

Hingham High School PTO

Thursday, October 2, 2015

9:30 AM

Attendees: Libby Lewiecki, Liz Bienfang, Carolyn Bianchi, Katherine Forbes, Tracey Hussey, Mal Noonan, Andy Shafter, Paula Giourard-McCann, Lisa Patterson, Sherry Schilb, Claudia Eaton, Barbie Dwyer, Rindy Hesselman, and Lee Hendrickson.

Principle's Report: Principle McCann discussed Friday Night's Football incident and highlighted the fact that the student body stepped up to resolve the issue by making a number of suggestions (directed specifically toward ways of increasing School Spirit). Students will make a school-wide announcement with their suggestions/requests of the entire student body throughout the school year and more specifically, during the upcoming Spirit Week.

Treasurer's Report: Claudia spoke directly to the Monthly Report and PTO Budget of \$47,866.97 (see attachment) **Libby asked that we speak about the Budget toward the end of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Committee Updates:

Mini-Grant: Mini grant applications will go out this week. They are due before October 18th. Grants will be given in early November. Another round of grants may be offered in the spring depending on the Budget.

Ski and Sport Sale: Saturday, November 14, 8am – Noon in the HHS Cafeteria – Join in this wonderful tradition and bring the family to the 28th Annual HHS Sport & Ski Sale. This is not just a high school event as each year families from the community consign or donate their outgrown sports gear and find replacements at tremendous bargains. You will find sporting goods for all seasons and for all ages. The PTO is accepting donations and consignments (50% to you or the HHS team of your choice, 50% to the HHS PTO) on Thursday, Nov. 12th from 4pm-7pm in the HHS main lobby, on Friday, Nov. 13th from 7:30-9:30am HHS far parking lot and again on Friday night from 3-8pm. All sports gear is welcome, such as rebounders, lacrosse equipment, football equipment, basketballs, soccer balls, skis, boots, ski apparel, snowboards, boogie boards, badminton, ice skates, golf clubs, cleats and baseball bats. All proceeds benefit the many programs supported through the HHS PTO. For more information contact Lisa Patterson at pattersonlisa66@gmail.com or Trish Cairns at trishanddarren@msn.com

Lisa Patterson stated that the sale had been advertised in the Journal and the November School Newsletter.

Lisa asked if they could put a large donation box in the front lobby of the school. She is also looking for help from the student body. Students should be asked as they need to complete their 'community hours'. It was also suggested that the committee call on sophomores specifically as they need to work hours for their Confirmation. Carolyn Bianchi is going to reach out to Director/Coordinator to see how this would work.

The committee has raised \$5,000.00 in the past. There is no budget.

A suggestion was made to invite two Hingham Students who are on the US Ski Team to make themselves available during this event as a 'draw'.

Tisha Peterson is the person on the committee who is drawing up the flier.

School Committee Representative: School Committee Member, Andy Shafter spoke to the PTO. The HSC meets every other Monday night. Meetings are open to the public. Public (town) attendees can speak openly at the beginning of each meeting.

The Committees has 5 sub-committees. They are: Long range planning, Salary and Negotiations, Policy, Special Education, and Community Outreach, which is the committee that he serves on. He spoke on behalf of the HSC, Community Outreach to share their appreciation for the PTOs's continued support.

Andy stressed that the committee is working with Joe Andrews to improve the Hingham School's Website more intuitive and easier to use.

He spoke briefly of the school's "profile" online and the impressive 43% of students who are taking AP courses

Principle McCann spoke about the increased growth of our Student Body in upcoming years and reassured the group that they are monitoring this growth.

All-Town PTO: Liz Bienfang, HHS Liaison spoke about the first meeting of the year and how impressed she is with the subject matter that was discussed. The Committee is comprised of Dr. Galo and a parent representative from each (of the six) schools, HEF and SEPAC.

The following were addressed during the meeting:

September Enrollments, Start of School and New Staff; MCAM Tapings, Full-day Kindergarten, Strategic Planning for 2016-2021, the Focus on Social, Emotional, and

Behavioral Health and 'Weather Planning' – the need for parents and guardians to come up with a plan in the case that school is cancelled.

Mal Noonan asked if there is such a thing as a 'Regional PTO Meeting'. In fact, there is. She will check into it further.

General Info:

Zona has offered to sell HHS goods in their salon.

Thank you to Michele Ayer for helping with Senior Night.

Donna Keaney – to act as SEPAC Liaison until a permanent liaison can be found.

Budget: Libby L. asked about the possibility of making a donation to the Neal Tompkins Memorial Scholarship. Katherine Forbes proposed donating \$1,000.00.

Libby and Claudia will look over Budget and bring to the next meeting for a vote.

There was also a discussion about the possibility of the 2016 class donating some kind/type of sculpture.

Spirit Committee: It's been problematic finding a teacher/Advisor to oversee this committee. Suggestions were made to push the responsibility onto the Class Parents and/or Class Officers.

Hospitality Committee: The committee is requesting a \$250 addition to their budget. A suggestion was made to use 'Volunteer Spot' in hopes of getting donations and then re-evaluating later in the year.

Final Discussion: Unanimous vote was made to donate \$1,000.00 to the Neal Tompkins Memorial Scholarship.

Hot Dog Warmer was purchased for the field house. Question was posed to see if there were any other items that are necessary for the field house/concession stand.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am