

January 5, 2017 UMS HSC Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Rama Nemani	Maureen Currie	Audrey Mantell
Todd Feinberg	Kristi Haftorson	Gretchen Gabriel
Doug Evans	Alexis Hoekstra	Drew Doblal
Janette Adams	Doris Velasquez	Christina Carreras
Kiley Doblal – Leadership	Sudhir Vasudevan -Leadership	Patti Ginsberg - Leadership
Emma Varnell – Leadership		

I. Meeting Called to order at 6:33

II. Question of the evening: What was the most interesting Gift Given/Rec'd this year?

III. Nov. /Dec Mtg. Minutes Approval

- Motion to approve - Doug Evans; Second - Gretchen Gabriel
- Minutes voted Approved

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Please see the January 2017 Treasurer's Report for detailed breakdown
- Amazon links - it appears that we can receive revenue from both Smile and regular Amazon simultaneously
- Discussion took place regarding spending down our revenue
- Decided we would like to ask the teachers to put together a wish list of things they would like
- Rama and Mr. Feinberg will get together and create some guidelines for teachers for when they turn in their requests
- Alexis suggested perhaps for future field trips to The Tech, perhaps HSC could help pay for the student to see the featured movie as well
- Rama suggested perhaps having authors of popular books the student reads come for "Meet the Author" days or something along that line

V. Parliamentarian - Jen Norcia

- Requested that all board members let her know if we are interested in coming back to our positions for the 2017/18 school year
- Once we know who won't be returning we can start networking to find replacements

VI. Parent Leadership Council (PLC) Report

- Maureen, Rama and Vicki attended the PLC meeting at the District Office this month at the District Office December 13th
- The PLC is made up of representatives of all schools in the district and Superintendent Denise Clay; it is also open to the public
- The PLC meets once a month to discuss various items relating to the schools. This can include current events, projects, what is working for their school, what is not, etc.
- Rama and Maureen said that by attending the meetings they really appreciate Union's programs even more – we have a great electives program and felt that compared to Dartmouth's ours appears to be a bit more varied and giving kids more choices
- Other highlights covered in the meeting:
- All schools will have a variety of improvements occurring over the next year, from outside paint to new facilities.
- Our reps shared with the group:
 - Information about our Active Shooter Drill
 - Communication is always good between administration and parents
 - Kids are happy

VII. mPower

- Taking place 1/23 and 1/24
- 6th –presentations by 8th graders about bullying
- 7th sexual harassment
- 8th graders – bullying in dating relationships

VIII. Art Vista

- 7th grade AV is currently taking place in the classrooms
- Subject is African Art; Project is weaving

IX. 8th Grade Graduation Dance- Gretchen Gabriel

- Things are well under way; Committees are meeting and working on their plans.
- More decorations/thematic than last year
- Don't want to discuss any specific themes right now; plus 8th graders in the meeting!
- Renee talking with Rama about PayPal account link on website for donations; Donation increments are \$50, \$100 and other
- Announcement going out to 8th grade families next week with all information regarding graduation
- Last year we had a surplus of donations; Rama asked how we address that this year, especially since we're talking about needing to spend down our HSC budget in general
- Gretchen suggests putting any surplus towards a class gift or something for the school
- Mr. Feinberg will also be sending out an announcement regarding "prom-posals" ; they will not be happening on campus and students will be discouraged from arranging them
- Kristi mentioned she may not want to take on the 2018 8th grade graduation, but said she would still continue to be 7th grade Liaison for now. She also wanted those present at tonight's meeting to pass along that if anyone is interested in working on the 2018 Grad party to please let her know

X. Music Boosters

- Disneyland meeting occurring as we speak

XI. Leadership

- 7th/8th grade dance last month - theme was Black lights
- Walls of the cafeteria were covered with canvases splattered with paint and the black lights reflected off walls giving the whole room a cool effect
- 6th grade dance Feb. 10th - Sports Theme
- Girls Basketball finished 1st place undefeated; Boys basketball tryouts last week.
- Spirit Basketball Game is March 10th against Dartmouth; Leadership is working on several different events for the day of the game
- Held a fundraiser in December - Kids to Kids gift boxes
- Care packages were put together with donations from students so they could be delivered to kids in need
- Made over 53 boxes; sent them to local police station to distribute.
- Mr. Feinberg asked if there would be any additions to seating in the Movie Room; one idea is bean bags that stored in the leadership room.
- Morning announcements - every morning the Student Council does announcements over the loud speakers to let students know what's going on daily.
- Mr. Feinberg said Leadership is going very well

XII. Teachers report - Ms. Carreras

- Smart Start – didn't go exactly as planned but still went very well. Having Smart Start first day back from vacation was a concern but the other side of the argument was that it's a good way to ease back into the school year after a long time off
- Maureen asked where the funds go for the Magazine Fundraiser; The funds pay for dances, leadership conferences for staff and students; ROPES course for students
- Working at ways to improve recording of expenses and funds as there are no records from past years

XIII. Principal's Report

- Mr. Feinberg is trying to encourage the teachers to use Twitter more; feels it's a good way to show parents what's going on in the classrooms
 - His idea is running "Twitter Bingo" - Bingo Card with different Twitter related options on it
 - Different awards for different accomplishments
 - Grand prize for winning team is a long lunch to a nice restaurant off campus
 - Mr. Feinberg has also created a whole Twitter help sheet for teachers who may not have used Twitter before so they can participate
- Looking into having a different student run the GoTeamUMS twitter account week to week
- We have several presentations coming up:
 - Digital tattoo presentation – discusses internet safety 6th grade on 1/31; 7th grade on 2/2
 - Brian Stow – anti bullying talk with 6th graders and 8th graders; will be coming back for 7th at a later date
- Lots of 4 day weeks, Winter Break, Spring Break, then testing

XIV. Notes:

- February's HSC Meeting will be switched to 2/2 at 6:30 PM instead of 8:30 AM
- March HSC Meeting will still take place on 3/9 at 6:30 PM

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 PM