

Hampton Council of PTA/PTSAs
April 1, 2008 General Membership Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order at 7:08pm (attendee list hand-written and attached)
- Approve agenda; motion was made, seconded. Agenda approved.
- Approve Jan 10th minutes; motion was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.
- Collect award applications, dues forms, banquet forms
- President's report:
 - Thanks to everyone that came to district banquet. We had a great showing from Hampton. And thanks to Barbara Good for this and adding a second banquet to her job duties.
 - City Convention idea if board likes – do in August. Monica explained the idea. It would be from 9-3 on a Saturday. There would be hour long workshops to help out people who might not be sure what each job in PTA entails. Lunch might be furnished. Will send survey out to PTAs to see if interested.
 - June 5th, free district PTA training in York County; info to come
 - May 5-9 is teacher appreciation week
 - VA Lottery & VA PTA Super Teacher award applications due April 11
 - Nominating committees should have been elected and be giving reports in April with recommended slate of PTA officers for next year. Then, you should be planning for elections in May.
 - Your unit should be receiving info from IRS on the new e-postcard. IRS is now requiring all PTAs to submit something no matter how much income you have. Some units are used to submitting the 990 form, but for those that don't you will need to submit this e-postcard. It's supposed to be easy and there is info in our handbook for you.
 - Please send audits and budgets to Karen Leckemby
 - Expiring bylaws; Renee had a help session before this meeting. There are several units that have bylaws expiring and some have already submitted the new ones to state. These are the ones that have not submitted yet and are expiring: Asbury, Cary, Lee, Spratley and Tarrant. Kraft's by-laws were done tonight before the meeting.
 - May 1st is deadline for matching grant for Arts Enhancement; info & application are on our web-site in fundraising, scholarship & grant section.
 - Still remember that we have mentors for each school, so if you need anything let them know.
- Treasurer report No questions and will be filed for audit.
- Budget changes- A motion was made and seconded to add a new line item of \$300 to the budget for legislative items and to reduce budget for district banquet & training by \$150 each. It was approved.
- Council bylaws change for electronic voting
 - Council bylaws change for electronic voting NEW WORDING to be added to Section 5: "The executive board shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only the President shall have the authority to

call for an electronic vote. The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Results must be recorded in the minutes. Rules governing electronic voting shall be established by the board.” A motion was made and seconded to amend the by-laws to allow electronic voting. It was approved. Each PTA should amend their by-laws for same if interested.

- PPLP & Legislative Priorities Survey – copy attached, please submit survey & any comments to Alicia Dobyns by April 28 through e-mail or you can pony to Forrest. She has to receive them by that date! Survey is to help them prioritize legislative items.
- Membership update
 - No dues from Spratley or Lindsay yet. They are working on it.
 - Important that we have enrollment #s; Tracye may be contacting you to get that if not on your form.
 - How calculate membership %:
 - Membership % is # of members divided by # of students enrolled as of Sept 30.
 - Membership increase: take membership % from this year and subtract membership % from last year; pick on Bethel: 60 members last year (2.98% membership) and 228 members this year (11.94%). Membership nearly quadrupled, but increase is 8.96% (11.94 minus 2.98), so it doesn't sound as impressive. Our city board is looking at how to do this so it reflects the increase.
 - Gifted enrollment-our council needs to submit enrollment to VA PTA for calculating District PTA membership awards.
 - June 30 is last time to submit dues for this year
- Reflections update – state winner & artwork available. Laura Thompson gave a report on our winners-we had 5 winners at state level. Pam Henefin displayed the work at the Hampton Education Foundation meeting.
- HRT report - thanks so much to our PTAs and principals at the middle and high schools for all your help in getting surveys distributed and lining up workshop attendees; with your paperwork is the final report that we will be submitting to HRT and HCS & school board for information. I'm going to read through the 1st few pages to get you acquainted with what was done & the conclusions/recommendations that we made as a result. Before I do that however, I would like to thank our HRT committee that worked many hours on this! Lin Chambers, Kim Enderson, Renee Kidd, Karen Leckemby, Peggy Marks, Monica Smith, Ann Spinelli, and Laura Thompson. This is posted on our web-site along with the specific survey results & workshop report.
- Cell phone policy – based on our Jan 10th meeting & vote, a formal resolution was written in support of changing middle school cell phone policy to allow middle schoolers to have cell phones before & after school hours. This was presented to School Board on March 5th. We will be having a small group meeting with principals to discuss policy and hopefully brainstorm ideas that address concerns of parents, teachers and administrators. The resolution and information as well as a link to the on-line petition is on our web-site. Please advise your members of issue. You can give them our web-site link and also advise them of petition.

- Our volunteers of the year are Carrie Pollock (secondary schools) and Tammy Falls (primary schools). Carrie also won District PTA volunteer of the year.
- City Banquet : Registration forms & info in your packet and also e-mailed out. Door prizes provided by council, but you can donate one if you would like. Barbara asked each school to bring their teachers of the year-both current and next year's and also the instructional assistant of the year. Then it was decided to bring any special people your school wants recognized. Just please be sure to let her know so that we can announce them all! Barbara also asked for help with registration and seating. Please volunteer.
- New business? No.
- 2 Special Speakers tonight:
- Dr. Donna Woods, Executive Director of School Leadership for Secondary Schools, on COMPASS reform
- Linda Lawrence of HCS Health Services on wellness policies regarding childhood obesity
- Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Marks, Recording Secretary