

DRAFT Hingham High School PTO Minutes May 3, 2018

Attendance: Barbie Dwyer (President), Sara Ader (Vice President), Jane McGrath (Treasurer), Michelle Ayer (Secretary), Rick Swanson (Principal), Liz Donahue (Hospitality), Beverly Brown, Eva Schwall

Welcome (Barbie Dwyer)—Barbie welcomed everyone to the last PTO meeting of the 2017-2018 school year and called the meeting to order at 9:35AM. A year-end PTO celebration will be held at Barbie's house in June (date TBD).

Principal's Report (Rick Swanson)

- April was another busy month for academics, athletics, arts and clubs. Highlights include:
 - Drama Club spring play "*I Remember Mama*" performances this Friday and Saturday (May 4 and May 5)
 - Drama Club had an event filled field trip to NYC in April and over April vacation, members of HHS Chorus spent April vacation in Italy, while 20 students attended the school sponsored trip to Spain
 - Green Team's annual green week of promotions and contests to promote environmental awareness was a success
 - Green Team was honored by Mass Recycles as a "Top School" for the second time
 - The team also has successfully raised enough funds to purchase hand dryers to replace paper towels in several bathrooms at HHS
 - Along with the Class of 2018, the team is testing re-usable Home of a Hingham Graduate lawn signs to replace signs that list a specific class year. The Class of 2018 will offer 100 re-usable signs that can be turned into the school or picked up by the green team when the family has finished displaying the sign
 - Robotics made it to the New England championship
 - Boy's lacrosse is undefeated and ranked #1 in the state.
 - Girl's track was the Division II relay winner and broke the pole vault record
 - 4 student athletes representing swimming, track, hockey and skiing were named All Scholastic winners by the Boston Globe
 - HHS Alpine Ski Coach has been named Coach of the Year
 - Junior class members attended a career exploration morning at HHS with members of the community who presented information about their careers
 - Freshman, sophomores, and juniors attended an unforgettable assembly, *Ryan's Story*, presented by John Halligan; father of Ryan Halligan who committed suicide at age 13 after a series of bullying incidents
 - Seniors participated in the 2nd annual service day, *Harbormen Helping Hingham*
 - Juniors and seniors attended an assembly to see a screening of "*If they Had Known*", a powerful film about a young man in Winchester, MA who fatally combined prescription drugs and alcohol

- All sophomore history classes visited Hingham's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) hall
- Three students won the honor of attending and presenting at National History Day in Washington, DC
- Discussion ensued about potential for a history day fair at HHS in the future
- Two Student Council members have been elected to the State Advisory Council
- Teacher Katherine Black will become the StuCo faculty advisor in September 2018, replacing Nicole Piantes, who has done an amazing job as advisor
- The first AP Seminar class has concluded with nine students completing and presenting their independent research projects
- **Teacher Recognition:**
 - Mr. Louchheim and Ms. McCash presented a professional development event at Harvard University to share insights on the new Holocaust and Human Behavior class and received great feedback
 - Mr. Forester named one of the *PhysTech* teachers of the year

Treasurer's Report (Jane McGrath)

- Reviewed the 2017/2018 HHS PTO budget and noted:
 - Senior night funds continue to come in
 - Two mini grants outstanding expect to be paid by June 15

Secretary's Report (Michelle Ayer)

- Minutes of the April HHS PTO meeting were reviewed and, on a motion by Jane McGrath, seconded by Sara Ader, minutes were approved

Committee Reports

Hospitality (Liz Donohue)

Hospitality continues to support teachers and events at HHS with recent and upcoming events:

- Junior Book Awards
- National Honor Society
- Senior service day breakfast
- Hornstra Ice Cream truck for faculty and staff on May 10
- Taco Guy for teacher luncheon on June 21

Class of 2018 (Michelle Ayer)

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

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

- Junior Prom May 11-“Under the Stars” sold over 400 tickets

Senior Night (Barbie Dwyer for Dana Donnelly)

- 60% of seniors registered as of April 30
- need additional sponsorships of \$1,500 to meet budget
- many more volunteers are needed for set up, chaperoning and clean up

Miscellaneous (Barbie Dwyer)

- Lifetouch will once again be our school picture photographer and has partnered with Shutterfly to offer more purchasing options.

PTO Business

- The PTO Exec Board needs to fill the positions of Vice President and Secretary for 20018-2019 as well as chairs for Sport and Ski sale, Green Committee, co-editors for the Weekly Bulletin, and class parents for Class of 2022
 - In addition, the board is seeking to fill two new positions; Metco liaison and Climate Committee liaison

Next HHS PTO Meeting September 2018 TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:35AM