

HHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES – 3/12/08

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Handouts: Meeting agenda; 2/13/08 minutes, Income & Expense statement, March/April newsletter, How to Keep your Teenage Alive flyer, FAIRGRADE summary, Family Night at Observatory Park flyer,

Attendees: Ann Marie Ruskin, Lee Fortna, Jeanne Loveland, Dana Harold, Agustin Martinez, Vania Beight, Becky Field-Ross, Brian Healy, Cheryl Wilson, Cindy Wei, Elizabeth Gibson, Gabriele O'Bryan, Susan Jones, Steven Scott, Keith Jasper

Minutes of 2/108 meeting (Jeanne Loveland)

- Motion to approve (M – Becky Field Ross, S – Steven Scott), unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Ann Marie for Nancy Irish)

- Current report presented. Cash on hand = \$10,392.38
- Buses for boundary study cost net \$222.45. Tom Rust paid for stickers.
- Directory income down, kids don't use them as much anymore. Print less next year.
- Membership down
- \$500 to 9th & 10th grade not reflected in DAFA yet

SGA (Ann Marie for Ms Henry & Mr. May)

- Mr. Herndon March 25th at 7 in Auditorium. Proceeds go to Relay for Life.
- 50's Remix dance on April 4th 9-12 in the cafeteria, \$5 tickets on sale during lunch starting March 25
- SGA elections on April 10th & 11th
- 40 8th graders from HMS will spend the day with SGA students on April 15th to get the high school experience.
- Sports Tailgate part, Friday May 2nd in the cage with food from Glory Days, Famous Dave's and Costco. Baseball, softball, soccer & tennis games follow.
- Mayfest on May 19th from 1:30 to 3 on football field with food and carnival activities.
- SGA has Relay for Life Team - Sting Cancer. Fundraisers include car wash, night at Boardwalk night at Fries, Mediterranean Breeze with Emma Bailey. Relay for Life is June 7th.

Principal's Report (Agustin Martinez)

- Traffic – working with Town of Herndon transportation to get crosswalks and lights. Need VDOT as well.
- Contact Board of Supervisors.

- Mrs. Perry – Director of Student Services is retiring at end of year. Interviews in April/May.
- Also assistant, Luann Hilton left, hope to replace this week.
- March 24, there will be a school visit by Dr Minusco to also include classrooms.
- Mrs. Blackwood, Social Studies chair, also retiring this year. Laura Totoro to replace as SS chair.
- Accident on Friday after school between 2 students. Minor injury to one student

Faculty Report (Vania Beight)

- Teachers are concerned about traffic as well. Parents are using Faculty lot and some are disrespectful.
- Dinner Theater - reservations by tomorrow.
- International Night on March 28 – encourage attendance.
- Latin exam on Thursday. 20 Latin students going to Paris with Ms. Guppy for spring break.
- Mr. Gepford is collecting board games for Project Excel – chess, checkers, 24, etc. by 3/27.
- Kathy Khair thanks PTSA for money for Special Ed prom on May 20 at Waterford.
- Family Night at Observatory on March 28

President's Report (Ann Marie Ruskin)

- Thanks to Peggy and Barb for Touching Bases. It was lightest turnout ever. Teachers prefer early release for afternoon Touching Bases. Thanks to Hospitality – Jackie Curran & Mary Maddox for food for teachers.
- Building Fund \$2370 to be used for computer tables for Media Center.
- Board positions for next year, still need Recording Secretary & Directory. Gabrielle O'Bryan volunteered to do Directory.
- March 25 – Budget meeting with Jane Strauss at HHS at 7pm
- Cluster One meeting to be hosted by HHS on March 26th
- Grading Forum. Presentation for Herndon pyramid parents at Herndon Middle on May 7 at 7:30. Grade policy last reviewed in 1997. Changed from 10 point scale in the 70's. Dr Dale does not support. Fairgrade parent group believes that out-of-state Colleges do not take grading scale into account, and FCPS students at a disadvantage for admission to Honors programs, scholarships, etc.
- Teen Driving lecture on April 1st.

Committee Reports

DAFA (Becky Field-Ross)

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

- Parent meeting March 26 RCC. Prom May 17. Parent mailing soon.

All Night Grad (Carol Keeling)

- Parent mailing done. Have posters.
- Made \$9,000 on Capitol Steps.
- Next committee meeting March 25.

Baccalaureate (Ann Marie for Jim Hepfinger) No report

Band Liaison (Terry Eubank)

- On Mar 8 Mr. Bergman honored by Dulles Chamber of Commerce as Educator of the Year recognizing 34 years of teaching music. Chamber contributed funds to Richard L. Bergman Scholarship Fund to be awarded to students who plan to continue music studies in college.
- 3 students name to Virginia All-State Band.
- Band performed at District Festival – Wind Ensemble earned Superior rating (all 1's), Symphonic Band earned Excellent rating. Student to participate in Solo & Ensemble on April 19.
- Band and guitar students to travel to Orlando April 9-12 for Festival Disney.
- Final concerts: Thursday, 5/29 Symphonic, Percussion and Jazz Ensemble will perform. Sun, 6/1 Mr. Bergman will conduct Wind Ensemble in his final concert at HHS. Mark your calendars.

