

HMS Foundation Meeting
Approved Minutes,
September 20, 2018



Meeting: Thursday, September 20, at 8:30am

Location: HMS Media Center Conference Room

Attendees: Pamela Blass (Chair), Angie Claussen (secretary), Alicia Galloway (school liaison), Jen Wahlen (treasurer), Beth Courtney-Long (nominated member), Chris Kinabrew (parent), Tameka Cole-Williams (parent), Kavitha Gopa (parent)

1. Welcome – Pamela Blass
2. Approval of Minutes – Angie Claussen - approved
3. Treasurer’s Report – Jen Wahlen
 - a. Biggest expense was STEM training, few other changes.
 - b. 4-year strategic plan, working toward recertification.
 - c. One possibility is to have 2 STEM teams per grade level to pilot specific activities such as robotics.
 - d. Conference was a success. Teachers learned a lot and are doing some of the activities in their classrooms.
 - e. Hour of code in December 3-9, entire school will participate. Possibly in extended homeroom to program every day.
 - f. Suggestions for resources: SmartCode in Toco Hills SmartGirls camp.
4. STEM Committee report – Alicia Galloway
 - a. STEM committee worked on mission and vision, morning announcement has a STEM pledge.
5. Old Business
 - a. Bilingual liaison update
 - i. Ms. Patillo has a candidate in mind, will approach her to proceed with the selection process.
 - b. Request to fund temporary additional security during afternoon dismissal
 - i. Parking and pickup procedures are unsafe, signage was improved, there is still no quote for security, electronic vote is possible if the quote is received before the next meeting
 - c. Business partners
 - i. Potential to work with PTSA to decide on how to acknowledge sponsors. Previous suggestions are banners or possibly a new electronic sign. Banners and signs are used at other schools, including Lakeside.
6. New Business –
 - a. Election of Beth Courtney-Long, treasurer candidate, to board – unanimously approved. Jen Wahlen will meet with her and train her in the required duties, before she is elected treasurer. Bank account paperwork will also need to be updated.
 - b. Funding priorities: Ms. Galloway has presented a ‘wish list’ for a variety of materials and activities that would require funding and would move the school closer to school-wide STEM certification.
 1. STEMScopes for 6th and 7th grade: \$5,950 for the entire school. Plan is to use it for 220 children for now = \$2,460
 2. Legends of learning: Games that align with the GA standards, can be downloaded to chrome books. \$1,600 for entire school.
 3. Freckle (RTI): for underperforming students 100 licenses \$2,574
 4. Moby Max: \$990
 5. Scholastic: \$6,468 for magazine

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- ii. Conferences
 - 1. Math conference deadline October 2. Conference is 17-19. 4 participants= \$1,116
 - 2. Tech conference in November.
 - iii. STEM lab
 - 1. Shelving and resources needed. No cost projected, will be long term. Ms. Galloway will gather details for long term planning,
 - iv. Other STEM
 - 1. Posters, murals, banners
 - 2. Atlanta Science Festival: \$400
 - v. Other priorities
 - 1. Bilingual liaison: \$1800
 - c. How to raise funds;
 - i. DeKalb wants to add a twitter account for STEM
 - ii. HMS should use existing communication streams: E-blast, HMS foundation webpage
 - d. Lakeside Construction Committee meeting 7:30am Oak Grove
7. Proposal to fund:
- i. Math conference 4 people: **\$1,116** motion - approved
 - ii. Tech 4 @ 235 = **\$940** motion – approved
 - iii. STEMScopes for 220 licenses per grade = **\$2,460** - approved
 - 1. Could ask parents to reimburse for the workbooks which are used by students. Even if not all parents pay, this would recoup some of the expenses if properly advertised.
8. Adjourn

Next HMS Foundation Meeting: October 18, 2018 at 8:30 am