

# SILVER HILL HORACE MANN CHARTER SCHOOL PTO

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2017

6:00 PM

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### 1. Call to Order

- A. 21 PTO Members in attendance
- B. Start time 6:10 PM

### 2. Principal Notes – Margaret Shepherd

- A. Kindergarten Open House – **Reminder:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 please stop by to say some great things about our school to get new parents engaged and excited
- B. Comments – **Charter Renewal** – Haverhill Teachers Association President (Lisa Begley) calling for an **uncustomary district-wide teacher vote** for majority in favor of continuing the renewal process. **Past votes have only included Silver Hill Educators.** Some, if not all of the HEA Leadership have been noted for their disapproval of Charter Schools (i.e. Ballot Question in the previous election), despite the fact Silver Hill is not organized the way a typical Charter School is organized as it is a Horace Mann Charter.
  - i. Information Night for community TBD
  - ii. **Thursday, April 27, 2017** – vote to be taken by Teacher Union Reps. Vote will determine the location for the district-wide vote. Location at Silver Hill is ideal
  - iii. Should Silver Hill lose its Charter, Plan B would file to become an Innovation School
  - iv. Benefits to the Charter would be lost such as Haverhill's only free Kindergarten program, along with redistricting of siblings of grandfathered students enrolled at Silver Hill
  - v. For these reasons as a community, we **MUST** spread the word how crucial it is to retain our Charter.
  - vi. Asking not only the Silver Hill community but the entire City of Haverhill to reach out to the Leadership team of the HEA, the Superintendent, and the Mayor to advocate along with us for our students.
  - vii. Contact Information for the above mentioned include:

**Mayor Jim Fiorentini:**

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### **Superintendent Jim Scully:**

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### **HAVERHILL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – Leadership**

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Ted Kempinsky, 1st Vice President:

History Teacher, Haverhill High School

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Anthony Parolisi, 2nd Vice President

8th Grade Teacher, Consentino

Email: [aparolisi@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:aparolisi@haverhill-ps.org)

### **3. Guest Speakers**

#### **A. Joyce Kornachuk & Amy Bowler – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Fund Request of \$1,271.60: Field Trip to Stone Zoo (majority voted in favor for funding)

Reimbursement Request for \$68.55 - Tadpole in-class instruction (majority voted in favor for funding)

#### **B. Lori Caron & Phil Zuber – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Fund Request of \$2,172: Field Trip to “The Swamp” (majority voted in favor for funding)

**Notes:** *Lori Caron* – Requesting that a member of the PTO attend PBIS meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to promote parental education of program as it appeared that many did not understand the program from the last Coffee with the Principal. PTO member TBD.

*Phil Zuber* – Thanked PTO for its support, staff is very appreciative of all their efforts

### **4. Foundation**

**Trivia Night: Friday, May 5, 2017** – Flyers will be going home soon with more detail

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### 5. Toni Cavallini

Affiliated with a lawfirm who takes on Pro Bono cases. Lawfirm has agreed to help the PTO in filing the documentation towards achieving its 501(c)(3) status

### 6. Bylaws

- A. Revisions discussed and completed
- B. Majority voted to ratify document

### 7. Upcoming Events

#### A. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>

- i. Breakfast Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> are needed – Tessa Boisselle will coordinate
- ii. Gift – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- iii. Luncheon – Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- iv. Raffle – Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

#### B. Enrichment Assemblies – Allison Lenihan

Will coordinate one assembly prior to the end of the school year. Ideas include:

- i. Steve Blunt & Marty Kelley: Award winning Musician, Author and Illustrator
- ii. The **NED** Show: Cartoon character, acronym for “**N**ever Give Up, **E**ncourage Others, and **D**o Your Best”
- iii. Museum of Science Traveling Program
- iv. Yoga Presentation/Movement
- v. Drumming Presentations:
  - African Drum & Dance: Akwaaba Ensemble brings West African drumming and dance to life
  - Drumming Exercise – Peg Keeler from “DRUM-MAZING”
  - Drum Fun Workshop – [www.allhandsdrumming.com](http://www.allhandsdrumming.com)
  - Trash Can Lid Productions – Recycled Percussion [www.trashcanlidproductions.com](http://www.trashcanlidproductions.com)
- vi. Any other ideas or suggestions for enrichment activities contact Allison at [alir10@yahoo.com](mailto:alir10@yahoo.com).

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C. Bracelet Fundraiser – Tessa Boisselle

- i. To benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade celebration
- ii. Brochures potentially to be distributed prior to April Vacation week in time for Mother's Day/Graduation Gifts

D. Fall Fundraiser – Replacing Meadow Farms with Yankee Candle – Committee to be assembled

### 8. Treasurer's Report

A. Cash Balance is \$29,409.53

B. Deposits – Shutterfly (+\$62.91),  
Papa Gino's Restaurant Night (+\$141.83)

C. Expenses – District Parent Council (Write Away) – (-\$300.00)  
Library Cushions – (-\$212.07)

### 9. Meeting Adjourned – 8:34 PM

#### PTO Members in Attendance:

Andrea	Barman	Allison	Lenihan
Evan	Barman	Becca	Marley
Tessa	Boisselle	Dave	Marley
Amy	Bowler	Kristina	Morowski
Lori	Caron	Sondra	Murphy
Toni	Cavallini	Sara	Sanchez
Melissa	Drew Defrank	Margaret	Shepherd
Kerry	Heusser	Jennifer	Tremblay
Sean	Heusser	Helen	Zbitnoff
Joyce	Kornachuk	Phil	Zuber
Kim	Lawson		