

HB DuPont Middle School

PTA Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Stack at 7:02pm.

The minutes for the October 10, 2017 meeting were presented by Deanna Blanchard. The minutes were accepted without addition or correction.

Principal's Report- Jason Bastianelli

- Welcome to everyone
- Great turnout for Choice Open House. A special Open House will be held for Linden Hill students after Thanksgiving.
- New staff member – Bob Regazzo is our new constable. He is a retired New Castle Police officer.
- Staff members were recognized for their attendance –Cook, Matthews, Keeports, Morsberger, Ferhau, Cox
- Auditions for the school play will be held shortly after returning from Thanksgiving break. Listen for announcements for specific details. The play will run Feb. 15-17.
- Great turnout for the soccer championship game. Congrats to the 6th time Champions!
- Winter sports tryouts have begun.
- Parent teacher conferences will be held next Monday and Tuesday.
- Band and choir concerts will be held in December.
- Mrs. Matthews counselor update – HS Choice is open. Contact her with any needs – report cards, teacher recommendation. Students should attach a student resume to the recommendation. 8th grade will tentatively have a cross-curricular Career Week in the spring.
- The Clothes Closet is in need of adult-sized polos and khakis.
- Fri, Dec 15 will be Dream Big Day. All students and staff will receive a Dream Big T-shirt. Volunteers will be needed to distribute – a sign-up genius will be sent out.

President's Report- Donna Stack

- Parent Advisory – Stephanie Conway. Discussed Chrome Book safety, HAC, Schoology
- Superintendent's Parent Council – Kelly Coffey. District uses a program called Gagggle to monitor student activity on Chromebooks. Levels 1-3 offenses with appropriate responses, not limited to phone calls to school, home or emergency services. Transportation has a Twitter account with daily information, especially in the mornings.
- Stewards of Children Event – Kelly Coffey. DE PTA & Beau Biden Foundation are partnering to offer training to recognize and react to sexual violations of children, Nov 28 at Stanton Middle. Children are not permitted
- School Board meeting, 11/1, 7pm at Warner Elementary
- Legislative representative – still needed

Treasurer's Report- Jen Wooten

- Budget balance sheet given, all up to date
- We are slightly below our goals for Warrior Fund so far

Membership Report- Ann Pollock

- Donna Stack reported for Ann. Currently 189 members, 71 of those staff
- 6th grade team is the only team at 100% membership
- We would love to see an increase, especially in staff membership
- Everyone should join even if you can't come to **meetings** or volunteer...members = votes for advocating for our students
- Warrior Fund is currently \$1000 below budgeted total

1st VP Report- Fundraising- Kelly Coffey

- Warrior Fund: most shirts/magnets have gone out, some still to go
- Outdoor Classroom – Laura Immediato . Kelly Coffey suggested promoting the outdoor classroom and warrior fund at Pasta Night.
- Product Incentives – Jen Lutes. Use AmazonSmile for Cyber Monday and Black Friday shopping. Thanks to everyone who sent in BoxTops and Zingo's receipts.
- Grants- nothing new to report
- Empty Bowls: Mary Kay Woodruff and Nancy Culley are planning the event; we received the \$1000 grant and the PTA matched that in order to have this community event with a theme of Helping Hunger through Art. We hope to involve the whole Hockessin community; event to be held October 19, 2018. Jenn Wootten made the suggestion to promote Empty Bowls at Pasta Night – bowls on display.

2nd VP Report- Student Events- Mary Kay Woodruff

- 7/8th grade glow dance 10/13/17 – was well-attended.
- 6/7th grade dance chairs: Stephanie Fleetwood and Stephanie Strumfels
- 8th grade formal chairs: Tricia Matthews and Wendy Eastburn Teal
- Skate Night – Kelly Coffey

3rd VP Report-Staff and Student Report- Jennifer Lutes

- Staff Appreciation - Stephanie Clatworthy and Holly Gilmartin-
- Student Recognition - Jen Lutes . Look for sign ups for staff appreciation dinner in December. Student Recognitions are occurring this week.
- Reflections - Sangita Modi. This year's theme is "Within Reach" with David Teague again volunteering to judge. Entries are due before winter break. Encourage students and teachers to participate.
- Landscaping- Candace Santoro. Nothing to report.

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 15 – Red Clay School Board meeting, 7pm

Nov. 17 – Picture make-up day

Nov. 20 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 21 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 28 – Stewards of Children, 6-8pm

Jan.9 – next PTA meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes submitted by Deanna Blanchard