H.B. du Pont Middle School

H.B. DuPont Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Donna Stack at 7:00 PM.

The minutes for the May 16, 2017 meeting were presented by Deanna Blanchard. The minutes were accepted without addition or correction.

Principal's Report – Jason Bastianelli

- Welcome to everyone & come back to Back to School night on Thursday.
- Staff members were recognized for their attendance – Jones, Keeports, Schuck, Matthews, Thompson , Spurlock, Fischer, Morsberger, Dr. Newton
- School Climate Survey – RCCISD sent links through UD to all school communities. The survey was completed by students, parents, & teachers in the winter of 2017. This survey focused on the satisfaction of the school climate. HB scored 109.2, the highest in Red Clay. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.
- New this year, HB is aligning testing in each grade level. Common Assessments will be administered throughout the grade levels – same tests in subject regardless of teacher.
- Technology – Chromebook distribution was a huge success. Schoology & Google Classrooms will be implemented this year.
- Tour will be available at meeting 's end – come check out all of the improvements completed this summer - 2 new classrooms, new offices, new secure entrance, new windows and painting throughout the school.
- SRI &and SMI testing being conducted this week. These tests will identify RTI and candidates. These students will receive supplemental instruction during activity blocks.
- Activity Blocks target date is October 3rd. Students will soon select their top 5 choices for each day.
- An outdoor classroom is the perfect complement to the newly completed school garden. The administration has identified construction of an outdoor classroom as a goal for this year. Such a space will be comprised of prepared tree stumps and an overhead covering. Monetary and stump donations are gladly accepted.
- This year's theme is Dream Big. HB strives to inspire all students in all they endeavor. Shirts will again be gifted to all students in December.

President's Report – Donna Stack

- School of Excellence – The National PTA offers a program for schools to be the best they can be. HB PTA began the application process in fall 2016. The first step was the completion of parent surveys to identify areas for improvement. National PTA analyzed surveys and created an action plan for each school. A team including school teachers, counselors, and parents was organized to respond to results – communication was the main item identified to improve. The digital marquee sign, renumbering the school building with new signage, & improved communications to upcoming 6th grade parents were key improvements. HB is one of 141 schools nationally chosen for this honor, and the only one ever in DE.
- Mary Lou Anderson Arts grant – national PTA grant bestowed on HB. We will hold a community event in conjunction with "Empty Bowls." Huge thanks to Martha Heojoki for her superior grant-writing powers.
- Legislative Representative needed. Requirements include attending a monthly meeting & reporting at the monthly PTA meeting.
- HB will be honored at the October 18 Red Clay board meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- Red Clay Advisory Council – Stephanie Conway
- Superintendent's Parent Council – Kelly Coffey

Treasurer's Report – Jen Wootten

- 2017-2018 Budget Proposal – Jen explained the proposed budget line by line. Budget published on PTA web site.
- Budget Vote – John Thompson made a motion to approve the budget. Martha Helojoki made a motion to second the motion.

- Budget snapshot:

Treasurer's Report 9/12/17	
Bank balance as of 8/31/17	$15,276.26
Dispursements since 7/1/17	
2017 8th Grade dance (replacement check)	$219.00
RV Nuccio (Insurance)	$179.00
Tyrant SportsGear (Warrior Fund t-shirts)	$381.00
Teacher Support Fund	$384.99
Delaware PTA (August dues)	$204.00
PTA Operating Expenses (paper, Square fees)	$63.62
JR Fleetwood (6th grade dance)	$200.00
	$1,631.61
Receipts since 7/1/17	
VOID Check	$219.00
Membership	$640.00
Warrior Fund	$3,145.00
Amazon Smile	$29.67
National PTA Grant	$1,000.00
	$5,033.67

Membership Report – Ann Pollock

- As of today, 109 members, 41 of those staff. 6th grade team is 100%. 8th grade Meadowood is also 100%.

1st VP Report – Fundraising – Kelly Coffey

- Warrior Fund - $3445 to date.
- Outdoor Classroom – we are looking for a parent liaison. Marissa Mash is the staff sponsor. There is a required online training required in conjunction with a grant we are applying for.
- Book Fair – Deanna Blanchard
    - will be held March 19-23
- Product Incentives – Jen Lutes. Please continue to send in your box tops & Zingo's receipts. Keep shopping through Amazon Smile.
- Grants – Martha Helojoki
- Empty Bowls – Mary Kay Woodruff & Nancy Culley
    - Empty Bowls is a program to create awareness about hunger. The Art department will work with students to create bowls to be purchased for $15 at the event, accompanied by a meal of soup, bread and dessert .Our goal is to raise over $3000 to provide 15,000 meals through the Food Bank of DE. A family Paint Night will also be held. We hope to engage the community and local businesses with soup donations and raffle basket item donations. The event will be held October 2018. Ideas, questions, donation leads are encouraged.
- Family Pasta Night – Jen Wootten

2nd VP Report – Student Events – Mary Kay Woodruff

- 6th grade GLOW dance – September 15. Niki Colburn, Tina Klumpp & Donna Stack are chairing the event. Chaperones and food donations are requested through the signup genius sent to 6th grade parents.
- 7th/8th grade GLOW dance – October 13th – Chair(s) needed
- Skate Night – Kelly Coffey –
- 6th/7th grade dance – will be held in March. Students may have the opportunity to vote on the theme. Chair(s) needed
- 8th grade formal - Chair(s) needed

- **3rd VP Report – Staff and Student Support – Jennifer Lutes -** Events will be starting soon. We will contact volunteers soon.
- Staff Appreciation – Stephanie Clatworthy & Holly Gilmartin.
- Student Recognition – Jen Lutes
- Reflections – Sangita Modi. This year's theme is "Within Reach." David Teague, local author and UD professor, has again volunteered to judge the entries. Entries are due before winter break.
- Landscaping -

From the counselors - Presentations on high schools will begin in 8th grade classrooms in early October.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.
Minutes submitted by Deanna Blanchard, secretary

Upcoming Events:

9/14	Back to School Night, 6-8PM
9/15	6th grade GLOW dance, 7-9PM
10/10	PTA meeting
10/13	7th/8th grade GLOW dance, 7-9PM
11/14	HB Choice Open House, 6PM