

## **HHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES – 2/13/08**

**Call to Order** 6:08 PM

**Handouts:** Meeting agenda; 1/9/08 minutes, Income & Expense statement, Parent meeting flyer, Capitol Steps flyer, HHS PTSA bylaw revisions

**Attendees:** Ann Marie Ruskin, Lee Fortna, Kristy Freeman, Jeanne Loveland, Dana Harold, Nancy Irish, Augustin Martinez, Becky Field-Ross, Brian Healy, Carol Keeling, Cheryl Wilson, Cindy Wei, Elizabeth Gibson, Susan Jones, Terry Eubank, Wanda Salsler, Steven Scott, O'Doherty family, George family

### **Minutes of 1/9/08 meeting (Jeanne Loveland)**

- Date of Minority Parent Council meeting changed to March 26
- **Motion** to approve (M – Lee Fortna, S – Becky Field Ross), unanimous

### **Treasurer's Report (Ann Marie for Nancy Irish)**

- Current report presented. Cash on hand = \$18,050.21
- Presented checks to Mr. Martinez for Building Fund \$2,370 & Principal's Fund - \$1200

### **SGA (Ann Marie for SCA Rep)**

- SGA students went to other local high schools this week to see practices at other schools. This week leadership students from other schools will come to HHS.

### **Principal's Report (Augustin Martinez)**

- Met with SGA over timing between classes. 2 minutes added after lunch which has reduced tardies 40%. Also cafeteria doors are opened in all directions.
- Senior courtyard privilege still okay. May be Junior privilege also.
- Kiss & Ride – FCPS Security will be doing a Kiss & Ride traffic study. They will provide options then a decision will be made on best method for Kiss & Ride.
- Meets with Rotary Club once a week – let him know if there is anything they can do to help
- Registration for next year is going on Feb 15 to Mar 13 from 9 to 11 each day. Counselors meet with each student individually.
- Touching Bases March 5, no early release for students.

### **Traffic (Officer Posey & Sgt Fulton, Fairfax County Police)**

- They have contacted Herndon Public Works to review intersection & light at Bennett & Dranesville. Bennett & intersection are in Town of Herndon. They have requested additional crosswalks on Bennett and more lighting.
- The SRO is supposed to be in school, not directing traffic. Have asked Town of Herndon to look at helping out with traffic.
- A study for crossing can be requested.
- Mr. Martinez and officers will work to get study done as quickly as possible and report findings.

### **Faculty Report (Vania Beight)** No report

### **President's Report (Ann Marie Ruskin)**

- Thanked Hospitality Committee for providing food for Curriculum Night.
- Teen Safe Driving presentation by SAFED, April 1 at 7, Lecture Hall.
- Sandie Connelly, in charge of organizing Herndon's Most Improved Breakfast, Friday, March 7 at 7:30 am. Would like parent volunteers to help with set up the night before, decorations, etc.) and parents to help with serving at the breakfast. Sign up sheet passed around.
- Mike Mahoney has asked the PTSA to help fund a program on Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse for 9th and 10th graders. \$500 requested. Adequate funding provided in this year's budget. Student activities is also scheduling a program for Jrs and Srs. around Prom time.
- FCPS to sponsor a Regional Parent Meeting at Chantilly HS, April 5 from 8-12. You need to register. (flyer available)
- Nominating Committee – Need 3 people, preferably a senior parent. Present slate in April, vote in May
- Request for donation for the "A Day to Remember" Special needs prom, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Waterford Hall 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. For HHS, SLHS, Westfield, Oakton, Fairfax and Kilmer Center students. Previous donation \$200. (Kathy Khair, Spec. Ed teacher)
- Ann Marie sent letter to Mr. Tistadt regarding after school activities on Feb 12 due to icy conditions.
- Newsletter deadline – Feb 25

### **Committee Reports**

#### **DAFA (Becky Field-Ross)**

#### **After Prom Celebration (Becky Field-Ross for Laura Medvene & Nina Joyce)**

- Planning up and rolling.

All Night Grad (Carol Keeling)

- ANG fundraiser – Capitol Steps on Feb 24 in HHS Auditorium at 7pm \$35. Flyer at meeting. Sales are slow so far.
- \$5 discount to Juniors & Seniors. Teachers are offering extra credit to attend.
- Barnes & Noble book sale March 6-8.
- Ticket sales start in a few weeks.

**Baccalaureate (Ann Marie for Jim Hepfinger)**

- Starting to plan. Meeting for volunteers will be soon.

**By-laws Revision (Ann Marie Ruskin)**

- We are required to update our by-laws every 5 years. Committee of Ann Marie Ruskin, Lisa Lombardozi & Becky Field-Ross suggested revisions.
- Minor changes – officers take over at end of previous school year (June), board approval of budget amendment changed to \$500, 8 meetings a year, 10 members = quorum. See full set on-line for detailed changes.
- Revisions are posted on the school website for required 30 days. We will vote on revisions at Mar 12 meeting.

