

HHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES – 01/09/08

Call to Order 6:08 PM

Handouts: Meeting agenda; 1/9/08 minutes, Income & Expense statement, Parent meeting flyer, Capitaol 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 Salser, Steven Scott

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

- Motion to approve (M – Becky Field Ross, S – Elizabeth Gibson), unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Ann Marie for Nancy Irish) No report

- **SGA (Ann Marie for SCA Rep)**
- Winter Spirit Week is next week.
- Black out Dance 1/18 after basketball game. Tickets on sale starting today at lunch, \$5. Need parents to chaperone from 8:45 to 11. Contact Mr. May or Mrs. Henry.
- Free Movie Night, "Transformers", 1/29 at 6:30

Principal's Report (Augustin Martinez)

- Pointed out he is just enforcing rules that were set by Mrs. Ivey, but they hadn't been enforced lately. The only new rule is that no food or drink is to go out of the cafeteria unless in a backpack. It is a cleanliness issue.
- Will be getting feedback from staff on 3 items at next staff meeting.

Faculty Report (Vania Beight)

- From French Dept – link on HHS, HMS & HES website to French events. Free French tutoring 2:15 – 3:30.
- Mr. Michael Torres, substance Abuse Counselor, is available for any questions about ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug use.) He's at school 7-3.

Honor Code Policy (William Bates & Jonathan Frohm)

- Showed PowerPoint presentation on Honor Code Policy.
- HHS has an Honor Committee.

- Goal of the Honor Code is consistent rules & consequences.
- Communicated to students with kids in English by media specialists.
- Will be added to Student Rights & Responsibilities next year.
- All students to sign Herndon Honor Code.
- The committee is urging all English teachers to use Turnitin.com, most do. History teachers are also starting to use the site.
- The Honor Code & the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the HHS website.

Parent presentation (Joe Draper)

- Mr. Draper is teacher at Falls Church HS. He is liaison to Fairfax County Office of Safe & Drug Free Youth.
- Showed everyday items that can be misused.
- Becky also reminded parents of the Herndon Parent Pledge – it is published in the newsletter and a link on the HHS website.

Committee Reports

DAFA (Becky Field-Ross)

All Night Grad (Rhonda Marsteller & Carol Keeling, After Prom Celebration (Laura Medvene & Nina Joyce)

- ANG meeting Jan 29 at 7pm – need people to help. Graduation is June 16.
- ANG fundraiser – Capitol Steps on Feb 24 in HHS Auditorium at 7pm \$35. Check the website for the form to order tickets.
- After Prom meeting Jan 22, 7pm at Mediterranean Breeze. Prom is May 17. After Prom at Reston Comm. Ctr, May 18 from 12 am to 5am.

Baccalaureate (Jim Hepfinger) no report

Band Liaison (Terry Eubank)

- About 200 band members. Nearly 20 students were selected for All-District Band, 6 moving on to audition for All-State Band in February.
- Our bands are preparing for Festival on March 1 and will hold our Pre-Festival Concert with Herndon Middle School here on Feb 21.
- Spring Trip to Orlando in April to participate in Festival Disney.
- Citrus Sale of oranges and grapefruit is ongoing until January 19. Email citrusales@herndonband.org or contact any band member to order.
- Our Annual Bingo Night will be held on Feb 1 from 6 – 9 in the Cafeteria.

- The HHS band families will be hosting Japan's premiere high school orchestra – the Siatama Sakae High School Wind Orchestra. They will be staying with our band families and touring the area for 3 days in June. Stay tuned for the date of their concert here – you won't want to miss it.

Boundary Representative (Elizabeth Gibson)

- Staff recommended option 5 to school board. Herndon is not affected. Hearings on 1/30, 1/31 and 2/19. School board votes 2/28. Wear red if you go to hearings.
- Encourage parents to address school board members since things could still change.
- Proud we've kept our message consistent and positive.

