

## HMS PTO Meeting

January 13, 2023, 9:00AM

HMS Cafeteria

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes: 12-9-22 Meeting
  - A. Motion – Shannon Pressler, Second – Kristen Stadelman
- III. Guest Speaker: Germantown Municipal Council (GMC) PTO President – Joy Williams
  - A. Gave a brief overview of the GMC PTO
  - B. Star Awards ceremony – April 20
    - a. Each PTO is to nominate 2 volunteers & 2 staff
    - b. These nominations are to be voted at February PTO meeting, then submitted to GMC PTO
    - c. Mandy Vezina (Parliamentarian) handles the nominations for HMS PTO
  - C. Legacy Milton Award (founded after a dedicated volunteer at Farmington Elementary, who passed away in 2017)
    - a. Anyone can nominate this volunteer. Submit any nominations directly to GMC.
  - D. Day on the Hill for Middle Schoolers (organized by Terry Rogers, Legislative Chair) – Late March/early April. Always on a Wed., cost involved.
    - a. Mandy Vezina will get more info on this.
  - E. Nominations for GMC PTO Board next school year. Please consider nominating someone!
    - a. As a non-profit, we have monthly meetings
- IV. Administrator's Report
  - A. Today is 90s Dress Day for Homecoming Spirit Week
    - a. Homecoming basketball game against Riverdale – Next Thurs., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Regional Meet – Starting Jan. 21, Championship Game is Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. All games will be at the new HMS gym.
      - Request: PTO decorate the VIP room by Fri., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Juliann DeMatteo will gather info and organize.
  - B. Ribbon-cutting for new addition on Jan. 2: Very successful. Thank you for your help!
  - C. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: Dance went well, with few behavioral issues. Great job on the decorations & set up!
  - D. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. Glow in the Dark. Casual dress.
  - E. Move into the Addition:
    - a. All teachers are moved into their new spaces, both in new addition and old building
    - b. We now have 3 free rooms in the old building!
  - F. House Rewards
    - a. Big House Rewards: In order to participate, the student has to earn at least one house point and have no discipline problems as of the time of the reward (eg, no ISS or OSS)
  - G. New Car Line flow: Parents have been requesting to trim curb and add a new sidewalk to wrap around the building. In the meantime, please teak the curve slowly.
    - a. More traffic is now off of Wolf River Blvd. Might not seem like an improvement, but have had higher numbers of car line riders this week

- b. Drainage issue in driveway, caused by placement of soccer field concession stand

## V. Reports

- A. President's Report -- Erin Avery
  - a. Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 16 – Went well, teachers thankful & spirits high.
  - b. Ribbon cutting for New Addition on Jan. 2 – Thanks to those that helped. Luncheon was well-organized. VIP room set up and to Debbie for manning the VIP room.
  - c. HMS Metal Electric Letters – Arrived just in time for the dance! Look great. Will be used at many future events.
  - d. Dance – Fabulous job to the Dance Committee, led by Carmen & Stacey. Thank you to those who managed decorations and set up: Stephanie Edwards, Wendy Camamile, Larissa Anderson, Juliann DeMatteo
  - e. Nominations Committee for next year's HMS PTO Board – Please start reaching out to friends & others who would like to get involved. We have many parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders rolling off the PTO and will have many positions to fill.
  - f. Yearbooks & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ads – Ads due this week
- B. Vice President's Report -- Toni Nygren
  - a. Huge thanks to Erin – She's had recent house disasters, but pulled off all of these recent PTO events with a smile
  - b. Thanks to everyone on the Board for a first successful semester
  - c. PTO Closet – Once the janitors move out, this will be our own closet just for the PTO at the school. Will need to reorganize and determine where key is permanently located for Board members to access
  - d. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Night for Rising Highschoolers: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please register!
- C. Treasurer's Report -- Amy Shackelford
  - a. Checks to distribute. Please deposit checks timely.
- D. Parliamentarian Report -- Mandy Vezina
  - a. Nominations for Star Awards: Send those to Mandy by early February
- E. Membership -- Christine Woods, Karen Viotti
  - a. No report.
- F. Ways and Means – Sarah Lee, Kristen Stadelman
  - a. On hold – Spirit Day with Toasted Yolk. Challenging to connect with them.
  - b. February 9 – Panera, all day. 20% of all proceeds go to PTO. Flyer forthcoming with details.
  - c. Mabel's Labels. On-going fundraising effort.
- G. Health and Safety -- Nancy Vaughan
  - a. No report.
- H. Reveal & Recognition -- Elizabeth Gates, Angie Shipman
  - a. No report.
- I. Haunted Houston -- Debbie Brown (Chairperson)
  - a. No report.
- J. Teacher Treats -- Melissa Salazar, Laurie Wissman
  - a. Coffee Bar restocked every Monday. Another Sign Up Genius is needed to restock, as PTO budget for this is getting low.

