

**HHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES – date**  
**September 15, 2010**

**Call to Order** 7:07 PM

**Handouts:** Meeting agenda; (last meeting) minutes, Proposed 2010-2011 PTSA Budget, Parent Teen Driving Assembly, HHS PTSA Parent Communication flyer, Reflections flyer, Register for Grocery Store Bonus Cards, HHS PTSA Parent Pledge, Volunteer Sign Up form, HHS PTSA Membership Form, HHS PTSA contact list

**Attendees:** Lee Fortna, Ann Marie Ruskin, Jeanne Loveland, Dana Harold, Cindy Wei, Sue Altschuler, Kathy Blystone, Tammy Lemmons, Karen McDonald, William Bates, Leslie Petty, Vania Beight, Beth Martin, Linda Moy Kim Pease, Carol Sinclair, Jeannie Johns, Jennifer James-Samuel, Carolyn Richter, Judy Murden, Roslyn Aresty, Tanya Soblosky, Jane Acton, carol Withers, Elizabeth Gibson, Beth Krauser, Ellen O'Reilly, Vince Byrd, William Bates,

**Special Guests:**

Tom Rust – Virginia Delegate  
Lisa Lombardozi – Former PTSA President and author of the History of Herndon High School

**Minutes of 4/12/2010 meeting (Kerri Gilmore Mesiah)**

- Motion to approve (M: Jeanne Loveland.
- S: AnneMarie Ruskin), unanimous

**Presentation of the History of Herndon High School** (Lisa Lombardozi)  
In honor of HHS' 100 year history

**Principal's Report – William Bates**

Administrators Meeting in August addressed two areas of concern: LEP (2<sup>nd</sup> language learners) and Students with Disabilities. Both of which struggle with the SOLs and graduating.

HHS was ranked number 152 in the Newsweek High School listings and HHS is # 10 or 11 in the state of Virginia based on AP testing.

We are going through a transition with the HHS website. Lauren Eckard will be the website coordinator beginning 10/01/2010.

Please support the fundraiser for the turf field, Buy a Brick Campaign.

There have been a few glitches with the bell system, ringing too early or too late. Hope to have it worked out in a day or two.

Thank you to the PTSA for the monetary donation to the building fund and staff development (which allowed the school planning meeting on 9/21/10). Mr. Bates is also pricing technology for the cafeteria to allow for meetings in the cafeteria.

In order to address attendance concerns, particularly students checking out from school, HHS is asking Parents to please send a note in the morning the day of the student's early check out. Attendance will give the student a pink pass they need to present to their teacher. For kids that do not drive, Parents still need to come in and sign their child out. Most important part of this process is Parental Approval.

24 new Staff members and 2219 students enrolled.

**Vince Byrd, Security Chief**

Mr. Byrd is a former Herndon and Reston Police Officer.

Parents should not drop kids off at the church, please use the HHS Kiss and Ride. Warning tickets are being issued to parents dropping students off at the wrong place. Real tickets will soon be given.

Parking should be resolved, if anything is outstanding please see Mr. Byrd.

**Treasurer's Report –Diana Fields**

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget:

Total Expenses – 27,308.40

Thank you to the Audit Committee.

The budget will be published on the website.

Some costs will go up: newsletter and the Teacher Mini grants.

Audit Committee: Elizabeth Gibson, Cindy Wei and Diana Fields.

Audit report approved: (M: AnneMarie Ruskin S: Jeannie Johns)

**President's Report (Lee Fortna)**

Thank you to those that helped with the back to school crunch. Still need several coordinators as well as staffing for Back to School night.

## **Committee Reports**

### **DAFA (Jeanne Loveland)**

Doing some combined fundraising with ANG and doing gift cards again but starting earlier.

### **All Night Grad (Laura Medvene)**

Most committees are filled. Tickets are being sold now: \$50.00 now and \$60.00 after June 1<sup>st</sup>. ANG will be at the Hunters Woods Reston Community Center.

There are a variety of fundraisers

### **After Prom (Jeanne Loveland)**

Still need a chair

Prom is May 14, 2011.

### **Teacher Liasion (Vania Beight)**

Thank you for the Back to School lunch. Issues with the bell system hope to have resolved soon.

### **Band (Tammy Lemmons)**

Three weeks of band camp in August. Played at Freshmen orientation and the first football game.

