

January 8, 2009

## HBHS PTSA Minutes

**Attendance:** Marsha Cone-Roddy, Erin Magee, Donna Cormier, Linda Falcone, Darlene Kohler, Kathy Whitaker, Tammy Campbell, Ruth Kabel, Tim Kelley, Carole Gelotti, Jean Filer, Maddie Whitaker, Lindsey Magee, Stephanie Kohler, Liz Kelly, Devon Hurt, David Lindsay

### **Introduction**

#### **Mr. Kelley**

There will be no warrant article asking for an addition/renovation this year. This is not because there is no need. There is still a space crunch, which is a significant problem, but due to the poor economy it was decided to put any expansion on hold. This year there will be a bare bones budget. To get a 0% increase, there may need to be cuts to the academic programs. There is a coop board meeting next Thursday (1/15) with the budget committee to discuss the budget.

A new teacher contract is being negotiated.

Decisions about make-up days will be made at the end of snow season. Right now, graduation is up in the air. The possibility of applying for two waivers, one for seniors and one for everyone else, was discussed. There was also a discussion about the number of instructional hours needed (as opposed to number of school days). HB has a longer school day, so it has plenty of hours. The state requires 990 instructional hours.

There is a Drug Prevention Coalition being formed by Donna Arias. There will be a meeting next Tuesday, 1/13, at 6 pm in the Middle School for anyone who is interested. The coalition has funding. It is looking for community and school people to set up a task force that deals with underage drinking. David Muse is the contact person for HBHS.

There was a discussion about the 5 a.m. snow day/delayed opening phone calls. Can parents opt out of the call going to some phone numbers? Can parents opt out of the call without being taken off the list for emergency phone calls?

#### **College Freshmen**

Thanks to Devon Hurt, Liz Kelly, Lindsey Magee, and David Lindsay for sharing their freshman college experiences.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Linda Falcone made a motion to accept the minutes. Jean Filer seconded. The motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached.

#### **Staff Appreciation**

The support staff breakfast was postponed due to the ice storm and consequent school closing. There will be a dessert for the whole staff on February 12 or 13. Kristen or Lisa will be in touch via e-mail.

#### **Parent Education Series**

Darlene Kohler and Mary McCarthy have volunteered to be the co-chairs for the Parent Education Series. The next program is on January 14.

**Science Olympiad**

Debi Davis is the liaison between the PTSA and Mrs. Bergskaug. She will contact the parents of the science students first and also talk with Mrs. Bergskaug. Jean Filer is working to get companies to donate money. The Olympiad is in March.

**Elections**

Erin cannot be president again. She is finishing up her second year. Next year, all board positions will be open, so PTSA is looking for new officers to fill them. Erin will write up a notice for the newsletter. If you are interested in being an officer, let the PTSA know.

**School Store**

The school store has lots of merchandise. It is staffed by students, but Ms. Farrar needs parent volunteers on Fridays. Be in touch with Ms. Farrar if you are interested in helping out.

**Book Club**

The book club is going strong. The January book is *Taste of Death*. Call or e-mail Erin for more information.

The February meeting will be on February 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Cone-Roddy