- b. Teacher Treat Cart delivered to classrooms – every 3<sup>rd</sup> week
  - c. Popcorn treat for each teacher put in their mailboxes – “Just popping in to say Happy New Year!”
  - d. Juliann – Parent wants to sponsor coffee bar one day (coffee cups, etc). She will reach out to Melissa with details.
  - e. Teacher lounge makeover: When will this be renovated? Admin getting a list of furniture and other needs to renovate it.
- K. Hospitality -- Angie Childers, Jenna Cox
- a. Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 16 was a success. Thank you PTO Board Members and others for the donations of gift cards. Each teacher received one in a “Price is Right” kind of raffle. Very fun and high spirits.
- L. Special Needs Liaison – Angie Childers
- a. Upcoming meeting to discuss needs
- M. Clubs and Sports – Kathryn Hickey
- a. No report.
- N. Beautification -- Stephanie Edwards
- a. Pots at front of school look beautiful
- O. Contests -- Karen Ivey
- a. GMC PTO Arts & Writing Contest – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. No submissions yet. Please encourage your child to submit!
- P. Care and Compassion Coordinator – Melanie Gattas
- a. Melanie has been active sending cards for bereavement, as well as gifts & cards to teachers who have had babies, cards to teachers/staff going through hard times. If you know of any teacher of staff who would appreciate this now, please email Melanie and copy Erin and Toni.
- Q. School Dances – Stacey Malone, Carmen Leister
- a. Erin: Huge thanks for a successful 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance!
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, Glow in the Dark, casual dress
- R. Honor Roll -- Carey Alley, Leanne Howell
- a. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Tentative Date to bring the treat cart around to students on the Principal’s Honor Roll during Focus time. Waiting on list from Mr. Fisher. Would like parents volunteers to help deliver the treats.
- S. TLC Cakes -- Ginger Neas
- a. Received Bunitini gift certificates, that will be distributed.
- T. Teacher Appreciation Week – Wendy Camamile
- a. May 1-5: Working with Ms. Strickland on details
- U. Webmaster -- Amy Cook
- a. Questions about House Reward system. (See Administrator’s Report.)
- V. Publicity – Kristin Albaugh
- a. No report.
- W. Newsletter -- Nabiha Huda
- a. No report.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. GMSD Board Liaison to PTO: Angela Griffith
  - i. Upcoming GMSD Board Retreat
  - ii. Legislative update and new representatives from community

- iii. Lots of great ideas and activities have been coming out of this PTO. Please encourage as many people as possible to get involved.
  - iv. Weekly neighborhood email/newsletter is open to anyone.
- B. Erin: New webmaster for GMSD hired under Kate Crowder. District office communications team is expanding.

VII. Adjournment – 10:20am

Attendance

Administration/Faculty:

Sara Strickland

GMSD Board Member (PTO Liaison):

Angela Griffith

PTO Board Members:

Carie Alley  
Erin Avery  
Wendy Camamile  
Angie Childers  
Amy Cook  
Jenna Cox  
Juliann DeMatteo  
Elizabeth Gates  
Sarah Goralewski  
Kathryn Hickey  
Leanne Howell  
Nabiha Huda  
Karen Ivey  
Bre Lacey  
Ginger Neas  
Toni Nygren  
Brienne Prentice  
Melissa Salazar  
Amy Shackelford  
Angie Shipman  
Kristen Stadelman  
Mandy Vezina  
Laurie Wissman

Parents:

Dorian Campbell  
Liz Cloverdale  
Brienne Prentice (brienne.prentice@outlook.com)  
Shannon Pressler

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, January 16 – MLK, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, February 8 – GMSD 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day
- Friday, February 10, 9AM – HMS PTO Meeting (HMS Cafeteria)
- Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL