

Hampton Council of PTA/PTSAs
September 30, 2008 General Membership Meeting at Jones Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm.

Monica introduced:

All of our special guests.

Our inspirational speaker, Syms Middle School 8th grader Jazmine Sparkman, who was unanimously nominated by her teachers.

The Hampton PTA Council board.

Monica asked each school to introduce themselves.

Monica asked for motions:

- 1) To approve this evening's agenda. A motion was made and seconded and the agenda was approved.
- 2) To adopt the audit. A motion was made and seconded and the audit was adopted.
- 3) To adopt the budget. A motion was made and seconded and the budget was adopted.

President's report

All PTA/PTSAs should have presented their own audits and budgets.

All PTA/PTSAs now have to file taxes. The fiscal year ends on 6/30 for most schools.

Vision for 2008-2009

Improved 2-way communication.

Continued support.

Advocacy- making our voice heard.

Communication-monthly e-letters.

We need officer listings from all schools.

Legislation

There are 3 legislative items and 1 policy statement on which to vote. Please get your votes in to Alicia Dobyns by 10/24 as votes are due to state by 10/25.

Cell Phone Resolution

Monica reported that we are still advocating for change to HCS policy to allow middle school students to carry cell phones to school. It was presented at September 3rd school board meeting along with research showing that over 72% of the school divisions in Virginia allow middle school students to carry cell phones. We may require a follow-up meeting on this.

HRT

HCS will run all school transportation starting Fall of 2010, so no more HRT. Thanks to all that worked on HRT surveys and workshops last year.

Facilities and Resources

Monica and Ann have spoken to Tom Sawyer. PTA should get a Rep on their School Improvement Teams and ask principal to be part of school walk-throughs.

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Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

We are setting up a committee right now to review and make recommendations for changes to policy for 2009-2010. We need 6-8 parents, so notify Monica if interested.

Hampton Council of PTA/PTSAs Bylaws are up for revision. New bylaws will be posted on web-site by the end of November for review and we will vote to approve those at our January 13th meeting. Make sure your own bylaws are up to date. Renee Kidd is chair and she put letters in folder tonight for PTAs that have expired or expiring bylaws. She can help you if needed.

Reflections: Thanks to all that attended the training which had a great turn-out. The web-site has all forms and contact Laura Yannarella if you need anything. Entries are due Nov 6th and you can drop those off 6-8 pm at the Jones library. We request donations from each school to help offset costs.

Membership: Karen Leckemby is chair. Thanks to Chick-fil-A for all the membership drive coupons. There is an Arena Racing event again this year on Jan.11 @ 3pm. Remember dues are due December 1st and you need to submit 2 forms: one for city and one for state.

Special Events: Barbara Good is chair for our special events. The City Banquet will be 5/12/09 and the District Banquet is TBA. There will be free District Training on 6/4/09 in Hampton.

Scholarship: Sheilah Ray is chair for our scholarship program for HCS graduating seniors. It emphasizes community involvement. Application will be available by end of January in guidance offices. The goal is to have four \$1,000 scholarships again this year, which we met last year thanks to the contributions from all of our PTAs.

Hunt for Hampton History

Theme this year is Education so we will be a part of the event this year. It will be held at the Convention Center on March 7th. We want 1 PTA rep from each school to help create a display for their school & PTA. Please notify Monica of your rep's name by October 15th.

Wallace Foundation:

Dr Russo invited Monica to attend the Executive Leadership Training Course at UVA's Darden School of Business. She talked about her week there at the end of July with Dr. Russo, Fred Brewer, Donna Warthan, Mike Monteith, Donnie Tuck, & Mary Bunting. We were the only school division to have a parent rep at UVA.

Internet safety forum is in Norfolk this Thursday night, October 2nd, 6-9 pm at Norview High. Please advertise this to your members.

October 22nd is registration deadline for Nov 7-9 State PTA convention in Roanoke.

Grant opportunities are on our web-site and several are due in October.

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Flu-Busters: We are not recommending doing this program based on advise from HCS on liability involved.

New Business
None.

Dr. Woods

Dr. Woods first spoke on K12Planet. A task force met over the summer to set up guidelines. If you have any questions about K12 Planet contact your principal. She then spoke on Compass- a district-wide platform to make sure students are ready to graduate. It provides free access to college SAT online programs.

Dr. Russo

Dr. Russo did a Q & A session. He then gave us some phone numbers:

Dr. Russo 727-2030

Dr. Woods 727-2006

Linda Shifflet 727-2120

Barbara Good

The Teen center would like time to make a presentation at Middle and High School general membership PTA meetings. They need about three minutes at the beginning of a concert or program to show a video about the new center. She will be sending out an e-mail note to all schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm