

PTSA MEETING MINUTES – date January 12, 2010

Call to Order 7:10 PM

Handouts: Meeting agenda; (last meeting) minutes,

Attendees: Lee Fortna, Cindy Wei, Kathy Blystone, William Bates, Vania Beight, Lesley Aschenbach, Diana Fields, Carol Sinclair, Dana Harold

Minutes of 11/10/2010 meeting (Kerri Gilmore Mesiah)

- **Motion** to approve (M:Dana Harold; S:), unanimous

President's Report (Lee Fortna)

January 18th – Center Aisle Resolution (Commending Resolution) in Richmond marking the 100th year anniversary of HHS
February 22nd – Supervisor Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will be recognizing HHS for its Centennial Celebration
February 24th – Race to Nowhere film will be shown at 7:30pm in Findlay Hall, St. Thomas a Becket Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave, Reston. We are pleased to announce that 7 Teacher Mini-Grants were awarded on Dec 17th – each totaling \$250. Thanks to all the staff who applied.

We are also pleased to announce that 6 students received AP Testing Funding money from our Student Fund – thanks to the HHS community, we raised \$1200 and paid for 13 AP tests – totaling \$975 – we still have (3) left totaling \$225. These were for families in need of financial assistance with these newly established fees.

We are very excited to announce that Jeannie Johns has graciously accepted the After Prom Chair position, and is building her committee to bring us this drug and alcohol free event for our Juniors and Seniors. Thanks Jeannie!

We are in need of a Baccalaureate chairperson – preferably a non- Senior parent who can work with a Senior parent. If we don't get anyone, we will not be having Baccalaureate this year.

Thank yous:

Thanks to all who worked at Touching Bases in November – Thanks to the Hospitality

Committee for feeding the teachers' breakfast that morning.

Thank you to Jeannie Johns for her great work on the Newsletter!

Thanks to Jeanne Talbot for her great work on Reflections.

Thanks to the All Night Grad Party committee and After Prom committees for working so hard to provide safe parties for our students.

Everyone keep up the good work!

Treasurer's Report –Diana Fields Committee Reports

PTSA total: \$22846.74

DAFA total: \$17,214

AP total: \$1,673.51

DAFA (Leslie Petty)

Jeannie Johns has stepped up to be the After Prom Chair. First meeting was scheduled for last night 1/11/11 (snowed out). Rescheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 19 in the guidance conference room. All Junior parents should plan to come!! The ANG Parent Party is scheduled for January 22 at The Breeze. Purchase your tickets now!! Should be lots of fun and open to everyone - not just senior parents. The next ANG Fundraising Dinner is Wednesday, January 26. They will be serving breakfast for dinner. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. I am working on putting together a community yard sale on April 9 (rain date of April 30). It will be in the front parking lots of the school. For \$25, yard sale space will be open to any other group who would like to also have a yard sale fundraiser. More details will be coming soon. We will also have another gift card fundraiser - probably one in late Winter and another in late Spring. Gift cards reloads and a limited number of gift cards can be purchased any time if paid for using presto pay.

After Prom (Jeannie Johns)

Presented proposal to use HUMC for After Prom.

Still needs a Committee Chair.

Robotics (Elizabeth Gibson)

Robotics Team 116

This past Saturday the parent organization FIRST kicked off this year's game "Logomotion". After that begins a 6 week build season to complete both the robot and a 30 second animation film. Ship date for the robot is Feb. 22. The team will be attending

the competition in DC at the convention center on March 24-26 and the Bayou Regional outside of New Orleans, LA on March 17-19. Competition events are free and open to the public.

Class Liaisons

Senior Class (Karen McDonald)

Seniors are busy with college applications and other preparations for "after graduation." Senior dues (\$80) are due now to Mr. Hannon. After April 1 they will increase by \$10. Senior t-shirts are on sale right now in room 192 for \$10. Class color day is Friday, January 14.

All Night Grad Casino Night is for all Herndon High School parents. The Breeze in Herndon. January 22nd. Visit the All Night Grad website for more information or to purchase tickets on line: www.herndonang.org.

Information to purchase a baby ad for seniors was mailed home to parents the last week of September. A copy of the order form is available on the Herndon High School website. The ads were originally due by Friday, October 15th, however we will continue to accept ads until we run out of space or until **Monday, February 28th**, which ever happens first. The original number of pages allotted for seniors ads was sold out and the additional pages we added are selling quickly! Ads are fulfilled on a first come basis. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Yearbook Staff at:

herndonyearbook@gmail.com.

Junior Class (AnneMarie Ruskin)

Sophomore Class (Kathy Blystone)

The Class of 2013 is selling water (\$1.00) and having a bag check (\$1.00) during the Blackout Dance this Friday, 14 Jan. from 8:30-12PM for a class fundraiser. Officers are working on getting a design for a class tee shirt.

Freshmen (Courtney Nyren)

Faculty Report (Vania Beight)

Pyramid (Lesley Aschenbach)

Looking for a school to host the first meeting.

Reflections (Jeanne Talbot)

Four entries were submitted to the Council Level; two received an Outstanding Interpretation recognition (Kaija Flood for Literature and Linda Pena for Photography) and have been submitted to the District Level

for further review.

HHS will host the County Council Recognition Reception on January 27th, 7:00 in the Cafeteria. (I'm working with another parent to get this organized.)

Orchestra

NJROTC (Bernice Williams)

Parent Education (Jennifer Boyska)

Membership (Sue Altschuler)

Membership:
359 Parent Members
109 Faculty Members

Superintendant Parent Advisory (Cindy Wei)

Volunteers (Sue Altschuler)

Nothing new to report.

Hospitality (Beth Krauser, Jennifer Wilson and Gail Russell)

Sports Boosters (Kathy Blystone)

Winter Sports banquet tickets are on sale.

Guitar (Dana Harold)

Volunteers (Sue Altschuler)

Newsletter (Jeannie Johns)

Thank you for contributing articles for the last newsletter. Articles for the January/February 2011 PTSA Newsletter are due on December 22, 2010. The newsletter will be published on January 7, 2011. If extraordinary events occur over Winter Break and you want to share them in this newsletter, please get the information to me as soon as you can in January. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Calendar (AnneMarie Ruskin)

Jan 12	PTSA meeting 7 pm Cafeteria
Jan 13	Rising 12 th Grade Parents Night 7 pm (snow date 1/25)
Jan 20 & 22	Broadway Cabaret 7:30 pm
Jan 22	SAT
Jan 25	AP & Elective Fair (during Seminar)
Jan 26	Rising 10 th & 11 th Grade Parent Night 7 pm (snow date 2/3)
Jan 28	Broadway Cabaret 7:30 pm
Jan 28	End of 2 nd Quarter

Jan 29 Broadway Cabaret 7:30 pm
Jan 31 No School – Teacher Work
Day
Jan 31 District One–Act
Competition (hosted by
HHS)
Feb 1 No School – Teacher Work
Day
Feb 2 Rising 9th Grade Parent
Night 7 pm (snow date
2/9)
Feb 3 A Night of One Acts – HHS
Drama Dept. 7:30 pm
Feb 7 Sports Boosters Meeting
Feb 8 Rising 12th Grade
Registration Mtg (seminar)
Feb 9 Registration for Rising 12th
graders begins (thru 2/16)
Feb 9 PTSA Meeting 7 pm
Cafeteria

Old Business None

New Business

Adjourn time 8:25 pm

Next Meeting:

February 9th, 2010 at 7:00 in the cafeteria.

Submitted by Kerri Gilmore Mesiah
Recording Secretary