

HMS PTO Minutes
December 14, 2017

I. **Present:** Rachel M., Alison, Ann, Hillary, Katie W., Audrey D., Carrie, Donna

II. **PTO News**

a. **Generating PTO interest:** Do meetings second or third Thursday. Try to do some morning meetings. Trying to get class parents to attend. We'd like to have an administrator and teacher at each meeting, along with every committee head. Or these people could send a proxy in their stead if they can't make it. Remind class parents to attend or get a proxy, and also to answer their teacher if there's anything they want to communicate. Carrie suggested letting a student or two be the 7th and 8th grade class representative.

b. **Annual Fund:** Envelopes for donations in the office, drop off with Corinna. Or go to web site, but 3.99 percent fee for credit card donation.

II. **PTO Committee Reports**

a. **Committee reports ahead of time:** We'll try to get committee heads to submit their reports a few days before the PTO meeting so they can be posted and read online. Then we can streamline the meetings.

b. **Social Justice committee idea:** Carrie mentioned the Season for Non-violence, between the deaths of Gandhi and MLK – put up one word signs. Students and adults involved in the committee. It's 64 days. We have a lot of the signs, as this was done before. This started in LA, and it's the 20th anniversary of its founding. Seed idea working with teachers. Put signs out front near road. Maybe a live culminating event? Also seeking faculty involvement.

c. **Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** Alison said the is coming up and everything is set. Regarding next year's date, it's currently Sunday, Dec. 16th. Discussion about possibly changing time to 2-5 p.m.

d. **Ride the Ridge coordinator:** Ride the

Ridge still needs a coordinator.

e. **Needed: Variety Show committee**

head: This is in the spring and it's a big event with lots of students, parents, outsiders performing. Music teacher Victor can't do it. Carrie said Dean may step up and Carrie may help. To be discussed in January.

f. **After-school programs:** List of

programming just released, if any technical problems, email Rochelle.

III. **PTO New Business**

a. **Volunteer for Lost and Found:**

Seeking volunteer, put in Monday mailer.

b. **Unofficial High Meadow Facebook**

page: To swap things, talk about general topics.

c. **Snow days:** Some parents are still

disgruntled about the frequent snow days, following the Rondout cancellation schedule. But there are issues of the majority of students being transported on district buses and teacher contracts that make making up snow days hard.