

**Holliston PTSA
Town-Wide Board meeting
April 5th, 2016**

In attendance: Lynn Whynot, Kathi Hothem, Erin Ornsteen, Stacey Raffi, Neela Patel, Nora Oquendo, Jill Sykes, Tom Bolton, Dawn Latshaw, Cathy Snyder, Kristine Perlmutter, Stephanie Golub-Simon, Lynne Rahim

- 7:11 pm call meeting to order by Lynn Whynot
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Seconded, all in favor

Presidents/Treasurer's report

- 44.7k in gains for all divisions
- EPTSA is now solo
- Road Runners club applied for grant of 1k, given to PTSA for sponsorship of Marathon Challenge
- \$1k from PTSA + \$250 + fundraising = DI has 4k
- Ski club funds will roll over

[April 2016 Treasurer's Report](#)

DI

- 4 Holliston teams made it to the states
- 2 teams on to Global in May – first time 2 teams from one town have been in the global finals
- Minimum for registration is \$7200. Everything else is elective (travel, food, etc.) Teams will be co-fundraising, as well as Go Fund Me accounts and Flocking. Jill suggested a receipt night at Roche Bros. DI is requesting PTSA co-sponsor a Kids Night Out on 5/6. Sara suggested contacting local restaurants to discount dinners for parents at the same time

Parent Ed

- Social liability night – last event of the year. Offering a discount on prom tickets for the first 20 attendees
- Motion for approval of gift cards to others who aren't going to the prom. Seconded, all in favor
- "Social/Emotional" night. Lynne asked for feedback and feedback was mixed. Agreed that more involvement with parents is necessary
- Lynne meeting with Brad Jackson to hatch plan for next year's Parent Ed

Elementary School report

- Basket raffles – online sales worked well, but about the same as last year \$12.6k
- Each library made \$1900 from book sales
- Movie night & Teacher appreciation

Middle School report

- No representative

High School report

- 13 people currently eligible for membership scholarship
- Written submissions being picked up next week
- Reading committee needed to pick the written submissions
- Teacher appreciation at High school

General Topics

- Discussion regarding changing from PTSA to PTO. Ray had asked if a member of the Massachusetts PTSA would be coming to an upcoming meeting. Lynn responded that they've been invited but no response.
[Motion to Discontinue HS PTSA](#)
- Motion to change PTSA to PTO. Seconded, all in favor
- Looking at list of town-wide members and looking for volunteers to fill spots. Will bring to a nominating committee
- Newsletter yes or no? Mixed feedback. 63-70% open it. Maybe change the name to News Bulletin. Discussed how to get more info into the newsletter. Sara suggested doing the calendar one year ahead. Will have a follow up meeting after school calendars are set to discuss. Subcommittee needed for revamping website and newsletter
- Lynn brought up spring stroll, anyone interested should see Stacey
- 8 grants currently. We have \$5k
- June meeting moved to 6/8

9:23 meeting adjourned