**Band Liaison (Terry Eubank)**

- Had a great night of Bingo.
- On Feb 21 will have Pre-Festival Concert with Herndon Middle School.
- Had 20 band students selected for All-District Band. They performed at Oakton HS on Feb 2. a number of these students are eligible to audition for All-State Band at JMU on Feb 23.
- The bands are working hard, with extra rehearsals, for the Festival on March 1 at West Springfield.
- Citrus orders will arrive Feb 23.
- Looking forward to Spring Trip to Orlando in April to participate in Festival Disney.

**Boundary Representative (Elizabeth Gibson)**

- Many spoke at hearings.
- At work session, 2 new versions were presented by Stu Gibson and Kathy Smith. Both affect HHS the same – adding about 80 students.
- Public hearing on Feb 19 but only for affected areas.
- Need someone to attend Feb 21 work session.

**Chorus Liaison (Kara Rider)** no report

**Class Liaisons**

Senior Class (Cindy Wei)

- Updates to be sent every 30 days

Junior Class (Becky Field-Ross)

- Class is fine – registering for next year.

Sophomore Class (Susanne Killian Gear) No report

Freshman Class (Karen McDonald) No report

**Cluster Advisory Council (open)** No report

**County Council Liaison (open)** No report

**Directory (Arlene Aiello)** No report

**Drama Liaison (Deb Fowler)** No report

**Grocery Receipts Programs (Gabriele O'Bryan)** No report

**Hispanic PTSA Liaison (Ann Marie for Lisa Lombardozi)** No report

**Hospitality (Ann Marie for Jackie Curran & Mary Maddox)** No report

**Membership (Wanda Salser)** No report

**Minority Parent Advisory Council (Ann Marie for Cheryl Wilson)**

- See website for Keep in Touch hearing info to be sent.

**Newsletter Editor (Kathleen de la Paz)**

- Newsletter deadline Feb 25.

**Newsletter Folding (Mary Glenn Mancini, Maria Palmer)** No report

**NJROTC Liaison (Gabriele O'Bryan for Judy Murden)** No report

**Orchestra Liaison (submitted by Brian Healy)**

- District Festival is March 15. Pre-Festival concert on Feb 22.
- HHS will host District Festival on March 6-8. Pre
- Sweetz cheesecakes fundraiser done.

- Lanyards, lapel pins & luggage tags are on sale all year.

**Parent Education (open position)** No report

**Pyramid Coordinator (Becky Field-Ross)**

- Will try to organize pyramid lunch after Feb 28 (School Board vote on Boundary Study)

**Reflections (Nancy Baumgartner)**

- Presentation to award winners who were present: Senior Catherine O'Doherty – 1<sup>st</sup> place literature, Sophomore Chris George – 1<sup>st</sup> place musical composition, going to State Reflections competition.

**Robotics Team Liaison (Elizabeth Gibson)**

No report

**Special Education (open)** No report

**Sports Boosters Liaison (Susan Jones)**

- Winter Sports Banquet on Mar 3 & 4.
- Spring Sports Banquet on June 2 & 3.
- Booster passes for family only – not friends
- 3/10 – parent coaches meeting
- Budget change proposed - \$100 charge per child per sport. Boosters say not a good idea because sports help keep obesity down and involvement in sports helps kids.
- Recommend letting local youth sports groups (i.e., Herndon Youth Soccer) to get involved.

**SLEEP Liaison (Robin Carroll)** No report

**Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (Joan Talbert submitted)** No report

**Touching Bases (Peggy Jendzejec, Barb Zicari)** No report

**Volunteers (Sue Altschuler)** no report

**Calendar**

February

- February 7-9 Chorus District Festival
- February 9 District Chorus Concert 2 pm HHS Auditorium
- February 9 FAFSA Student Financial Aid Workshop 9 am – 1 pm
- February 9 ACT Test

- February 13 PTSA Meeting 6 pm (note time change)
- February 13 Fashion Show, 7:30 pm "If the Shoe Fits...Wear It"
- February 18 No School
- February 20 Faculty Basketball Game, 3 pm, Gym
- February 21 Band Pre-Festival Concert & Art Show
- February 21 Hispanic PTSA Meeting, 7 pm, Neighborhood Resource Center
- February 24 "Capitol Steps", Sponsored by ANG, 7pm, HHS Auditorium
- February 25 Honor Roll Reception, 2:30 pm
- February 28 Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert

March

- March 1 SAT Test
- March 3 & 4 Winter Sports Banquets
- March 5 Touching Bases, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- March 6 – 8 Drama Dept trip to NYC
- March 6 – 8 Orchestra District Festival at HHS
- March 7 Most Improved Breakfast, 7:30 am
- March 10 Spring Sports Parents Meeting, 7pm
- March 12 Drama Dinner Theater
- March 12 PTSA Meeting, 7 pm
- March 15 HK Lee karate tournament, all day
- March 17-21 No School - Spring Break
- March 27 College Night, 7pm

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

**Adjourn** 7:27 pm (M – Susan Jones, S – Cheryl Wilson)

**Next Meeting: Wed, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Minutes taking in part by Cindy Wei  
Submitted by Jeanne Loveland.  
Recording Secretary