**Hollis Elementary PTA Meeting**

**December 13, 2016**

Start Time: 10:03 AM

Location: HUES Cafeteria

Attendees: Amy Kellner, Alexis Brooks, Sarah Constantine, Candi Fowler, Paula Izbicki, Nicole Tomaselli, Maryanne Shanley, Rick Bergeron, Anna Birch, Sandy Van Sciver, Betsy Cotton (HWC)

Call to order- Amy K. Approval of last meeting minutes- Motion: Candi F. Seconded: Alexis B.

**Principal’s Report**: HPS: Paula Izbicki

1st and 2nd grade music concerts to be held in the gym. K’s will have one in their classrooms. Next Town Meeting will be the schoolwide Sing-a-long!

Coffee Talk Topic: Learning Commons and the positive impacts on the school/ children. Approx. 12 parents in attendance for 1.5 hours. Looking to provide a para (30 hrs.) on a permanent basis for the LC. PTA Auction funds for HPS have been designated to help update the environment of the LC. A future Coffee Talk topic may be along the lines of “A Day in the Life of a Student”.

**Principal’s Report**: HUES: Candi Fowler

Mitten Window was a huge success!!! Band concert will be held next week. Internal Cookie Swap will be held December 22- any extra cookies brought in will be donated to the soup kitchen!

“Smarter Balance” testing being tested. – Goal to answer “Is this child is on grade level?”

NWEA – January Assessment- - Goal to answer “Did our kids learn/grow?”

PTA Auction funds to be designated towards IPads (for STEM)

**Treasurer’s Report**: Amy K. addressed the monthly roll forward. Addition of Toy Yard Sale numbers. Motion to accept: Alexis B 2ndMotion: Sandy V

**Volunteer Report:** Update on the PTA fundraiser of purchasing school supplies. A parent survey is being sent out and will drive what direction this idea goes. PTA would like to start by testing it out on one grade in each school. On-going conversations/ updates will happen as the idea moves forward. PTA is looking to ensure clear communication with the teachers so everybody has the supplies they need and it is a smooth process for all involved.

**Auction:** (Lexi) In need of one more MC for the evening. Mass mailings and Save the Date cards will be sent out in January. Classrooms will be asked to create a center piece for the Auction as well as produce Auction baskets.

**Student Enrichment:** PTA is looking to make teachers more aware of the funds they have available for each class. Teachers are looking to rethink ideas and restructure where the definition of “student enrichment” can also be unclear from a “requesting PTA funds perspective”. There was a discussion on Beaver Brook trips and the value of Professional Development for the teachers being offered in advance for such programs.

Reflections: Awards Night 1-9-2017! Hollis had a spectacular turn out! Next year’s theme ideas are being chosen from 5 ideas - 4 of them are from Hollis students.

Artist in Residence: Anna B and Jessica P organizing. Comic artist M Bennett. With this artist, 3rd graders will work on a bio project and 4th graders will focus on NH and local heritage. They are hoping to publish the work when complete and are trying to set up a time for Professional Development before this workshop.

**Other Business:**

**Hiking Club:** Not a school sponsored event. Need to watch for the various liabilities. Starting point for this club: talk with Beaver Brook (Anna B)/figure out location, figure out transportation, and chaperoning.

**Kindergarten Bus Run/ HWC:** Cost for the Kindergarten Bus Run being discussed. Sorting out confusion for the high cost, discussion on how to move forward for next year. No resolution will be made at this time so the PTA members can discuss it with the President who was unable to attend last minute.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 11:15 AM