



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2017**

Meeting Called to order at 9:05 am

**Secretary** – Sarah Magnesen requested approval of the November 16, 2016 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Jeanine Schuster and second by Mary Henneman. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tanya Andoniadis spoke that we are on budget this year. No major requests have come in.

**President’s Report**

Nothing to report.

**Principal’s Report**

Principal Bill Walsh: Year two of finals before Winter Break went smoothly. Freshman are taking two surveys right now; Scholorcentric and Freshman Readiness. One to One initiatives are moving smoothly. Registration for 2017-2018 is happening now through February 3rd.

National School Climate Survey did not receive a very high response rate. This survey is not a priority for the Hinsdale Central administration because it does not allow for enough detailed information to be obtained.

**Committee Reports**

**Book Fair** – The committee held a book fair in November at Barnes and Noble to benefit the HCHS PTO.

**Coat Check** – Teena Rajan, the committee chair, is looking for volunteers for the Winter Dance on February 4, 2017. Sign-up genius is available online to sign up.

**Devils Diner** – The December Hot Chocolate event was so popular that another event will be held on 1/31/17, the week prior to the Winter Dance.

**Directory** – The directory will soon be available as an app. Details will be coming. The printed version will be discontinued after this year.

**D86 Speaker Series** – The second event of the school year will be held at The Community House on Tuesday, February, 7, 2017 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00am. The event is featuring Dr. Kristen Race, author of Mindful Parenting, who will discuss self-compassion, empathy, and stress reduction. Tanya requested that a D86 email invitation should be sent to the community. Suzanne Wychocki will follow up with Pam Bylsma.

**Families Helping Families** – Limited requests so far this season.

**Father-Daughter Dance** – Event is tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2017 at Ruth Lake County Club. Invitations will be out soon.

**Holiday Breakfast** – Fatima and Marianna are still looking for co-chairs for the December 2017 event. They presented pictures at the meeting and will send the digital images to be uploaded to the PTO website.

Suggestions for possible chairs:

Butler Parents – Angie Lopez, Kathy Paskalides, and Lynn Hare



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**Interview Skills** – Workshop is full for Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. There is still a need for parent volunteers. Students looking for service hours are also encouraged to volunteer.

**Make a Difference** – Six Teachers were presented with their awards earlier last week. Teachers were very excited and grateful. Nominations for the third quarter will be taken in the coming weeks.

The winners for the second quarter 2016-1017 were:

Patty Lewis – Special Ed.

Erin Fratella – Social Studies

Christopher Wilber – Social Studies

Jordan Stob – English

Katie Janicek – English

Melissa Zinnecker – Science

**Parent Network** – On February 22<sup>nd</sup> there is a session on Writing the Timed Essay at 7:00pm in the Community Room at Hinsdale Central . On March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Parent Networking Event for Special Ed. parents at 7:00pm in the Community Room at Hinsdale Central.

**Reading Rocks** – Over 300 students are participating in the reading marathon. An event will be happening on Valentine’s Day and the library will be looking for donations of baked goods for this event. The current chair will be reaching out for baked good donations.

**Teacher Appreciation** – The committee will be distributing Valentines candy to the teachers in February and pretzels in March.

**Red Devil Scholarships** – Application forms will be available on January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Dean’s Office. Completed applications are due on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

Sarah received an email from 8 to18 Advertising, who is looking for a person for a part-time sales opportunity, preferably a Hinsdale Central Parent.

**Next Meeting**, February 15, 2016 at 9:00 AM

**Conversations:** School Security and Safety

Next D86 BOE meeting is Monday, January 23, 2017, 7 PM at Hinsdale Central

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 AM**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McMahan, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary