

Hingham High School PTO Minutes March 3, 2016

Attendees

Paula Girouard-McCann, HHS Principal, Libby Lewiecki, PTO President, Barbie Dwyer, PTO Vice President, Claudia Eaton, PTO Treasurer, Michelle Ayer, Class Parent 2016/2018, Senior Night Committee

Call to Order 9:40

Principal's Report

- Thanked the PTO for sponsoring Jon Mattleman "The Secret Life of the Massachusetts Teen". The event was well attended and well received.
- Thanked the PTO for sponsoring the freshman Shakespeare event, as well. It tied well with the freshman English curriculum (Romeo & Juliet) and the students and staff enjoyed the performances. It would be appreciated if this could continue as a PTO sponsored event.
- Discussion of inappropriate behavior at the second assembly on Feb. 27. A meeting was held with the students and faculty and a small group of parents will also meet with the administration to discuss/address the incident. Given the incident with the dance team last fall, the administration recognizes this is a systemic issue and they are working at ways to limit and address these issues. Parents need to discuss and discourage this type of behavior with their children.
- Discussion about potential PTO support for educational programs for students through a Principal's General Fund. Perhaps a solicitation of donations in addition to the PTO dues to support these types of programs.
- Sophomores will be taking MCAS in ELA in May.

Treasurer's Report

- Suggestion to expand student program offerings like the Shakespeare presentation to parents; would require additional funding from PTO.
- Several committees (Green, GCP, Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl) have not utilized budgeted funds. Paula will reach out to club advisors and remind them of available funds.
- Discussion of where to include ad hoc budget approvals made during the school year (i.e., Parent Education, Freshman Shakespeare). Suggested a separate column reflecting budget additions.

- Discussion of Senior Night budget / unencumbered funds available. An update from the Senior Night committee will be presented at next PTO meeting.

New Business

- Class of 2017 hosting 29th annual Hingham Antique Show. The class inherited this fundraiser from the Class of 2015 last year and plans to host through 2017. Discussion of splitting the proceeds/work with the next class to inherit this fundraiser in 2017. Need to determine which class can partner with Class of 2017. Class of 2017 needs to determine if they want/need to host the fundraiser next year (senior year).
- Volunteer recruitment
 - a) Libby to draft a letter to 8th grade parents to solicit volunteers and Paula to send out with HHS March newsletter.
 - b) VP position still open.
 - c) several committees still in need of chairperson (s) (Hospitality, Senior Night)
- Review and discussion of HHS PTO By-Laws and edits made therein. By-laws to be finalized and voted on at subsequent PTO meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11 am.