



Hingham High School PTO Minutes

September 6, 2018

- Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm in the HHS room 103
 - Incoming President, Sara Mason Ader, welcomed group, discussed the mission of the PTO and introduced outgoing President, Barbie Dwyer. Following further introductions, Barbie requested a review of all proposed incoming officers and committee leads. Sara Mason Ader reviewed proposed list and a motion was passed approving new positions. The list of confirmed officers and committee leads is posted on HHS PTO web site.
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Principal's Report—Rick Swanson

- Given preceding Principals coffee, no formal report was reviewed.
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Secretary's Report—Sara Mason Ader/ Deirdre FitzGerald Fabbro

- The Secretary's report from May 2018 was distributed
 - A correction was called out under the Miscellaneous Notes, regarding the contracted School Picture Photographer. Lifetouch will remain the official School picture photographer.
 - Following the correction, the minutes were approved on a motion by Jane McGrath and seconded by Barbie Dwyer.
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Treasurer's Report—Jane McGrath

- The FY 2019 budget had been previously approved and the YTD expenditures were identified.
 - The agenda book sales are progressing well with \$3100 collected to date versus a budget plan of \$5000.
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School Committee Report—Carlos DaSilva

- A top priority for the school committee is the retirement of Superintendent Dorothy Galo, who will complete 55 years of dedicated service to the Hingham Schools in 2019.
- The school committee has engaged the consulting group NESDEC to lead and support the search for her successor.
- The school committee has offered assurances that the process will be transparent and will engage the HHS community. As such, the following points related to the search process to date were shared:
 - On Monday 9/10 the School Committee will confirm 6 **focus group** dates. Currently confirmed dates are:
 - 9/27 from 8:00 – 10:30 am at the HMS
 - 9/29 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the HHS
 - On 9/27 NESDEC will launch a **survey** to review community priorities which will inform recommendations brought to the screening committee
 - **Committee chairs** have been approved:
 - Liza O'Reilly will serve as Chairperson
 - Carlos DaSilva will serve as Vice Chairperson
 - **Additional committee** members will be confirmed. Specific positions discussed were 2 seats planned for the PTO and 1 seat planned for a community member at large.
- Sara Mason Ader thanked Carlos for joining the meeting and providing an update on such an important project for the Hingham School community.

Committee Reports

- Weekly Bulletin—Katy Burt
 - The first bulletin was emailed the week of 9/4
 - The Freshmen mailing list will not be available until the end of September and as a result, the freshmen students without another family member at HHS, will not receive the bulletin until October. The bulletin is accessible on the PTO website. Everyone who is not receiving the bulletin but would like to should email hhsweekly@gmail.com with their student name(s), YOG, parent(s) name, and preferred email address so we can add them right away.
- Hospitality Committee—
 - Sara Mason Ader had not received a committee update by the time of the meeting but explained how the Hospitality Committee hosts a series of staff appreciation events throughout the year. The committee will send email blasts periodically and parents are encouraged to send in items to help make the events successful.

- Rick Swanson complimented the Hospitality committee and the huge contribution it makes to the school; specifically citing the Pies shared with the entire staff on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.
- Mini Grants—
 - The committee is up and running and will be looking for volunteers to review Grant submissions. The Grant budget for the FY 2019 is \$9500. Past grant winners are posted on the PTO website.
- Class Updates—
 - 2019— Liz Bienfang
 - Senior Prom will be at Granite Links
 - 2019 is the smallest class in the school
 - Very strong Financial position heading into the year
 - Senior Night planning has begun and is the biggest PTO event for the year
 - The event is the night of Graduation from 11pm- 5am and is typically the highlight of Senior Year.
 - Help is needed to begin planning; help from underclass parents is critical given the multiple commitments parent of seniors face during the graduation time frame.
 - Sara Mason Ader highlighted that senior night came to be as a safe celebration which has drastically reduced the repeated and unfortunate perils associated with graduation celebrations.
 - 2020—
 - No update
 - 2021—Deirdre Anderson / Liz Bienfang
 - Updates regarding class elections and student advisors.
 - 2022—
 - The 2022 community is very energetic and engaged. Discussion centered around securing a can drive with the DPW and understanding preparations for homecoming.

New Business

- Committees needing help:
 - **Sport and Ski** event needs co-leader(s) to serve with Robin Briggs. The sale, scheduled for 11/3, is a great community event and drives 10% of budgeted revenue for the PTO
 - **Metco Liaison** needed. Chrissy Roberts volunteered and will represent the HHS PTO for the FY 2019.
 - **Green Committee** leader needed. Rick Swanson highlighted the progress and recognition HHS has made as a Green Ribbon school.
 - **Climate Committee Liaison** needed.

- **Nephcure walk**

- The walk will be held in Wompatuck state park on 9/29 and will honor the memory of Andrew Warhaftig class of 2019. The attendance is expected to be significant.

- **AD HOC**

- Rick Swanson shared that Sean Papich has expressed an interest in help to improve the **landscape architecture** of HHS.

Closing

- The meeting adjourned at 8:22
- The next meeting will be October 4, 2018 at 9:30 am in HHS room #103

Attendees

- Rick Swanson
- Sara Mason Ader
- Barbie Dwyer
- Jane McGrath
- Deirdre FitzGerald Fabbro
- Carlos DaSilva
- Liz Bienfang
- Lynn Cotter
- Deirdre Anderson
- Monica Melendes
- Teresa Scholund

- Kim Littell
- AnnMarie Schembri
- Philip Kahn
- Chrissy Roberts
- Katy Burt
- Darlene Lannon
- Tejal Patel
- Cynthia Sturtevant