a success. It was well attended and all had fun.
- **Student/Staff Activities Committee –Erin Alberts/ Maria Rocco-r**
 - Multicultural Night
 - April 8
 - Volunteers needed to remake county signs and boards.
 - Night filled with student presentations and professional presentations

- Upcoming events are:
 - simulated congressional hearings for 5th grade
 - staff appreciation
 - watch for sign up genius for donation of food items
 - contact Erin Alberts or Maria Rocco if you can help decorate the doors of the classrooms
 - closing ceremony

Old Business: Erin Roberts

None

New Business: Erin Roberts

- Crosswalk at the Aladdin/Graeloch Drs entrance to the schools
 - plans finalized in couple of months
 - summer construction

Announcements: Erin Roberts

1. HES Spirit Wear FREE SHIPPING Sale March 14-28th
2. HES Spring Sprint FREE T-shirt order due March 21st
3. PTA Multi-Cultural Night – April 8th
4. HES PTA April Restaurant Night at Three Brothers on April 19th
5. Staff Appreciation Week – May 2-6th
6. HES PTA Spring Sprint - May 10-18th
7. 4th PTA General Meeting with Elections – May 18th
8. HES PTA May Restaurant Night Nando Peri Peri
9. HES PTA June Restaurant Night TBD
10. Nominate a teacher or staff person for the Tuffy Award. Nominations from parents for teachers or staff people who have made your child's or a group of children's day better. Nominations can be made on the website. Ask your children who they would like to nominate and why. Tuffy Award presented monthly on the morning announcements. Winner receives a certificate, a copy of the nomination received (with identifying information removed) and a small gift card to Dunkin Donuts. The staff really appreciate being recognized.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Erin Roberts, seconded by Randy Baldini. Adjourned at 9:03 PM