Boundary Representative (Elizabeth Gibson)

- School Board voted Feb 28 – no impact to HHS
- Thanks to parents who were involved, Brynn Walker for keeping website updated, Annette Gildea for designing stickers, Keith Jasper for traffic study and 8 committee members.
- Pleased that HHS presented itself in positive manner throughout discussion.
- Barring any lawsuits, changes to be implemented Fall 2008.

Chorus Liaison (Kara Rider) no report

Class Liaisons

Senior Class (Cindy Wei)

- Raffle to Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio & game, Aug 1-3. Tickets are \$10 each 3 for \$25. There will be a webpage up soon. Coordinated by Dana Harold.
- Schedule

- 5/5 -5/16 AP testing
- 5/17 Prom at Waterford, After prom party 12-5
- 5/21-5/22 Reality Store for Srs
- 6/5-6/10 Sr final exams
- 6/11 Sr picnic & slide show, Sr. awards
- 6/12 graduation rehearsal, HHS auditorium
- 6/13 graduation rehearsal w/ faculty
- 6/15 Baccalaureate, 3pm
- 6/16 Graduation, Patriot Ctr, 9:30
- 6/16-17 All Night Grad party, Herndon Comm Ctr 10pm-5am

Junior Class (Becky Field-Ross)

- Working on Prom

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) No report

Newsletter Editor (Kathleen de la Paz)

- Newsletter deadline April 18.
- Did survey – most prefer on-line newsletter.
- In the future will separate notification of newsletter online from other emails so it is seen more readily

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)

- Hosted District Festival March 5 through 8. Over 2300 student from 56 ensembles performed. A lot of planning headed by Bette Gawinski took place, along with support of HHS & HMS volunteers, both parents and students. Event went well.
- HHS Concert & Symphonic and HMS Symphonic Orchestras all earned Superior rating (all 1's). HMS Concert Orchestra earned Excellent.
- Preparing for Spring Competition trip to Orlando

Parent Education (open position) No report

Pyramid Coordinator (Becky Field-Ross)

- Trying to find school to host next meeting after break

Reflections (Nancy Baumgartner) No report

Robotics Team Liaison (Elizabeth Gibson)

- Team, Epsilon Delta 116 competed with robot ED v. 9 at VCU FIRST competition. Placed 21 out of 64. Their 30 sec PR animation won 1st place, 6th year in a row that animation has won award.
- At Herndon Town Council meeting on Feb 11, mayor presented certificates to recognition to team members as well as indoor track, cross country and gymnastics team for representing Herndon in a positive manner.

Special Education (open) No report

Sports Boosters Liaison (Susan Jones)

- Need help this weekend for HK Lee tournament.
- Need treasurer for next year
- Carrabas now donating dinners for Sports Banquets. Thanks!
- Sports Boosters donates \$30k to HHS sports programs.
- Spring Sports Banquet on June 2 & 3.

SLEEP Liaison (Robin Carroll)

- Taskforce recommended later start times.

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

Touching Bases (Peggy Jendzejec, Barb Zicari) No report

Volunteers (Sue Altschuler) no report

Calendar

March

March 12 PTSA Meeting, 7 pm
 March 13 Drama Dinner Theater

March 13 Hispanic PTSA Meeting, 7 pm,
 Neighborhood Resource Center
 March 13 – 16 JROTC Regional - Academics,
 Athletics & Drill Competition
 March 17-21 No School - Spring Break
 March 25 Mr. Herndon
 Jane Strauss Budget meeting
 March 27 College Panel Night
 March 28 HHS Night at the Observatory

April

April 1 Teen Safe Driving Program, 7 pm,
 Lecture Hall
 April 3 Herndon Idol
 April 4 3rd quarter ends
 Dance
 April 7 No School - Teacher Work Day
 April 9 PTSA Meeting, 7 pm
 April 9-12 Music Dept Spring trip - Orlando

Old Business None

By-laws Revision (Ann Marie Ruskin)

Vote to accept revisions (M – Elizabeth Gibson, S – Dana Harold, vote - unanimous)

New Business

- Elizabeth Gibson complimented school on Most Improved Breakfast. Very nice event with a lot of effort from Guidance.
- Regional Parent meeting – Chantilly HS, April 5th
- Report from Elizabeth Gibson on Bill Strauss Memorial. Very nice event. HHS won first Cappie, Singing in the Rain.

Corresponding Secretary (Dana Harold)

- Read letter from Jane Strauss thanking for flowers and support during Bill's sickness and after Bill passed away.

Adjourn 8:43 pm (M – Lee Fortna, S – Dana Harold)

Next Meeting: Wed, April 9th at 7 pm

Submitted by Jeanne Loveland.
 Recording Secretary