

Hingham High School PTO Minutes March 1, 2018

Attendance: Barbie Dwyer (President), Sara Ader (Vice President), Jane McGrath (Treasurer), Michelle Ayer (Secretary), Rick Swanson (Principal), Dana Donnelly (Senior Night), Deirdre Anderson (Class of 2021), Liz Bienfang (Class of 2021/Senior Night), Pam Harty (METCO Parent Partners)

Welcome (Barbie Dwyer)—Barbie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

Principal's Report (Rick Swanson)

- All winter sports qualified for post-season play with amazing team and individual performances
- New head football coach hired
- Drama Club preparing for their production of "The Dark Road" at the Mass Theater Guild annual drama competition on March 3 and will begin rehearsals for the spring play, "I Remember Mama"
- 25 musicians selected for SEMSBA district competition
- Newly formed DECA club had a successful first event
- SADD members made a presentation to Hingham CARES and were recognized for their positive impact on the HHS community
- Green Team's Slash the Trash was highlighted in a recent Boston Globe article
- Student Council held a moving and powerful assembly with Dr. Katie McBrine discussing the dangers of vaping/e-cigarettes and an "I Believe..." statements presented by school leaders. The students were very engaged and the programs were very well received.
- HHS hosted 20 exchange students from China and it was a positive experience for the students, the host families, and the entire HHS community
- Teachers had an impactful and practical professional development event on bullying with Dr. Elizabeth Englander, who also presented to parents at an HHS/HMS sponsored event. The parent event was taped by HCAM and is available on the HCAM website
- Hingham is celebrating its 50 year partnership with METCO and there have been several PSA's filmed for the Friday show to mark the occasion

METCO Update

- Pam Harty noted that METCO Lobbying Day at the State House is coming up and encourages the community to reach out to legislatures voicing your support of the program and for its funding
- Upcoming events include a screening of "On the Line", a documentary on the origins of the METCO program in Boston

Treasurer's Report (Jane McGrath)

- Revenues and expenses are on budget year to date

Secretary's Report (Michelle Ayer)

- Minutes of December meeting were distributed and edits noted. Approval of the minutes was postponed to the April PTO meeting

Committee Reports

Hospitality (Barbie Dwyer)

- Valentine's candy left in all the teacher's mailboxes
- Soup luncheon in March

Climate Committee (Deirdre Anderson/Michelle Ayer)

- Senior Service Day project to be held Friday, April 13
- PTO hospitality to provide bagels, donuts, juice, for students and volunteers that morning
- Discussion of a graduate parade through elementary schools after graduation rehearsal but will likely not have enough time to put into action this year

Class of 2018 (Michelle Ayer)

- Prom theme "Masquerade"
- The class made a generous donation to Pan Mass Challenge from Holiday Fair receipts

Class of 2019-no update

Class of 2020 (Barbie Dwyer)

- Had a great planning meeting

Class of 2021 (Liz Bienfang)

- Working on memory wall for Senior Night
- Met with class president to come up with ideas for service project/class bonding event

All Town PTO (Liz Bienfang)

- Dr. Galo presented the preliminary budget, answered questions, and solicited feedback

Senior Night (Dana Donnelly)

- Senior night website to launch this month. Site will include forms and payment information for Senior Night as well as info on class events
- Tickets will be \$60 if purchase by April 15. After April 15, price will increase (date subject to change)
- PTO board to review medical consent forms, expectations, and insurance coverage
- The decorating committee will advertise decorating workshops. Tentative dates: March 7, March 28, April 25 and May 2

Red Carpet (Barbie Dwyer)

- Construction at the harbor may impact pre-prom Red Carpet promenade. Barbie reaching out to Red Carpet chair, Scott Cahoon, to discuss

Yearbook (Dana Donnelly)

- The yearbook committee is doing a wonderful job creating the yearbook. First time in many years the yearbook has been created by students and teachers
- The yearbook will be offered as a class next year; a great addition to the curriculum

New 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)

Next HHS PTO Meeting Thursday, April 5 at 9:30 am in HHS Room 103.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.