

**Hingham High School PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2015**  
**9:30 am**

**Present:**

Libby Lewiecki, President, Barbie Dwyer, Vice President, Claudia Eaton, Co-Treasurer, Laurie Freeman, Secretary, Dana Donnelly, Co-Chair of the Weekly Bulletin, Paula McCann, Principal.

**Principal McCann's Report:**

(a) Michael Page at Channel 6 (NECN) filmed a segment on Katie Roberts and her students regarding the new Botany elective and their work in the Greenhouse

(b) Monday evening (December 8), Paula will present School Improvement Plan at School Committee meeting which will include

1. Change in graduation requirements:

-- separation of Physical Education and Health (1 semester of each), full semester of health in sophomore year which will include units on addiction, and expanded safety units including cyber safety, suicide prevention training, and life long health habits knowledge

-- computer apps no longer required

2. Health and wellness center – proposal to get money to do investigation, reconfigure weight room and wrestling room , add to weight room, improve wrestling, add to health classroom. Student body could use fitness center after school. Number one priority in new budget.

3. New teacher hire – certified Health and Physical Ed teacher, add Yoga

**Vote on November and December 2015 Minutes**

Approved

**Old Business / Events**

(a) The Sport and Ski Sale raised \$6,800 for the PTO, \$700 for boosters, and \$1000 for individuals

(b) Fruit Center fundraiser brought in \$1, 140, most successful year yet, timely constant contact blasts very powerful

(c) Pie raffle was huge success – unbelievable how many pies arrived, over 165 – all teachers got a pie – kudos to Pam Gillig who headed this up

- (d) Question raised as to what action board should take if individual mini grant recipients exceed estimated expenses, suggested we need to know what budgets can absorb. Determined that mini grant co-chairs will send email to executive board if this issue comes up, with explanation as to why expenses were higher. Vote regarding what action to be taken can be made case by case.
- (e) New reimbursement forms on PTO website, need a receipt of payment

### **New Business**

- (a) Pretty Little Things (HHS parent with shop in Scituate) is holding trunk show fundraiser for HHS.
- (b) Possible speaker for HHS parents suggested, Jon Mattleman, who has a book out: the Secret Life of a Massachusetts Teen – addresses anxiety and depression among other issues. After discussion, approved scheduling Mattleman for speaking event at HHS.
- (c) Reviewed Mini-grant awards