

HMS PTO Meeting
August 12, 2022
9:00AM – HMS Cafeteria

- I. Call Meeting to Order – 9:02am
- II. Approval of the Minutes: 7-18-22 Meeting
 - A. Motion: Kristen Stadelman, Second: Angie Shipman
- III. Administrator's Report – Ms. Strickland & Mr. Fisher
 - A. Thank yous: Coffee for the lounges, gift cards for teacher orientation, helping at carline this week
 - B. Lockers and student agenda books are still on sale through SchoolCashOnline. All items to be purchased (EXCEPT for meals) are now administered through SchoolCashOnline. (Meals are still through SchoolBucks.)
 - C. House Reveal for the students' different house assignments is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 2.
 - D. Dress Code reminders. Parents – please review the dress code with your students, especially girls. Too many short shorts.
 - E. Great first week of school! Upbeat atmosphere
 1. Mustang Move has been wonderful and attributed to a wonderful first week of school
 2. Students are now able to use cell phones during transition times, in order for them to learn how to use technology responsibly. This has resulted in fewer student cell phone issues.
 - F. New email address for all announcements/social media posts. Send to: HMSmedia@gmsd.k12.org
 - G. Gym issue: Ceiling sprinkler leaked over summer and damaged part of the gym. Thus, half the gym is closed right now for repairs.
 - H. Mustang Move has momentum
 1. Getting quotes for gaga ball courts for outside are. Their construction is possible by a grant through the Germantown Education Foundation (GEF).
 2. Dream: Large basketball court/paved area outside, in back of the school.
 3. Schedule: Per grade band, 6 classes go to lunch, 6 classes go to Mustang Move. Then they swap.
 4. Amazon wishlist will be created for indoor recess games & items.
 - I. House App purchased through Ron Clark Academy. This will be displayed on screens throughout the school when students get points
 - J. Schedules will be set at week 2. No more changes allowed after that.
 - K. Teachers are working hard to support the students!
- IV. Special Guest – Diana Lang & HMS Counseling Team
 - A. All counselors stay with their grade level for all three years

1. Georgia Jeffreys (6th) - email best way to contact
 2. Carla Christian (7th), 14th year at HMS
 3. Diana Lang (8th)
- B. RAMP (Recognized Assessment Model Program) - achieved this national certification in 2016 and renewed in 2022. Only middle school in TN to have achieved this certification
- C. Focus: School counselors are here to support students both academically and socially/emotionally.
- D. What counselors DON'T do:
1. Discipline
 2. Scheduling/records
 3. Therapy
- E. How can we work together: Collaboration is key!
1. Teacher happies
 2. Publicity for parent-focused events
 3. Addressing parental concerns
 4. Education about community issues

V. Reports

- A. President's Report -- Erin Avery
- a. Thank yous: Volunteers over the past two weeks for beginning of school year; Membership & Donation Drive; Hospitality team for Teacher Back to School Luncheon; Beautification for entryway display; Nancy Vaughan – carline assistance this week!; Haunted Houston is already working on sponsorship; Hospitality for stocking coffee bar & cleaning the teacher lounges; Vice President Toni Nygren helped teachers for entire day before start of school
 - b. Photos: Please continue to take pictures to post on social media to promote PTO and all we do.
- B. Vice President's Report -- Toni Nygren
- a. Welcome to both old and new faces! Last year was great and this year is off to a fantastic start. Appreciate each of you.
 - b. Social events: Would like to have social events for PTO this school year.
 - c. PTO School Liaison: Introduction to GMSD School Board Member, Angela Griffith, who is the HMS PTO Liaison. Glad to take questions at the end of the meeting.
- C. Treasurer's Report -- Amy Shackelford
- a. Review your budget line and confirm with Amy that it is correct. Submit any reimbursements directly to Amy.
- D. Parliamentarian Report -- Mandy Vezina
- a. Complete Conflict of Interest Google Form, if you haven't already
- E. Membership -- Christine Woods, Karen Viotti
- a. No report.
- F. Ways and Means – Sara Lee, Kristen Stadleman

