

HMS PTO Meeting
March 11, 2022, **9:00am**
HMS Cafeteria

- I. Call Meeting to Order – 9:04am
 - A. Welcome by President Erin Avery

- II. Administrator’s Report
 - A. ShaMira Davis
 1. 7th/8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance was a huge success. Special thanks to Stephanie Edwards for the decorations; it was like prom for the students! No incidents at the event and it went smoothly, as Admin was prepared. Removed opportunity for bad things to happen, and the students had a blast, just focusing on socializing and being with their friends.
 2. Upcoming 6th Grade Spring Fling – Sat., April 30th, 6-8pm. Casual event (not Semi-Formal). \$5 entrance fee.
 3. House Reward for this Quarter. Winner will be announced today at noon. Prize will be an outing to the Main Event.
 4. Upcoming Coffee Talk with parents, led by Principal ShaMira Davis. Intent is to make parents aware of happenings at HMS, and make sure that the parents are heard, as well as combat misinformation on Facebook. Limit to 30 parents (first come, first serve). If it goes well, will have one per month. Focus will be to engage in dialogue with parents.
 5. Next School Year’s Schedule
 - a) Course offerings have quadrupled, so kids can get a variety of offerings with tons of exposure. Lots more elective opportunities, as well as for 6th graders. Mid-April course selections will come out to parents, in the form of a course catalogue. Examples of future course offerings: For 6th grade – PE (every day for 1 semester), Art (every day for 1 semester), Intro to Music (with variety of instruments) for 1st semester, Career Exploration, Intro to Spanish (1 semester), Intro to French (1 semester), HMS Success. 7th & 8th Grades: LEADS (building on HMS Success course, mentoring 6th graders, give back to the community), Speech/Debate, Theater, STEM, A Cappella, Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced art (with sculpture).
 - (1) Recess (!) will be offered and will satisfy state’s requirement for physical activity, so gym will no longer be a requirement. WIN will be the new acronym for the current RTI.
 - (2) Looking to make outdoor spaces for free play for recess (eg, four square, volleyball)
 - (3) Languages – Offering more exposure. 6th grade – Intro to Spanish or Intro to French (1 semester); 7th grade – Beginning French, Spanish, German; 8th grade – Advanced French, Spanish, German. (Students will need to take these languages in 7th grade, in order to continue with the language in 8th grade.)
 - (4) Related arts – More extensive Fine Arts course offerings will be available.
 - b) 4 non-negotiables in reorganizing the schedule and course offerings for next school year: 1) Split all lunches for each grade

level, so that there will be two lunch periods for each grade level; 2) Emphasis on Fine Arts; 3) Career Technical Education (CTE) path be incorporated; 4) Last period of every day for every grade level will have a built-in study hall called Focus (25 mins).

- c) Focus for next school year: Give the students more breaks throughout the day. Also need to treat the kids how we expect them to act.
 6. Locker survey will go out this week (as a Google Form). 400 lockers in working conditions, on a first come, first serve basis. Will be a challenge for students figuring out how to navigate this, as transition times between classes won't increase. Students will still need to go to the bathroom and figure out how to be to class on time. All locks will be provided by Admin.
 7. Rising 6th Grader Sample Days coming up: March 28th – Farmington, March 30th – Forest Hill, March 31st – Dogwood. Students will ride bus over from elementary school and tour HMS.
 - a) An info night for parents of rising 6th graders will be hosted. Date to be announced.
- III. Guest: Joy Williams, Germantown Municipal Council (GMC) PTO President
- A. Background: Previously taught at HMS with Jessica Woody. Has had children for 17 years in GMSD. Currently has children in 9th grade and 12th grade at HMS, as well as a college freshman.
 - B. Her mission with GMC PTO is to encourage all of us and serve where our friends are serving.
 - C. Past service events, both with PTO and beyond, and the relationships that were developed, that is the memory remains, rather than the event itself and any challenges with the events.
 - D. GMC is an umbrella organization over all GMSD school PTOs and loves on the GMSD admin. GMC PTO positions are similar to other PTOs. Two main events per year – Lunch and Learn (fall) and Star Awards (spring). GMC PTO also conducts contests.
 - E. Would love to have HMS PTO parents join the GMC PTO Board. Google Form forthcoming. Look in your email.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: February 11, 2022 Meeting
- A. Motion – Juliann DeMatteo, Second – Elizabeth Gates
- V. Reports
- A. President's Report -- Erin Avery
 - a. 7th/8th grade Spring Fling Dance was a huge success. Please consider volunteering at events like these.
 - b. PTO Presidents Summit coming up with GMSD Admin and GMC PTO. Will send out an email to HMS PTO to solicit questions for Erin to ask at the summit.
 - c. GMSD Color Run: Brainstorm how to better market this run to HMS students, who have historically have low participation in this event
 - d. GMC PTO Board interest form will be sent out via email.
 - e. Thank you:
 - i. Thankful for everyone being here, and Toni for leading last month's meeting.

