



## HGS Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Tuesday October 27, 2015

**Place:** HGS multi-purpose room

**Chair:** Megan Swann, PF President

**Number of Members Present:** 11 members, 5 officers: Megan Swann, Cindy Cox, Susan Hynds, Kerri O'Boyle, Renee Samuel, Kristin McCann, and Maria Rozaieski- Principal

### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Teacher Presentations: Art- Andrea Flaherty, Jeri Hubbard- Title 1 Reading, Larry Baracaia- Special Education
- Family Fun Events
- Montage Membership Sale
- Up-Coming Events: Holiday Celebration and BINGO
- Fall Festival and Bazaar
- School Store
- Treasurer's Report
- Discovery Dollars: Stacy Nivert
- Questions, Comments, Concerns
- Conclusions

**Meeting Start: 6:30pm**

**End Time: 7:17pm**

### Business:

1. Megan Swann welcomed parents and received 2 motions to approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Andrea Flaherty discussed how art is a great subject to naturally incorporate the Multiple Intelligences. She showed some student work and described how she gives students assignments with specific criteria but allows the students to creatively meet the criteria. She described it as having a fenced in yard but the freedom to do what you would like to do within the yard.
  - She also reminded parents about the [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) website. HGMICS receives a percentage of the proceeds from sales and all of those funds go to purchasing more supplies for her classroom.
  - She is looking for volunteers to help her take pictures of the art pieces and upload them in order to expedite the availability of artwork for purchase.
  - There are plans to have another afterschool art program in mid-January. More information will be made available toward the end of the school year.

Jerry Hubbard passed out monthly Newsletter from Sept and October. She reiterated the importance of reading to our children.

Larry Baracaia would like parents to feel free to contact him if they have any questions or concerns about the Special Education program.

3. Jenny Whitaker shared the success of the recent Adventure Zone Family Fun Night. If there are any ideas for other activities she is open to suggestions. Feel free to contact her. There was a lot of interest in Sky Zone so she is working on that for next month. She will keep us posted.

-She also discussed the Montage Ski passes and the Montage Ski Club. Winter ski passes are due Fri Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. Tania Mangiola will manage the Monday Ski Club and Darren Bamkin manages the Sunday Club. No registration is required at this time. Families can participate on a weekly basis once the ski season arrives. Contact Jenny Whitaker [jennywhitaker1@gmail.com](mailto:jennywhitaker1@gmail.com) or Darren Bamkin [dbamkin@lightspeedtech.net](mailto:dbamkin@lightspeedtech.net).

4. Discussions for a Holiday Celebration are underway. Information will be sent out as soon as available.

BINGO is scheduled for Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2:00-5:00 at the JCC. Please mark your calendars! If anyone would like To sponsor a table for \$25, donate a raffle basket or donate a bingo prize (target value \$200) please contact Renee Samuel at 570-499-3824 or [vinmom09@gmail.com](mailto:vinmom09@gmail.com) or [ParentForumHGS@gmail.com](mailto:ParentForumHGS@gmail.com).

Look for information in folders about a November Family Fun Night

5. Susan Hynds shared information about the Fall Festival and Bazaar.  
11/8/2015 from 2:00-5:00pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

-We are at full capacity for tables. What the Fork and Sweet Lush Cupcakery Camper will be on site. Invitations have been sent out to the neighbors in an effort to involve the entire community. The vendor list is available on the Parent Forum MI Charter School Face Book page.

6. Joy Nelson is having great success with the school store and encourages all students to visit it. The students created a pricing list and will be sending it home in folders soon. There was a suggestion made to get an Order Form together that may be sent home for holiday giving.

7. Susan Hynds shared the Treasurer's Report:  
Income: \$2556.68 (Family Fun Night, Vendor Fees from Bazaar, School Store)  
Expenses: \$1167.74  
Balance of: \$1388.94

8. Stay Nivert encouraged parents to please utilize the Discovery Dollars. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stacy Nivert.

9. Questions/ Concerns: A concern about teacher retention was raised to Maria. The concern is there is not enough being done to retain our teachers. There seems to be a high turn-over rate and parents would like the Board to begin thinking of proactive strategies to retain teachers. Maria acknowledged the concern and will revisit the issue with the Board at the next meeting.