

## HMS PTO Meeting

March 10, 2023, 9:00AM

HMS Cafeteria

- I. Call Meeting to Order – 9:05am
- II. Approval of the Minutes: 2-10-23 Meeting
  - A. Motion: Karen Ivey, Second: Kristen Stadleman
- III. Administrator's Report
  - A. Advancement in Fine Arts & STEM programs
    - a. Moving Band & Orchestra to 5 days/week has made huge advancements in their performance. Scored high at recent competitions.
    - b. New Class for next school year - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fine Arts sampler: Choir, Band, Drama
      - In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, students can then choose to specialize in a specific Fine Arts class
  - B. GMSD Principal of the Year: Mrs. Davis!
  - C. Recap: Separate Parent Nights for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and then 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to explain scheduling were successful
    - a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summit will be scheduled for late July for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
  - D. Scheduling for next school year is underway
    - a. In May – Letters for students to be enrolled in Enriched/WIN will be sent
  - E. CASE Testing just finished and some adjustments will be made for next school year with student class placement
    - a. Math Boost program for next year, for students that float in the middle
    - b. Math tutoring with Carie Alley will still be available
    - c. 75% of HMS students are proficient in grade level math skills
  - F. Field Day coming up
  - G. House update – Andalusian is currently in the lead
  - H. Fundraising
    - a. Title One funds left over from de-merging from Shelby County will be going away (\$100,000s)
    - b. Really looking to fundraise, collaborate with PTO & come up with creative ideas to help compensate for this loss of funds to our schools
      - Ideas: Host tournaments, kickball tournament in new gym with concessions for families
  - I. Summer renovation projects
    - a. Entire inside of building will be repainted
    - b. Former front office space will be renovated into a teachers' area with a lounge
      - Reconstruction & painting of teachers' area should be completed this summer. Furnishings to come later.
  - J. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – May 23, 6pm, Harvest Church
    - a. More details to come
- IV. Reports
  - A. President's Report -- Erin Avery
    - a. Exciting transformations continuing at HMS and sad that this is her last

- year here, with all the positive changes coming
  - b. GMC PTO Board is looking for positions. Please consider applying
  - c. April 20<sup>th</sup> - Star Awards Ceremony. HMS PTO nominees: Julieann DeMatteo, Amy Shackelford and Asst. Principal Brian Fisher
  - d. Thank yous:
    - Teacher Treats
    - Hospitality: Snack Bar for Teacher Conference Night
    - VP: Day on the Hill
    - Ways & Means: Successful Spirit Night with Taziki's
    - Nominating Committee & Parliamentarian: Hard work to compile the Board slate for 2023-2024
    - Treasurer & Secretary: Thank you for behind the scenes work
- B. Vice President's Report -- Toni Nygren
- a. Will still be here next year and very fortunate to have an Administration that works with us
  - b. Day on the Hill for Middle & High Schoolers (in Nashville) – March 29. Only 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 15 will be invited/pre-selected by Admin. GMSD Board member Angela Griffith & Social Studies teacher Ms. Breen will be going to represent HMS.
  - c. End of Year celebration/last meeting: May 12, Brunch time.
  - d. Cop Stop: Debbie Brown organizing this at the school. PTO/parents will provide food. Be on the lookout for more info.
- C. Treasurer's Report -- Amy Shackelford
- a. Review budget and submit check requests for reimbursement
  - b. Deposit checks timely
- D. Parliamentarian Report -- Mandy Vezina
- a. STAR Award Update
  - b. Thank you to the Committee of Nominations for HMS PTO Board 2023-2024. Had more interest to serve, than positions available. Please look to those eager to serve, who did not receive a position, to be volunteers in the next school year. We need them!
- E. Membership -- Christine Woods, Karen Viotti
- a. No report.
- F. Ways and Means – Sarah Lee, Kristen Stadelman
- a. Recap: Recent Spirit Days
    - Panera – earned \$76
    - Taziki's – earned \$215
  - b. Upcoming – Gus's Chicken (TBD in April), Micco's (May 4)
  - c. Ongoing: Mabel's Labels
- 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. Sign Up Genius for Coffee Bar has been very successful. Stocked for the rest of the school year.
  - b. Teacher Treat Cart going around today. It is brought around every 3 weeks.

- K. Hospitality -- Angie Childers, Jenna Cox
    - a. Snack Bar for the Teacher Conference Night was successful.
  - L. Special Needs Liaison – Angie Childers
    - a. No report.
  - M. Clubs and Sports – Kathryn Hickey
    - a. No report.
  - N. Beautification -- Stephanie Edwards
    - a. Pots in front of school for St. Patrick's Day look fantastic
  - O. Contests -- Karen Ivey
    - a. March Spotlight: Advanced Art
  - P. Care and Compassion Coordinator – Melanie Gattas
    - a. Sent out cards for teachers who experienced loss in their families recently.
  - Q. School Dances – Stacey Malone, Carmen Leister
    - a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Glow in the Dark Theme – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM
    - b. Please consider volunteering. We need you!
  - R. Honor Roll -- Carey Alley, Leanne Howell
    - a. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Treat Cart brought around to reward those 521 students who made Honor Roll the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Students who earned a reward, but weren't there on that day may get the treat later from their homeroom teacher.
      - Thanks to many parents who came to the school to volunteer to bring around the treat cart to students who earned a treat.
  - S. TLC Cakes -- Ginger Neas
  - T. Teacher Appreciation Week – Wendy Camamile
    - a. First Week in May. Details to come.
    - b. Teacher favorites lists are on the PTO website. Please treat our teachers!
  - U. Webmaster -- Amy Cook
    - a. No report.
  - V. Publicity – Kristin Albaugh
    - a. No report.
  - W. Newsletter -- Nabih Huda
    - a. No report.
- V. Old Business – None.
- VI. New Business – None.
- VII. Adjournment – 9:49am

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, March 10: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Sheets Due
- Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, March 29 – GMC PTO Day on the Hill (8<sup>th</sup> Graders only by invitation.)
- Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10 – Good Friday & Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- April 17 -21: TCAP Testing

- April 20, 6PM: GMC PTO STAR Awards Ceremony
- April 23: GMSD Color Run
- April 29, 5-7PM: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glow-in-the-Dark Dance

Attendance:

Attendance Administration/Faculty:  
Brian Fisher

PTO Board Members:

Carie Alley  
Erin Avery  
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  
Melissa Salazar  
Angie Shipman  
Kristen Stadelman  
Laurie Wissman

Incoming Board Members & Parents:

Sandra Bryant  
Liz Cloverdale  
Hanan McNamee  
Sarah Naffziger  
Brianna Prentice  
Shannon Pressler