- a. Membership & Donation Drive are underway
 - i. \$6485 already generated for PTO & Donation Drive
 - ii. Update this weekend on social media for Donation Drive
 - iii. Incentive parties with donuts for classes in the lead will start next week.
- b. First Spirit Night – Tues., Sept. 6, 5-8pm, Forest Hill Grill
- G. Health and Safety -- Nancy Vaughan
 - a. Thank you to all who assisted with carline this week! Little happies for each of those volunteers from Nancy Vaughan.
- H. Reveal & Recognition -- Elizabeth Gates, Angie Shipman
 - a. House Reveal Date – Fri., Sept. 2. Mr. Barthalow is the faculty representative for the House system this year.
- I. Haunted Houston -- Debbie Brown (Chairperson)
 - a. Date Set – Sat., Oct. 22, 2022, 12-6pm
 - b. Poster contest will start this week. 4 winners and their posters will be displayed at other schools throughout the district to promote the event.
 - c. Pre-sale t-shirts only: Will start next week
 - d. Sponsors: Please continue to get sponsors. Items can be added to the online auction up until the day before the event.
- J. Teacher Treats -- Melissa Salazar, Laurie Wissman
 - a. Week before school: Stocked the coffee bar and cleaned teachers lounge
 - b. Teacher cart will be starting next week
- K. Hospitality -- Angie Childers, Jenna Cox
 - a. First event: Teachers Luncheon week before school was a success. Thanks to all who donated items for this meal.
 - b. Next event: Parent-teacher conferences
- L. Special Needs Liaison – Angie Childers
 - a. Once school settles down, will reach out to teachers to see what their needs are.
- M. Clubs and Sports – Kathryn Hickey
 - a. Compiling spreadsheet with all school-sponsored and club sports that HMS students can be involved in throughout the Germantown community
- N. Beautification -- Stephanie Edwards
 - a. No report.
- O. Contests -- Karen Ivey
 - a. No report.
- P. Care and Compassion Coordinator – Melanie Gattas
 - a. No report.
- Q. School Dances – Stacey Malone, Carmen Leister
 - a. Date set for 7th/8th grade Winter Formal: Sat., Jan. 7th
 - b. No date set yet for 6th grade Spring Fling (will NOT be formal)
- R. Honor Roll -- Carey Alley, Leanne Howell

- a. Students prefer instant gratification (eg, bag of Skittles) as their reward. When grades are posted for 1st quarter, will work on this.
 - S. TLC Cakes -- Ginger Neas
 - a. By next PTO meeting, will check with Nothing Bundt Cakes on prices and details for this
 - T. Teacher Appreciation Week – Wendy Camamile
 - a. No report
 - U. Webmaster -- Amy Cook
 - a. No report
 - V. Publicity – Kristin Albaugh
 - a. No report
 - W. Newsletter -- Nabiha Huda
 - a. Tues. PM: Have all info for the newsletter emailed to Nabiha
- VI. Old Business
- A. None.
- VII. New Business
- A. PTO Liaison – GMSD Board Member Angela Griffith
 1. Construction projects at HMS. Not just the addition, but refresh of existing school building as well (eg, new lights and screens in cafeteria)
 2. Parent engagement is the driver to keep up the positivity
 3. Thanks to Kathryn Hickey for compiling the sports list
 4. Social media & communication is top notch right now
 5. Process for reviewing books in library & in curriculum to comply with state law. Don't hesitate to contact teacher if you have an issue with a book. They have been very accommodating.
- VII. Adjournment – 9:56am

Important Dates

- August 2 – September 2 – PTO Donation Drive
- Tuesday, August 23, 5:30pm – 6th Grade Curriculum Night (In Person)
- Wednesday, August 24, 5:30pm – 7th Grade Curriculum Night (In Person)
- Thursday, August 25, 5:30pm – 8th Grade Curriculum Night (In Person)
- Friday, September 2 – House Reveal
- Friday, September 9, 9am – PTO Board Meeting (HMS Cafeteria)
- Wednesday, September 14, 4-7pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Attendance:

HMS Administration & Faculty:

Carla Christian (Counseling)
Brian Fisher
Georgia Jeffreys (Counseling)
Diana Lang (Counseling)
Sara Strickland

Guests:

Angela Griffith (GMSD School Board)

HMS PTO Board:

Carie Alley
Erin Avery
Debbie Brown
Wendy Camamile
Angie Childers
Amy Cook
Jenna Cox
Juliann DeMatteo
Sarah Goralewski
Kathryn Hickey
Leanne Howell
Nabiha Huda
Kathleen Huisman
Karen Ivey
Bre Lacey
Sarah Lee
Stacey Malone
Ginger Neas
Toni Nygren
Melissa Salazar
Amy Shackelford
Angie Shipman
Kristen Stadelman
Laurie Wissman

HMS Parents:

Liz Coverdale
Heather Gavin
Shannon Pressen
Tina Thorn