

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2016

Greetings and introductions

ATTENDANCE: Meaghan Chapman (parent), Barbara Cook (HHS School Council), Dana Donnelly (bulletin editor), Barbie Dwyer (President), Claudia Eaton (Treasurer), Carol Falvey (School Committee), Marcy Lamlein (hospitality), Libby Lewiecki (webmaster), Paula Girouard McCann (Principal), Kristin Parnell (Vice President), Lisa Patterson (Class Parent 2017), Michelle Wagner (Class Parent 2020), Esther Zhong (parent)

Principal's Report (Paula G McCann)

- HEF grant awarded to fund a program with the sophomore class about rape culture and slut shaming with the author of the play "Slut". The program was well-received and a student group was started to further discussion
- Spirit Week and Homecoming success; fall sports teams now in play-offs
- Grades close Friday and all marks will be in X2 by Nov 10. Paper report cards will still be mailed home.

Treasurer's Report (Claudia Eaton)

- PTO dues collection gone very well and we have turned a profit on agenda book sales
- Some expenses came in from previous year and all 2015/16 mini-grants are now paid
- Beginning this school year (2016/17), mini grants will not be paid after June 30. If recipients don't use funds by June 30, they will need to apply for extension before the next year budget process begins in May or they will lose the grant.
- Grant award letter needs to be updated this change in policy. Libby Lewiecki will update website to include this info.

Secretary's Report (Barbie Dwyer on behalf of Michelle Ayer)

- Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on PTO website in draft form. Once approved the minutes are posted in final form.
- Oct 6 PTO meeting minutes updated and approved

School committee update (Carol Falvey from the SC Community outreach subcommittee)

- HPS budget season about to begin. Town revenues are slowing in terms of new growth so schools are presenting level-service budgets as requested, but will include list of needs
- Master Plan: will be conducting an enrollment study and looking at impact of Shipyard and Beal Street developments
- Previous budget (FY 15) awarded \$25K to study idea of new health and wellness center at HHS. FY16 asked for \$220K to further study but request was denied by Town. FY17 asking for \$89K for further study at a slower pace; architectural drawings will be available on the Town website

School committee update (continued)

- 4th & 8th grade taking MCAS electronically this year. HHS still using paper versions
- Facebook pages for HHS and HMS classes are being established unofficially. Trying to determine purpose of the pages and who is creating them since HPS websites are the place for official information.
- Email cfalvey@hinghamschools.org if have ideas for website content

Committee Reports

Hospitality (Marcy Lamlein)

- Teacher fall breakfast a success - thank you to all for donations
- Pie raffle will be held the Wed before Thanksgiving break and hope to get enough for all teachers and staff to go home with one like last year. Will send post for bulletin to ask for donations
- New idea to do a buffet of soups for Dec or Feb

Weekly bulletin (Dana Donnelly)

- Constant Contact update – need to explain to parents (put in future bulletin) that if you unsubscribe you lose access to **all** PTO communication including class-specific notifications

Senior Night (Claudia Eaton)

- Patti Harris has accepted role of Finance Chair.
- There is currently \$10K in the Senior Night fund and the PTO will donate an additional \$1k
- All requests for purchase directed through Patti and then all requests for reimbursement submitted to Claudia

Climate Committee (Barbie Dwyer on behalf of Michelle Ayer)

- PTO parent reps are Mary Power and Joy Nilsen. Meetings are open to all parents and are held every other Tue at 7:15am in Room 103 (next meeting Nov 15)

Fundraising

Sport & Ski sale (Lisa Patterson)

- Annual sale to be held this Saturday, Nov. 5th.
- Item collection starts today, parent volunteers will keep spreadsheet of items as a Google Doc
- Parent and student volunteers needed for the event.

Fruit Center (Barbie Dwyer)

- Starts Monday Nov 7th runs until Sunday Nov 13th. Shoppers must have flyer and the office will email out flyer and a link to the flyer will be in the weekly bulletin.
- 20% of purchases accompanied by flyer will be donated to HHS PTO

Meeting Adjourned