



Hingham High School PTO Minutes

November 1, 2018

- Meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m. at HHS, room 103

Attendees

- Rick Swanson, Sara Mason Ader, Amy Crean, Jane McGrath, Deirdre FitzGerald Fabbro, Barbie Dwyer, Monica Melendes, Kim Littell, Liz Donohue, Jen Deneen, Chrissy Roberts, Liz Maillet

Principal's Report—Rick Swanson

- Principal Swanson provided the monthly Principal's report and noted that the first term is coming to an end and officially concludes on 11/2.
- The following updates were shared:
 - ARTS: Principal Swanson highlighted two events. The fall concert was 10/16 and garnered positive reviews. Additionally, the fall musical, Urinetown, is planned for 11/15-17.
 - ATHLETICS: The Fall sports programs continue to excel with many teams in the midst of seasonal playoffs. Principal Swanson highlighted HHS increased Fall sport participation with greater than 600 students currently engaged in a Fall sport. Principal Swanson noted Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Soccer were beginning post season play. The Girls Volleyball team won their first ever League Championship in front of a very large HHS crowd on the Friday of Homecoming weekend. The Boys Golf team finished strongly and concluded the season with a team charity Golf event "Us vs. Alzheimers" which raised over \$5,000. The Cross Country team had a very strong season with the Girls Varsity team finishing first in the Patriot league lead by Caroline Johannes who recorded an individual first in the league. Additionally, the Crew team had a strong season highlighted by having 2 HHS Boats at the Head of the Charles Regatta and a first place finish for the Freshmen Girls boat.
 - Homecoming weekend was a success. All HHS teams won their matches during the weekend, and were cheered on by the largest crowds on record since 2006
 - CLUBS: It was another active month for HHS clubs. SADD conducted a successful interactive Display "Weeding through the myths". Stuco led a "coin war" to benefit Nephcure. The Medical Science club sent 27 students to the Broad Institute at MIT.

Secretary's Report— Deirdre FitzGerald Fabbro

- The Secretary's report from Oct. 4, 2018 was distributed.
- The minutes were approved with amendments on a motion by Barbie Dwyer and seconded by Jane McGrath
- The November minutes will be posted by 11/29/18.

Treasurer's Report—Jane McGrath

- Jane McGrath reported we remain on track to hit our revenue objectives for the year.
- Dues are tracking well with \$21K received to date verses a budget of \$22K
- Mini Grants have been allocated and will represent \$9.5K of the HHS PTO budget.
- The Fruit Center fundraiser is approaching and is expected to raise \$600.

Committee Reports

- Ski and Sport—Updated provided by Sara Mason Ader on behalf of Wendy Peacock and Robin Briggs
 - Event is planned for Sat November 4 and is expected to generate \$4.2K
- Fundraising
 - Fruit Center fundraiser was discussed during Treasurer's report.
 - Revolution Prep was discussed as a fundraising opportunity for the school. The program provides practice SAT / ACT tests at the HHS. The cost to take the test is \$10 and half of the proceeds go to the PTO. No decision was made during the meeting and Sara Mason Ader will seek greater clarification relative to the opportunity.
- Hospitality (Staff Appreciation) Committee— Liz Donohue
 - The Thanksgiving Pie event for the HHS staff will be Tuesday 11/20. The event is a HHS staff favorite.
 - The December Holiday Lunch is upcoming—gift cards for the raffle will be welcome.
- Mini Grants— Sara Mason Ader on behalf of Sandra Lynch
 - The full committee met on 10/12 and the awards will be announced on 11/2.
 - It was noted that most awards are related to equipment.
 - A full overview will be shared at the December meeting.
- Mindfulness and Meditation—Liz Maillett
 - Liz Maillett shared a proposal to conduct a series of mindfulness classes at the Hingham Community Center during January 2019. The event will focus on mindfulness and stress reduction with a portion of the proceeds directed to the HHS PTO.
 - The proposal was endorsed by the PTO and will be moving forward.
- Green Committee / Culture Club
 - No report from the Green committee.

- The Culture club reported a successful Trivia Night and expressed appreciation to the Volunteers

Class Updates

- 2019— Sara Mason Ader on behalf of Sherry Schilb
 - The Holiday Fair on 11/17 is the immediate priority- volunteers are needed for set up and concessions.
 - The class will have the concession stand during the Thanksgiving Football Game.
 - The class completed community service for the Transfer Station by cleaning up Bare Cove Park
- 2020—
 - No update presented
- 2021—
 - No update presented
- 2022— Monica Melendes
 - The Freshmen Officers are coalescing nicely as a team. The class raffled two gift baskets during homecoming and generated \$500.
 - The class is finalizing plans for Holiday Fair.

New Business

- Metco
 - Chrissy Roberts reported that the Metco Table generated \$356 during Homecoming.
 - No further events are planned at this point.

Closing

- The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.
- The next meeting will be December 6, 2018 at 9:30 am in HHS room #103