Chorus Liaison (Kara Rider) no report

Class Liaisons

Senior Class (Cindy Wei)

- Senior dues are due

Junior Class (Becky Field-Ross)

- Thanks to Jr. Parents for manning the concession stand on Dec 14.
- Curriculum Night on 1/31 from 6:45 to 9

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)

- Drama students going to NYC Mar 6-8, to see Chorus Line
- Dinner Theater is Mar 12
- Spring Play is "Kiss Me Kate"

Grocery Receipts Programs (Gabriele O'Bryan) No report

Hispanic PTSA Liaison (Ann Marie for Lisa Lombardozzi)

- Next meeting Jan 17 at 7 at Neighborhood Resource Center

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

Membership (Wanda Salser) No report

Minority Parent Advisory Council (Ann Marie for Cheryl Wilson)

- Next meetings Jan 16 at Langley & March 26 at Herndon, both at 7pm

Newsletter Editor (Kathleen de la Paz) No report

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

NJROTC Liaison (Gabriele O'Bryan for Judy Murden)

- Group doing well and winning meets

Orchestra Liaison (submitted by Brian Healy)

- Winter Concert with HMS Orchestra on Dec 19.
- HHS will host District Festival on March 6-8. Pre
- Orchestra & Chorus selling Sweetz cheesecakes until Jan 22. To be delivered Feb 11.
- Lanyards, lapel pins & luggage tags are on sale all year.

Parent Education (open position) No report

Pyramid Coordinator (Becky Field-Ross) No report

Reflections (Nancy Baumgartner) No report

Robotics Team Liaison (Elizabeth Gibson)

- Kick-off on Saturday, 1/12. NASCAR-like game. Game developer is one of our advisors.
- Sponsored by FIRST.
- 2 trips – VCU 3/6-7 & NYC.
- Sold out of "Bugs"

Special Education (open) no report

Sports Boosters Liaison (Susan Jones)

- Winter Sports Banquet on Mar 4 to be changed.

SLEEP Liaison (Robin Carroll) no report

**Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council
(Joan Talbert submitted)**

- Dr. Dale presented new budget - \$45.6 million in cuts
- Options are: increase student (mainly sports activity fees, increase class size (to reduce the number of teachers), revamp summer school (completely scrap it and start all over again), eliminate excess Instructional Assistants (through program revamping), expand on-line schools and charge for test fees for IB/AP/PSAT.
- No new programs are proposed. Public hearings on the budget will be held February 6. The budget will be adopted by the School Board on February 14 and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors April 1. The new budget will take effect July 1.
- Highlights of the budget proposal can be found at: www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/brochures/proposed2009.pdf .

Touching Bases (Peggy Jendzejec, Barb Zicari)

- Will confirm correct date.

Volunteers (Sue Altschuler) no report

President's Report (Ann Marie Ruskin)

- Thanked Boundary Committee for all their work and all the time they put in.
- Appreciate the support of the Booster groups who joined with the PTSA to recognize the custodians;
- Be sure to check the HHS website for news on student achievement.

Calendar

January

- Jan 10 PSAT Results distributed for 9th, 10th and 11th graders
- Jan 14-18 Winter Spirit Week
- Jan 18 "Black Out Dance" following Basketball Game
- Jan 17&19 Broadway Cabaret 7:30 pm
- Jan 17 Hispanic PTSA Meeting 7 pm
Neighborhood Resource Center
- Jan 21 No School
- Jan 25 District One Act Play Competition
- Jan 25 & 28 No School
- Jan 31 Curriculum Night for Rising 9th, 10th 11th and 12th Grade parents

February

- Feb 1 Band BINGO Night
- Feb 13 PTSA Meeting 6 pm (note time change)

- Feb 13 Fashion Show 7:00 pm
- Feb 18 No School
- Feb 21 Band Concert & Art Show
- Feb 21 Hispanic PTSA Meeting 7 pm
Neighborhood Resource Center
- Feb 24 "Capitol Steps" Sponsored by ANG 7 pm
HHS Auditorium
- Feb 25 Honor Roll Reception 2:30 pm
- Feb 27 Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert

Old Business None

New Business

- Morning Traffic. Employees can't direct traffic. Police aren't directing anymore.
- Ask Robin Carroll to bring up at Traffic Committee.
- Send reminder about Kiss & Ride policy and traffic courtesy.
- Look into hiring Police officer to direct traffic.
- **Adjourn** 8:57 pm (M – Cheryl Rodakowski, S – Lee Fortna)

Next Meeting: Wed, February 13th at 6 pm in the Cafeteria. Meeting is earlier due to the Fashion Show that night at 7 pm

Submitted by Jeanne Loveland

Recording Secretary