

Holmes Middle School PTSA Open Meeting
3/18/25

Attendees:

Joy Fakhouri
Jeanine Lithgow
Maryanne LaCaprara
Jill Allevato
Dawn Strzalkowski
Jen Hill
Jeff Backus
Jaclyn Smith
Beth Stubbe
Kristin Cusino

Approval of minutes:

- 1st Jeanine Lithgow
- 2nd Jill Allevato

Budget / Treasurer Report:

- Current checking balance - \$22,834.77
- Current savings balance - \$5.00 (credit union requires a savings account)
- AIM insurance - check and contract were mailed

Principal's Report:

- 8th grade DC trip meeting was held 3/18/25 just before PTSA meeting
- CSAs will be held 3/19/25 and 3/20/25 for all grades
- Card marking ends 3/21/25
- Students should check their Student Connect towards the end of Spring Break to see who their new teachers are for classes that are only 10 weeks.
- PSAT will be April 9th for 8th graders. No school for 7th graders
- April 11th is Holmes Activity night. It is luau themed. Students should bring cash for food and themed items.
- MSTEP is coming up. The date is to be determined. 7th grade will have ELA and Math. 8th grade will have science and social studies.
- iReady will be administered one more time. Date to be determined.

- With the nice weather, students have been allowed to walk the track during Hawk Time. They enjoy it.
- 7th grade will go on a field trip to the Detroit Zoo on May 6th. More information to come.

Membership Update: Currently 104 members

Old Business:

- Holmes PTSA won “Best Membership Initiative” at the Founder’s Day banquet. We doubled our membership from the previous year.
- Jeanine purchased and brought in snacks for the teachers on March 4th. Teachers were in the school late for parent/teacher conferences.
- Our March Dine-to-Donate was on March 12th at Red Robin. Need to find out how much was earned.
- Joy and Dawn set up a PTSA table at the 7th Grade Preview Night. Hoodies and t-shirts were sold at the event totaling \$120. Many parents took the QR code to order other colors or sizes from the holmesspiritwear.com website.

New Business:

- 8th Grade Send Off Party
 - Chair is Sara Hunter
 - Next meeting is March 20th at 7:00 PM
 - Party is tentatively scheduled for May 29th from 12:45 to 2:50
- Teacher Appreciation:
 - The entire board is chairing the event
 - A Signup Genius will be made after Spring Break for donations from parents
 - Current ideas include:
 - Jill to supply a water bar
 - Maryanne to supply a coffee bar (this would be done by a vendor)
 - Joy to look into a taco bar potentially from Qdoba (could have it on a night we do a Dine-to-Donate and get credit back).
 - Lottery scratch offs
 - Massages
 - Breakfast sandwich bar

- There is approximately 60 staff
- Cedar Point:
 - Jeanine contacted Cedar Point and will get a per student pricing for tickets
 - Cedar Point gives 1 free adult ticket for each student
 - Last year, there were 130 students and 8 chaperones
 - Cedar Point needs final numbers 3 weeks before trip
 - Trip is scheduled for June 9th
 - Buses (not school) hold 56 people
 - Currently looking for 2 buses with the possibility of a 3rd
 - 2 buses will cost \$3,812 from National Trails
 - PTSA will probably create a Google Form for sign up with parents having to send in a check in order to secure their seats
- Activity Night:
 - Kona Ice, Mstreet, pizza will be available
 - PTSA will sell luau themed items
 - Electronic payment is limited to applications such as Stripe, Square, and Cheddar Up. PTSA will investigate how this can be used. Wi-Fi in the building is poor so it is not a good option. For now, students need to bring cash.
- Need to establish an April Dine-to-Donate
 - Sara Hunter will be contacted for information
- Upcoming Elections for the 2025-2026 school year
 - President – Dawn Strzalkowski
 - 1st VP – MaryAnne LaCaprara
 - 2nd VP – Amy Owens
 - Treasurer – Jen Hill
 - Recording Secretary – Jeff Backus
 - Corresponding Secretary – Jill Allevato
 - If anyone else is interested in a position, you must reach out to Joy Fakhouri or a board member before the next meeting on April 15th
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Officer training – May 21st
 - Audit Party - July 16th from 6-8 PM in the Central Office
 - Next PTSA open meeting is April 15th

Prepared by:

Dawn Strzalkowski, Holmes PTSA Recording Secretary