- ii. Ms. Davis for pushing to host the 7th/8th grade dances and making them a success. She does so much behind the scenes for our children. We really need to appreciate her.
 - iii. Stephanie Edwards (Beautification) and her decoration committee for the 7th/8th grade semi-formal decorations. Transformed the gym with less than \$500. Stephanie continually steps up to beautify our school and events, and never says no.
 - iv. Teacher Treats – Small Cakes were distributed this week to all HMS teachers and staff on a cart around the school.
 - v. Hospitality – Heavy Snack Bar was offered for Teacher Conference Night and was a big success.
 - vi. Social Media/Newsletter – Always willing to post info immediately and add info at the last minute to the newsletter
 - vii. Mandy (Parliamentarian) – For her institutional knowledge, as well as wise words and guidance
- f. Possible upcoming PTO social to get to know other PTO Board members outside of the meeting setting. Please look for an email regarding this and respond if you are interested.

B. Vice President's Report -- Toni Nygren

- a. Order yearbooks. Due today.
- b. Nominations Committee been working very hard behind the scenes. Regular slate for next school year has grown to accommodate new events.
- c. STAR awards invitations – Principal ShaMira Davis, President Erin Avery, Debbie Brown, Stephanie Edwards
- d. Upcoming 6th grade Spring Fling Dance – Sat., April 30th. 6-8pm Please come and volunteer, PTO members! It's fun and we need your help to make these dances a success.

C. Parliamentarian Report -- Mandy Vezina

- a. Changes to the Standing Rules, with the addition of positions. Lots of interest from new parents to join.
- b. Clarification of Nomination Committee – 3 PTO Board Members (Elizabeth Gates, Holly Joyner, Angie Shipman), 2 PTO parents (Kelly Day, Kathryn Hickey). Chairman of the Nomination Committee – Kathryn Hickey (past HMS PTO Vice President and very educated on all the PTO positions). Nomination Committee given specific adopted rules how to operate.
- c. Voting on Standing Rules – All changes are highlighted in gray in the copies available on the back table.
 - i. Motion to approve the amended Standing Rules – Leanne Howell, Second – Toni Nygren.
 - ii. Discussion.
 - 1. Haunted Houston Maze Coordinator: Add decorations as well to responsibility. (Start 1st week of October.)
 - 2. Haunted Houston Volunteer Coordinator: Revise description.
 - 3. Haunted Houston T-Shirts & Publicity: Revise to coordinate with Social Media Coordinator
 - 4. House Reveal & Recognition: Responsible for purchasing food, paper goods, etc. for the events they organize.

Remove appreciation of administrative staff & teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. (This is already covered by the Care & Concern, Teacher Treats, Hospitality positions).

5. Healthy & Safety. Organize carline procedures & parents during the first week of school only.

iii. Vote: Ayes – all. Nay – no. The Standing Rules are approved, as written and with the above requested revisions.

D. Treasurer's Report -- Amy Shackelford

- a. Please be sure and take a look at your budget vs actual.
- b. Turn in any receipts for reimbursement timely.

E. Secretary's Report – Sarah Goralewski

- a. No report.

F. Membership -- Hillery Efke, Christine Woods

- a. No report.

G. Ways and Means -- Leanne Howell, Katie Crews

- a. Thank you to all for supporting Mellow Mushroom and our PTO earlier this month for the Spirit Night. We do not have a total yet on that event.
- b. Next Spirit Event: April 4th at Skybox.

H. Reveal & Recognition -- Elizabeth Gates, Angie Shipman

- a. No report.

I. Haunted Houston -- Debbie Brown, Holly Joyner, Melanie Gattas, Denise Stumph

- a. No report.

J. Health and Safety -- Nancy Vaughan

- a. No report.

K. TLC Cakes -- Ginger Neas

- a. No report.

L. Teacher Treats -- Chrissy Tashie, Melissa Salazar

- a. No report.

M. Clubs and Sports -- Wendy Percoski

- a. No report.

N. Hospitality -- Karrie LaCroix, Angie Childers

- a. No report.

O. Beautification -- Janna Hacker, Stephanie Edwards

- a. Organized a decoration committee for the 7th/8th grade semi-formal dance. Transformed the gym with less than \$500.

P. Contests -- Karen Ivey

- a. March Spotlight on the Arts will feature Tony Smith (Orchestra Teacher).

- b. The GMC PTO Art Contest winners have been chosen. Karen is working with the HMS Art Department to come up with a way to present the medals to the winners.

Q. Honor Roll -- Carie Alley, Michelle Midha

- a. No report.

R. Webmaster -- Amy Cook

- a. No report.

S. Publicity -- Suzanne Ray & Kristen Albaugh

- a. No report.

T. Newsletter -- Nabiha Huda

- a. No report

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment – 10:33am

Important Dates

- Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 18: No School (Spring Break)
- Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18: No School (Good Friday & Easter Monday)
- Saturday, April 30, 6-8pm – 6th Grade Dance
- Birthdays
 - March 2: Amy Cook
 - March 8: Leanne Howell
 - March 10: Janna Hacker

Attendance

Administration:

ShaMira Davis

Brian Fisher

Guests:

Joy Williams (GMC PTO President)

PTO Members:

Carie Alley

Erin Avery

Debbie Brown

Amy Cook

Stephanie Edwards

Elizabeth Gates

Sarah Goralewski

Leanne Howell

Nabiha Huda

Karen Ivey

Holly Joyner

Michelle Midha
Toni Nygren
Amy Shackelford
Angie Shipman
Nancy Vaughan
Mandy Vezina

Parents:

Larissa Anderson
Juliann DeMatteo
Sai Hiremagaluu
Kathryn Hickey
Stacey Malone
Karen Viotti