

HB DuPont Middle School

PTA Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Stack at 7:05 pm.

The minutes for the March 13, 2018 meeting were presented by Deanna Blanchard. The minutes were accepted without addition or correction.

**Principal's Report- Jason Bastianelli**

- Welcome to everyone
- Staff members were recognized for their attendance - Jones, Talmo, Mathews, Zufelt, Thompson
- Smarter Balanced testing has begun with 8th this week, 7th next, and 6th the week after.
- Spring is a busy time at HB! Congrats to Science Olympiad state champs for 34th year, 8th grade Math League state champs & 7th grade was 3rd in state. FCCLA state convention was held and HB was well represented. Spring sports are underway and all teams are doing well. Cafe of the Arts was held last week with many outstanding performances and displays. Helping Hands is holding a Special Olympics event next week. TSA competition next week.
- Administrative Assistant day is April 25. Thank you to our 3 phenomenal admins!
- Counselor's Corner - Mrs. Matthews
  - 8th grade Career Day was held March 29th. Presenters were presented with an HB swag bag, a folder with map and pertinent information, & a certificate. A 7th grade team greeted, escorted, and assisted all of the presenters. The 8th graders completed a survey evaluating the experience & they gave very positive feedback. 93% of the students were inspired by 1 or more of the presenters. The presenters were also polled to build on next year's event - and all who were responded are willing to return next year.
  - High school scheduling - A.I. & McKean HS came to HB last week to work on scheduling with their upcoming 9th graders. Counselors from the high schools speak to the students about their selections, and Mrs. Mathews oversees the choices. Dickinson has made initial contact and will schedule soon.
  - Next year's 7th and 8th graders - looking forward to high school, emphasis that high schools are looking at:
    - Behavior
    - Attendance
    - Academics
    - 8th graders should pay close attention to Open House schedules, Choice dates, Recommendation & transcript deadlines in the fall.
    - Test Scores
    - Involvement
  - 8th graders were administered the 8/9 PSAT last week. This process begins a benchmark process for them. Students will receive their score report before the end of the school year. Students can link this information with Khan Academy to receive a customized plan based on their performance.
  - A sampling of 30 8th graders will be taking the ICILS assessment, testing computer literacy.
  - The Counselors department will be visiting the feeder elementary schools to begin the scheduling process for rising 6th graders. A recommendation was made to share the Exploratories options with 5th grade parents prior to the visits.
  - Any student course levels will be discussed with parents before any changes are made.
  - All 6th and 7th graders will speak with a counselor to confirm Exploratories for next year - in May.

**President's Report- Donna Stack**

- Election of Nominating Committee members - Jen Lutes, Mary Kay Woodruff & Deanna Blanchard are the proposed members. Kelly Coffey made a motion to approve the committee members and Ann Pollock seconded.
- 2018-2019 Board & Committee chairs needed. Please speak a member of the nominating committee to volunteer!
- Parent Advisory - Stephanie Conway. District nurse spoke about student wellness and wellness centers. She emphasized the importance of completing the Student Information cards at the beginning of the year.
- School Board meeting, 4/18, 7pm at Warner Elementary
- Red Clay PTA School Board Candidate Forum - Stanton MS, 4/25 @ 6:30
- DE PTA annual convention, 4/28, 9am-4pm at St George's HS, Middletown.
- School Board elections - 5/8, 10am-8pm at designated Red Clay schools & Hilltop Community Center. HB is a poll site.

#### **Treasurer's Report- Jen Wooten**

- Budget balance sheet given, all up to date
- 3 Academic club grants have been received. TSA, Science Olympiad & Odyssey of the Mind have requested grants.

#### **Membership Report- Ann Pollock**

- Currently 202 members.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report- Fundraising- Kelly Coffey**

- Book Fair - Deanna Blanchard. Despite the weather's best efforts to thwart us, the Book Fair had a successful run. All students visited the fair during ELA classes, before school and at lunch. The PTA profited \$1060.91 from the book fair, up 7% from last year. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped run the event.
- Pasta Night - Jen Wooten. Our rescheduled event was a success! About 200 meals were served. A profit of about \$400 was made, which wasn't our intention but better than a loss :)
- Outdoor Classroom - Laura Immediato. Build date June 2. The sunshade has been ordered. The classroom will be ready for next year!
- Empty Bowls - Mary Kay Woodruff, Colleen Zufelt & Nancy Culley - art classes are decorating bisque bowls. They will have the option to reserve their bowl ahead of the Empty Bowls event, Friday October 18th. Students are also creating extra pieces to be offered for sale or auction. On May 1, students not involved in art classes can stay after school to paint a bowl. There will be options for families - not everyone will have to purchase a bowl, but additional meals. All proceeds will benefit the West End House.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report- Student Events- Mary Kay Woodruff**

- 8th grade formal - Patricia Mathews & Wendy Eastman-Teal. The dance will be held on May 11th, with an Under the Stars theme. Sign Up geniuses have been posted on the pta web site.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report-Staff and Student Support - Jennifer Lutes**

- Staff Appreciation - Stephanie Clatworthy & Holly Gilmartin. Staff appreciation week is the week of May 7. Look for sign ups to help with donations and gift cards.
- Student Recognition - Jen Lutes. 3rd marking period recognition will be held the week of April 23rd.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

May 9 PTA Day in Dover

April 28 State PTA Convention

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

May 11 8th grade Semi Formal

June 1 8th grade Pool Party

Minutes submitted by Deanna Blanchard

June 6 8th grade Moving Up -

Dickinson HS