

HB DuPont Middle School

PTA Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Holly Gulli at 7:02 pm

The minutes for the May 14th meeting were presented by Nicole Colborn. The minutes were accepted without addition or correction.

Principal's Report- Jason Bastianelli

- Welcome to everyone
- Staff members were recognized for their attendance – Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Morsberger, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Inman, and Mrs. Delgado
- Thanks to DE PTA President, Julie Alvarez and Red Clay Board member, Jose Avilla for attending tonight's meeting.
- Off to an excellent start—students are getting acclimated. Welcome to Becky Wang, 8th grade science; Jayne Hughes, 7th Grade Special Ed ELA; and Heather Clifton, 6th Grade Special Ed Math.
- Thanks to PTA for raising money for a new deck for the outdoor classroom as well as new picnic tables.
- We are fundraising this year (Warrior Fund) to contribute to a new gym floor for next year.
- New student orientation was well attended, and chrome book distribution ran smoothly. EDTV did a great job documenting the chrome book distribution night.
- Recently, H.B. was announced as back to back winners for our Best Buddies Chapter.
- Back to school night is Tuesday, September 24th. Follow your child's schedule and meet all their teachers.
- Spirit wear-we changed vendors and there have been some issues trying to work out the process. The most recent order is late due to the hurricane. This company works with many schools and they were highly recommended. We are working with the company to make the process better.
- Pineapple PD—"Let the best learn from the best." Participating teachers have pineapples outside their classroom doors. Teachers will go to other classrooms to observe and learn from other teachers.
- Our theme for this year is "ambitious."

Counselor's Corner – Mrs. Matthews

- Implementing the Social-Emotional Learning Program to let students know what they should be doing and how they can handle social situations that come up. During Middle school, friendships change, and this program will help them deal with that.
- The program covers Mindsets and Goals; Values and Friendships; Thought and emotions, and Peer Conflicts.
- Grade level academies are done during activity block time. Lead Groups meet twice per month with their assigned teacher.
- All the information is on www.secondstep.org
- On H.B.'s web site under Counselor, you can find more counseling info as well as updates on what they are learning in the program.

President's Report- Holly Gulli

- Resident traffic concerns—We had a concerned resident contact us about the speed on Meeting House Rd, and drivers are not stopping at the crosswalks for students. Looking into getting safety lights and reduced speed limits during morning and dismissal times.
- Website updates/design (Amy Leida)
- Legislative Representative (Tiffany Aldas)
- Red Clay Parent Advisory Council Rep. (Stephanie Fleetwood)
- Superintendent's Parent Council (Julie Guarneri)

Treasurer's Report- Ann Pollock

- 2019-2020 Budget Proposal/Account updates were displayed and reviewed.
- Money for spirit wear will be used by the PTA to enhance the support we provide our teachers and staff in their work with our children.
- Budget was approved.

Membership Report- Martha Helojoki

- 122 members as of tonight's meeting--76 parents and guardians and 46 teachers and staff.
- Please join the PTA—memberships are \$10. If you can, please contribute to the Warrior Fund, which raises money to help with school updates. For every faculty \$5 membership, we offer \$50 reimbursement for classroom needs. We have classroom grants for up to \$500 for expenses that are for needs above and beyond the budget.
- Academic club grants are available for expenses for after school programs like Odyssey of the mind, Science Olympiad, etc.

1st VP Report- Fundraising-Laura Werner

- Warrior Fund: No update
- Outdoor classroom: No update
- Book Fair: No update
- Product Incentives (Bethany Williams): There is now a digital box tops app. Just download the app and scan your receipts. Still collecting Zingos receipts-send those in to school. Link your amazon account to amazon smile and every time you shop, you are supporting the HB PTA.
- Grants: No update
- Family Pasta Night: No update

2nd VP Report- Student Events- Nicole McKee

- 6th Grade GLOW Dance (Kristen Dassel)—Thank you! 124 students attended. Thank you to those parents who helped setup, chaperone and donated.
- 7th/8th Grade Dance (Julie Guarneri)—Halloween theme on October 25th. To help with the dance, send an email to hbdupontpta@gmail.com
- 6th/7th Grade Dance (Renee Paoli/Corey Fischer)

- 8th Grade Formal (Renee Paoli) May 15th
- 8th Grade Pool Party (Debbie Brown) June 5th
- Skate Night (Nicole McKee)—Partnering with Brandywine springs this year.

3rd VP Report-Staff and Student Support – Marisa Livaditis

- Staff Appreciation (Allyson Short/Lisa Malatesta/Wendy Rutter): First drink cart will be Wednesday, October 2nd. We are asking for donations to replenish the drink cart. Send donations to the school or use the Amazon wish list link as well. Dec. 13th is the teachers' holiday luncheon. If anyone has any personal connection to restaurants, let us know. We are trying to keep costs down. January 31st will be the soup luncheon.
- Reflections (Jayshree Tailor): IF anyone is interested, Jayshree could use a helper.
- Landscaping (OPEN):

New Business/Other

The Medical Society of Delaware is giving a presentation on Wednesday, October 16th @ 5:30 pm called "Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age"

The DE PTA is holding a Vaping Educational forum on November 6th. Information can be found on the DE PTA Facebook page.

Meet Dorrell Green (Red Clay Superintendent):

9/23 @ Dickinson High School at 7:00 pm

9/24 @ Stanton Middle School at 6:00 pm

9/25 @ Cooke Elementary at 5:45 pm

9/26 @ Warner Elementary at 6:30 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

9/24 Back to School Night 6:00-8:00 pm (Parent Only Event)

10/15 PTA Meeting 7:00-8:00 pm (HB Library)

10/22 Choice Information Meeting at CAB

10/25 7th/8th Grade Dance 7:00-9:00 pm (HB)

11/12 HB Choice Open House 6:00-8:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Colborn