

Hingham High School PTO
Thursday, November 5, 2015
9:30 am

Attended by: Libby Lewiecki, President, Claudia Eaton, Co-Treasurer, Laurie Freeman, Secretary and Mini Grant Co-Chair, Rick Swanson, Assistant Principal, Dana Donnolly & Jo Burns, Co-Chairs of the Weekly Bulletin, Whitney Ward, Co-Chair of the Green Committee, Donna Keaney, SEPAC/SNAP Liaison and ... additional parents, total attendance ...persons.

Assistant Principal's Report – Rick Swanson:

First term coming to an end:

- (a) Fall sports wrapping up with almost all teams qualifying for tournament play. The boys cross country team won the league title – congratulations!
- (b) Drama club is putting on “Hello Dolly,” previews to be shown to students in school, runs Thursday through Saturday 11/19 – 21.
- (c) Next week HHS runs 8th annual school wide teach in on Green issues which includes: school wide assembly, film Racing to Zero, guest speakers, live online quiz, presentations by green team members, raffle, & teachers from all disciplines asked to link a lesson to an environmental issue.
- (d) Discussion ensued regarding hydration stations: 3 funded by PTO already, one more still to be installed a year after it was funded by PTO. Suggestion made that location for last station should be a sports locker room so would have to choose between boys or girls. It was proposed that PTO fund an additional hydration station so both locker rooms could have one but making it conditional on installation occurring by a date certain. Another proposal suggested that PTO could fund the additional hydration station with balance from mini grants line item (\$1500) and that contact and follow-up be made with maintenance crew by PTO to ensure timely installation.
- (e) **Claudia moved to fund additional hydration station (\$1,500), Laurie seconded, the ayes won, motion approved.**
- (f) Noted that recycling is saving school money – 2 dumpsters became single stream – saves school \$75.00 a week.
- (g) Slash the Trash program has been very successful at recycling and reducing waste in cafeteria. Sports teams sponsor a week of lunches in which they compete to achieve lowest waste count on their watch. A great video highlighting our kids successful efforts has been produced by and is on the website of an environmental group: www.e-awakening.com

Secretary's Report:

Approval of meeting minutes continued to December meeting.

Budget:

- (a) \$9,500 in remaining funds from last year, this is the first time PTO has ever presented a balanced budget. Includes senior night funding (which used to have its own bank account), with separate accounting. These numbers reflect a conservative view.
Members reviewed and approved budget and Libby will post on website.

President's Report:

- (a) Membership dues are trickling in, we have 350 paid members as of meeting date.

Fundraising – Fruit Center:

- (a) Week of 11/9-13, FC donates 20 % of sales to HHS with voucher, can enter lottery to win \$100 gift certificate to FC. Vouchers can be printed off of link – suggestions made to post on Facebook, on Hingham Pinboard, Paula and Jo to send out email blasts.
- (b) Pretty Little Things – a store in Scituate where Pat O’Cone works. Will donate 20% of sales from Dec 4-5 to PTO. Flyers, email from Paula and an PTO Bulletin Blast will advertise. \$30 gift card to Chipotle and a raffle are incentives to shop.
- (c) Sport and Ski Sale – Nov 14. Still looking for volunteers. Will send PTO Bulletin Blast with link to Volunteer Spot.

SNAP – Donna Keaney:

- (a) Founded January 2014
- (b) Hingham Sports Partnership and SEPAC got together to form SNAP, athletic recreation for kids with special needs, ages 4-22
- (c) Program has branched out to include Cohasset, Norwell and Hull
 1. First sport online was crew (middle school through high school), now includes adaptive dance, bowling, yoga, soccer (Sundays), hockey (Saturday mornings), and summer program at SSCC with bowling, golf (simulators), tennis, arts and crafts. Program employs HHS students to be mentors, paying \$10 an hour. One to one support provided to kids who require it.