

# HMS Foundation Meeting

## Minutes

December 16, 2020



Beth Courtney-Long (Treasurer), Chris Kinabrew (Secretary), E-Chia Chihade (At Large), Nisha Wagner (At Large), Principal Patillo (Guest), Matthew Purdy (guest), Angela Barnett (Guest)

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Approval of November 2020 Minutes. Beth motioned, E-Chia second; all approved

- a. **Treasurer's Report.** Beth reviewed the monthly statement – no major changes since last month. Fewer requests this Fall than in past years. Finance statement does not yet include income from the recent campaign (about \$2000). Later this month, Beth working on donation letters for 2020 donors.

### 3. Old Business

- a. *Electronic Marquee.* Principal Patillo emailed Lemuel Hawkins about starting the process. Mr Hawkins responded the request will need to go before the board, so he will get on agenda. Then he will send letters HMS Foundation and PTSA need to sign. Then process will take 12-14 weeks.
- b. *Fundraising Campaign.* Beth confirmed \$1890 raised through PayPal and netted \$1826. Also raised a small amount of \$\$ through Facebook. Angela suggested confirming the \$\$ amounts each org (HMS Foundation, PTSA) will donate for the electronic marquee.
- c. *Building and Grounds.* Mr. Purdy shared the 12x8 greenhouse (purchased w Clorox grant) is at school and will be constructed when back in person. He estimates it will take 5 to 10 hours to build. No need for a large volunteer day as he can do it with one other teacher (and intends to do so before Spring Break). Currently, there are seven 4x8 raised beds. He spoke with Lisette George about Carol's Garden area. There are cracks in sidewalk cement and it could use some new plants, e.g., pollinator garden to replace holly bushes, and maybe some picnic tables and benches. Mr. Purdy still has \$300 or so from Clorox grant to use. In the future, he would like to integrate the garden/greenhouse with classroom work in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ecology or ELT. He may request \$\$ in future from the Foundation for a STEM kit to incorporate. There are ~ 20 kids in eco-avengers, so goal to share the greenhouse/garden with more students. Beth liked tying it to classes in terms of reaching more students. Angela said Sagamore Hills Elementary has an active greenhouse and may be a resource through Ms. Spencer, master gardener. Mr. Purdy has talked with Tucker middle school garden. **ACTION:** Continue inviting Mr. Purdy to HMS Foundation meetings and look out for future funding request as noted above. May need to discuss with Principal Patillo what improvements can be done with or without approval (e.g., Carol's Garden).

### 4. New business:

- a. *Meeting schedule in 2021.* We will continue to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5 PM. Angela mentioned it is good to have the Foundation and PTSA at same days. So those future dates are January 20<sup>th</sup>; February 17<sup>th</sup>; March 17<sup>th</sup>; April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>
- b. *New identified needs at HMS to consider.* E-Chia said Patillo maybe wants safety kits for each teacher (masks, etc)
- c. *March Madness.* All agree it is still feasible, just may need to do the team parties later (e.g., in April or May). May consider using membership toolkit campaign for more team engagement (but keep simple).
- d. *Board positions for next school year.* Did not discuss – save for next meeting.

**Next HMS Foundation Meeting:** January 20, 2021