

Hingham High School PTO Minutes October 6, 2016
APPROVED

Attendees

Paula Girouard-McCann (Principal), Barbie Dwyer, (President), Kristin Parnell (Vice President), Claudia Eaton (Treasurer), Michelle Ayer (Secretary/Class Parent 2018), Dana Donnelly (Weekly Bulletin), Marcy Dwyer Lamlein (Hospitality co-chair), Lisa Patterson (Class Parent 2017/Ski & Sports Sale co-chair), Linda Kaczor (picture day/directory co-chair), Liz Bienfang (all town PTO), Ester Zhang, Rindy Hesselman

Call to Order 9:40 a.m.

Principal's Report

- HEF grant sponsored CORE leadership training for 100 student leaders who gave the training rave reviews and has energized them to build school spirit and improve the climate at HHS.
- The HHS climate committee meetings have been highly attended and will now take place in Room 103 to accommodate the 30+ attendees. The committee promotes respect and understanding of all students at HHS.
- PTO mini grant applications have been distributed to teachers.
- Agenda books are still available and may be sold at homecoming next week and/or the November 19 holiday fair.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed 2016-2017 current budget.

Secretary Report

Meeting Minutes from September 2016 PTO meeting reviewed and approved.

Green Committee Report

October's "Pack the Rack" continues to increase in popularity.

Ski & Sports Sales

Annual fundraiser to be held Saturday, November 5.

Consignments accepted Thurs Nov 3 and Fri Nov 4 evening.

Volunteers needed for the event.

Event will include music clothes swap (black pants/skirts, white shirts).

Mini Grants

Grants will be awarded Nov 4.

All Town PTO

Dot Galo provided updates on school budget and staffing.

Communication issues raised: parents frustrated with perceived lack of communication but most information being sought can be found on school websites.

Discussed ideas to drive people to the websites (email blasts, Google traffic data).

Hospitality

Ample food for parents and teachers at Open House was provided.

Committee will send out one volunteer sign up for all 2016-2017 events.

New Business

Discussion and approval for a PTO climate committee to assist with the school climate committee.

2-4 parent representatives to attend school climate committee meetings recommended. Meetings are held every other Tuesday (next meeting Oct 18) at 7:15am in Room 103.

Budget for the new committee to be considered at a later date.

Old Business

Discussion of potential PTO officer liability with a need for additional research.

New protocols established for PTO communication and access to mail distribution lists.

Fundraising

PTO dues still being collected.

The Fruit Center has extended the fundraiser to 7 days this year: Nov 7-13.

FC will contribute 20% of all sales accompanied by an HHS PTO coupon which will be distributed to parents via email.

Thank You's

Jacqueline Beupre thanked the PTO for the mini grant awarded last spring.

Chrissy O'Connor thanked the PTO for funding for peer tutoring/homework club.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 a.m.