TAG Day is 9/11/10, this is Band's biggest fundraiser and it went very well.

9/25/10 Showcase of the Bands which is a big competition held at HHS. Need volunteers for parking and liasons.

10/06/10 Band fundraiser dinner at HUMC – jazz band will play.

## **Class Liaisons**

### **Senior Class (Karen McDonald)**

Order cap and gown by 10/01/10. No school for seniors on PSAT day.

Senior Parent Information session held 09/14/10 with an excellent turnout. Thank you to Student Services and the Career Center for all the information.

Seniors will meet 9/20 to discuss homecoming float plans which will be built at the class presidents house.

### **Junior Class (AnneMarie Ruskin)**

Powder Puff game 10/21/10

### **Sophomore Class (Kathy Blystone)**

09/28/10 Assembly, theme is Believe in You Graduate

Float dates: 9/18, 10/02 and 10/16; at the Blystone's house

Sophomores will sell water and storage bags at Homecoming.

No other officers

### **Parent Education (Jennifer Boyska)**

The PTSA and Greater Herndon Community Coalition will sponsor Saturday Night in the Suburbs on Oct. 13 in the lecture hall directly after the PTSA meeting.

We have conducted outreach to Herndon Middle, as well as 6th grade parents in the area.

### **Reflections (Jeanne Talbot)**

Information about Reflections is on the website and packets were distributed. Deadline is 10/22/10.

### **Robotics (Elizabeth Gibson)**

First meeting is Tuesday, 9/21/10

### **Directory (Gabriele O'Bryan)**

The directory will be ready by back to school night.

### **Membership (Sue Altschuler)**

To date, we have 238 members; 226 parents and 12 staff members. All PTSA board members are reminded that they need to submit their membership form. An article will be submitted for the first newsletter and we will have membership forms available at Back to School Night.

### **Touching Bases (Barb Zicari)**

11/11 7:30 – 9:30am

### **Superintendent Parent Advisory (Cindy Wei)**

First meeting is 10/26/10, nothing to report

### **Volunteers (Sue Altschuler)**

To date, we have received 59 volunteer forms. I am confirming email addresses and will get the various committee chairs and staff members the names of people who have volunteered once emails have been confirmed. If there is an immediate need for volunteers, please contact me and I will expedite the process. I will submit an article requesting volunteers in the newsletter and volunteer forms will also be available at Back to School Night.

If anyone needs assistance with volunteers, please feel free to contact me. I have a list of people who are available for miscellaneous jobs both during the day and the evening.

### **Newsletter (Jeannie Johns)**

Articles due 09/17, newsletter will be ready for Back to School night.

### **Grocery Store Receipts (Clarie Levin)**

2009-2010 receipt totals: \$12,964.07

**Hospitality (Beth Krauser, Jennifer Wilson and Gail Russell)**

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**Sports Boosters (Kathy Blystone)**

Turf Fields in place and the 100 Year Highway

**Guitar (Dana Harold)**

Met 9/15/10

Planning fundraisers, first one is at HUMC

11/17/10

Spring trip to NY with Chorus.

Sold Krispy Kreme in August.

**Calendar (AnneMarie Ruskin)**

Sept 14-15 Underclassman Picture  
Days (during English)  
Sept 15 PTSA Meeting 7 pm -  
Presentation: "The History of Herndon High  
School"  
Sept 21 NWFCU seminar "How  
to Prepare for and Pay for College" 6:30 pm  
Sept 25 Showcase of Bands  
Sept 29 HHS Back to School  
Night 6 pm  
Oct 6 Partners for Safe  
Driving Program (10th graders & parents) 7 pm  
Lecture Hall  
Oct 6-8 Senior Portrait Make  
ups (by appt)  
Oct 9 SAT  
Oct 13 PSAT Testing (Grades  
9-11)  
Oct 13 PTSA Meeting 6:16 pm  
Lecture Hall (Note early time)  
Oct 13 "Saturday Night in the  
Suburbs" Parent Program 7 pm Lecture Hall

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

**Adjourn** time 9:15 pm

**Next Meeting: October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in  
the Auditorium. Parent Education program:  
Saturday Night in the Suburbs will  
immediately follow.**

Submitted by Kerri Gilmore Mesiah  
Recording Secretary