



# PTA MEETING MINUTES



Hermon Elementary General PTA Meeting  
October 4, 2016 ~ 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
HES - Room 11

**Attendance:** Shannon A., Jennifer V., Cindy P., Tiffany B., Amanda D., Autumn A., Jessica L., Michele T., Keith P., Jenni H., Katrina S., Jodi C., Alicia T., Heather D., and Jesse H.

**Welcome and Introductions** - Shannon

**Approval of September, 2016 minutes** – Cindy (Accepted as read.)

**Treasurer's Report** – Jennifer (Reviewed financial reports for September.)

**Principal's Report** – Written report as read by Shannon

- Curriculum nights were a huge success. Each grade level had amazing participation and parents learned about their child's school curriculum, assessments, program expectations and classroom structure.
- The school has already met their 5,000 Hawk Wings goal and will celebrate with a whole school community building activity on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be an in-service day on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff will undergo professional development and will learn preventative behavioral strategies through safety care.
- Regarding the playground issues brought up at the September PTA meeting, Mrs. Perry has been in touch with Superintendent Mrs. Duran and Recreation Director Michelle Thayer about the condition of the playground. The Rec/Town had a playground inspector at the school on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and is awaiting the report before moving forward with any repairs/upgrades or maintenance. She will keep the PTA posted on further updates.

**Guest speaker:**

Jesse Hargrove, HHS Social Studies teacher and President of the Hermon Education Association.

- Mr. Hargrove discussed and provided handouts on Question 2 (Maine Tax on Incomes Exceeding \$200,000 for Public Education Measure), which will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 election ballot. A "Yes" vote will approve an additional 3% surcharge on household income exceeding \$200,000 per year, with revenues earmarked to fund public education.
- If Question 2 passes, projected additional state aid to the Hermon School District is estimated to be over \$750,000.

## **Old Business:**

1. Fundraiser update
  - Charleston Wrap orders are still trickling in so final numbers will be given at the next meeting, but preliminary numbers show that the fundraiser yielded \$11,800 (\$2,500 in online sales and \$9,300 in catalog sales). We get approximately 40% of gross sales, which will leave us with around \$4,700 after we pay Charleston Wrap.
  - Our direct donation drive yielded \$540 (thus far).
2. Darlings Ice Cream for a Cause
  - We raised \$447.90. Thank you to all those that donated!
3. Curriculum nights – feedback on the childcare that the PTA provided.
  - Michelle T., who helped out during the curriculum nights, suggested that the PTA have a first aid kit in the “PTA Box” (childcare box used for babysitting) because a few students had needed a Band-Aid. Michelle offered to donate a kit to the PTA.
  - Shannon mentioned that we only had a few volunteers for the curriculum nights and it would be helpful to have more, should we decide to do this again next year.
4. Hermon Hawks Spirit Wear
  - The PTA Board, after much deliberation, has decided to go with Wight’s Sporting Goods to develop an online store to sell Hermon Hawks clothing.
  - A motion was made to approve the decision to go with Wight’s Sporting Goods, majority in favor, motion carried.
  - Discussion on what items parents would like to see for sale (tee-shirts, sweat shirts, sweatpants, raglan shirts, baseball hats).
  - Wight’s suggested that the online store only be up for 2 weeks, starting around Halloween and ending mid-November. Orders will arrive approximately 3 weeks after the store closes.

## **New Business and announcements:**

1. Brainstorm ideas for future fundraisers
  - Potential ideas include Closebuy, student art converted to keepsakes (i.e. SilverGraphics), Scentsy, community yard sale (pay to set up table), kids art auction, gently-used athletic wear sale, carnival, 5K race.
2. Hermon Middle School is seeking three new officers (Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) for the next school year. If you are interested, contact co-chairs Lynne Estes or Krissy Wadsworth.

3. Discuss options which will allow officers to keep PTA digital files all in one place.
  - Jessica L. and Amanda D. mentioned they might be able to help with donation of an old laptop and/or software
  - Cindy mentioned she spoke with the school district's IT staff and they might be able to set us up with a computer terminal at HES. The question is where to put computer for easy access, so need to discuss with Mrs. Perry. This option will allow PTA Officers to log in remotely, but still have files located all in one place, rather than having them scattered across various personal laptops. Also, having the PTA files all in one place will make transitions for new officers much easier.

#### **Public Items or Comments**

1. There was a question about the Kindergarten social list.

#### **Drawing for monthly Box Tops prizes**

Congratulations to the two Box Top monthly drawing winners (Treworgy's corn maze family passes): Genevieve R. (Mrs. O'Clair) and Collin M. (Mrs. Lever)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

**Next general PTA meeting: November 1st, 2016**