

Hingham High School PTO Minutes April 5, 2018

Attendance: Barbie Dwyer (President), Sara Ader (Vice President), Jane McGrath (Treasurer), Michelle Ayer (Secretary), Rick Swanson (Principal), Deb McGowan, Beverly Brown, Pamela Gillig (Hospitality), Trish Cairns Baker (Sport & Ski Sale), Liz Donohue (Hospitality), Libby Lewiecki

Welcome (Barbie Dwyer)—Barbie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Principal's Report (Rick Swanson)

- March was an incredibly busy month for academics, athletics and the arts. Highlights include:
 - End of term 3/beginning of Term 4
 - First round of MCAS testing (ELA for sophomores)
 - Drama Club outstanding performance of “The Dark Road” at the Mass Theater Guild drama competition-although they didn’t move on in the competition, the HHS student body was very moved by the production and it opened up great dialogue in and out of the classroom on issues relating to intolerance
 - All Town Concerts and the Talent Expo showcased fantastic performances
 - The Advanced Art Show/All Town Art show were hits with the community
 - StuCo was awarded the Gold Award
 - Model UN attended a competition at BC
 - Veteran’s Appreciation Club presented \$750 donation to the Wild Hearts Horses for Heroes organization
 - GCP hosted students and teachers from South Africa for two days
 - Newly formed DECA club sent 4 students to state competition
 - Winter sports had an amazing season with all sports moving on to championships. Boys Basketball had their best season ever; Girls Basketball, Girls Hockey, Boys Hockey all made it to tournaments. Two track team high jumpers and one Swimmer qualified for Nationals are just some of the highlights from athletics.
 - A Rugby Club has been initiated at HHS by students
 - Unified Track & Field has been added to Spring sports. They will compete in 6 meets this season
 - The walkout on March 21 led by students and supported by administration was thoughtful, respectful, and well represented.
- Student Recognition:
 - Zach Bradshaw: Bio Tech internship at Cornell University
 - Joe Cavanaugh and Emily Nash: Grossman Award
 - Billy Johnson: Billy Michael Award (awarded to just one student from each state)
 - Margeaux Fortin: Scholastic Art & Writing Award National Medalist, photography
 - JT Germain: accepted to the Naval Academy

- **Teacher Recognition:**
 - Chrissy O'Connor: National History Day Memorializing the Fallen: 1 of 18 teachers in the US to be selected for this professional development partnership
 - Phil Struzziero has published a YA novel: "Teen Ref"

- **Upcoming events:**
 - April 9-13: Green Week
 - April 9: presentation to parents about vaping, 7PM at HMS
 - April 10: National Honor Society Induction
 - April 11: screening of "If They Had Known" 7PM, HHS (a film about the dangers of mixing alcohol and prescription/OTC drugs)
 - April 12: Mr. HHS contest
 - April 13: Senior Day of Service/Harbormen Helping Hingham
 - April 13: Junior Career Fair
 - April 27: screening of "On the Line: Where Sacrifice Begins", 6-8:30PM, HMS (a film about the origins of the METCO program). The film's producer will be in attendance to speak and answer questions.

Treasurer's Report (Jane McGrath)

- A review of the 2017/2018 HHS PTO budget and discussion to set the HHS PTO budget for 2018/2018 was held. Discussion points:
 - Dues to be increased by \$5
 - Reserves will be removed from the income statement and moved to the balance sheet to better reflect income/expenses versus cash balances
 - Extreme Couponing donation of \$500 will be a separate line item; mini grants reduced by \$500 (extreme couponing is an annual donation)
 - Online directory versus hard copy directory under consideration

On a motion made by Michelle Ayer, seconded by Liz Donahue, the 2018/2019 budget was approved, as presented

Secretary's Report (Michelle Ayer)

- Minutes of the February HHS PTO meeting were reviewed and, on a motion by Jane McGrath, seconded by Rick Swanson, minutes for February were approved
- Minutes of the March HHS PTO meeting were reviewed and, on a motion by Jane McGrath, seconded by Barbie Dwyer, minutes for March were approved

Committee Reports

Hospitality (Liz Donohue)

- March soup and salad luncheon was very successful
- Discussion on ways to get more staff, particularly custodians and cafeteria workers to participate in the staff appreciation events
- April plans for teacher appreciation week underway

- Plans for end of year staff luncheon will begin soon
- The committee is hosting breakfast at Senior Service Day and providing refreshments at Junior Awards Night, and NHS ceremony

Century Club (Barbie Dwyer for Christina Roberts)

- Dinner confirmed for the event at SSCC on May 24 (correction from agenda)

Class of 2018 (Michelle Ayer)

- Plans for prom, senior picnic, and graduation are underway

Class of 2019 (Barbie Dwyer for Sherry Schilb/Tara Redman)

- Junior Prom May 11-“Under the Stars” proposed theme.

Senior Night (Barbie Dwyer for Stacie Havens)

- Decorating meeting April 10
- Dropbox created for video.
- Kim Wendell and freshman parents working on memory wall
- Things are percolating slowly but surely

Red Carpet (Barbie Dwyer for Bob Snape)

- Permit submitted for the event
- Additional police details (5 total) increase the costs to \$1,200. PTO budgets \$500 for this event, so Class of 2018 will fund the difference of \$700
- Construction at the harbor should not impact the event

PTO Business

- The PTO Exec Board will be looking for a Vice President and Secretary next year, as well as chairs for several committees including Class Parents for the incoming Class of 2022, co-editors for the Weekly Bulletin, Green Committee, Sport and Ski Sale, and Mini Grants.
- In addition, the board has decided to add two committee liaison positions to the PTO:
 - Metco Liaison
 - Climate Committee Liaison

Next HHS PTO Meeting Thursday, May 3 at 9:30 am in HHS Room 103.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.