

HMS Foundation Meeting

Minutes

November 18, 2020



Tom VanValkenburg (President), Beth Courtney-Long (Treasurer), Chris Kinabrew (Secretary), E-Chia Chihade (At Large), Nisha Wagner (At Large), Frey Misghina (At Large), Shelley Danzy (HMS Liaison), Principal Patillo (Guest), Lisette George (guest)

1. Welcome

2. Approval of October 2020 Minutes. Nisha motioned, E-Chia second; all approved

3. Treasurer's Report. Beth reviewed the monthly statement – no major changes since last month.

4. Old Business

Electronic Marquee. Principal Patillo is ordering now and will loop back re the date. She is communicating with Mr. Arnold at the District

Fundraising Campaign. Beth shared that as of last night about \$1122 net, and also \$150 through Facebook (not reflected through income statement). All agreed we should extend the campaign until the week of December 4th... then Chris will communicate out thanks in mid-December.

5. New business

New identified needs at HMS to consider? Principal Patillo and Shelley shared nothing came up in faculty meeting last week. Principal Patillo mentioned letting the Define STEM curriculum go – but may want to consider another site license for next school year (to standardize on one program). This year teachers are using several different things. STEM certification is up for renewal 2023. *Action:* Discuss in Spring 2021 as possible budget item for 2021-2022 school year.

Buildings and Grounds. Lisette George serves on PTSA building and grounds committee... w pandemic her efforts came to halt w buildings and grounds. Last year as result of meetings w committee and Mr. Purdy, came up with checklist for beautification of outside grounds and other improvements. Lisette approached Home Depot on Lawrenceville, asked store manager for \$250 and he became interested in full wish list. In spring 2021 wants to continue. Mr. Purdy suggested the greenhouse area the courtyard. Keeping that in mind, Lisette's Girl Scout Troop (half of whom are at Henderson) worked w them to complete bronze award at Henderson. Spoke about it with PAC over summer – bee pollinators and native habitat restoration. Mr. Purdy met the Girl Scouts and some others on a Saturday in September and worked on the hillside near maintenance shed and girls installed 6 pollinator houses and planted native wildflower seeds. Native wildflower gardens throughout the school do not require lots of maintenance. Frey mentioned last year she helped secure some donations for Mr. Purdy's efforts from Home Depot, Lowes, and Ace Hardware. Tom asked what Foundation should consider.

ACTIONS: Lisette will send wish list and also before/after pictures. Foundation will brainstorm ways to volunteer in this effort and other support. We will invite Mr. Purdy to join future Foundation meeting.

NEXT MEETING –discuss March Madness and also board positions for next school year

6. Adjourn. Frey motioned, Beth second, all in favor.

Next HMS Foundation Meeting: December 16, 2020 at 5 PM