

FEBRUARY 11, 2010
HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Diane Barrett, Julie Forgaard, Kristen Berry, Barbara Bruinooge, Sole Hawekotte, Janet Listowich, Janice Tremblay, Jill Russell, Tim Kelley and Beth Baryames

Secretary's Report: - Kristen Berry made a motion to accept the January 11, 2010 minutes. Sole Hawekotte. Seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: - See Attached. Julie Forgaard went over expenses and income for the PTSA Account and the S-Team Account from January 13, 2010 – February 10, 2010, in the new Budget format. The balance on the PTSA Account is \$9,295.18 and the S-Team has a balance of \$7,234.79. The only expense for the month was for a Parent Ed Speaker. In March fees will be due for any new memberships.

Principal's Report: – Tim Kelley - He will be retiring at the end of the school year to pursue other interests. He feels fortunate to be able to work with the students and parents of both towns and be able to give back to the community. There is a tentative contract agreement with Teachers and Staff, which will be voted on during the HBHS Cooperative School Meeting on March 17, 2010. On March 4, 2010 a speaker from the SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will meet with students during the day and will meet with parents that evening at the high school. HBHS is one of three schools nominated in NH for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The application is in the process of being completed. Necap results, the school ranked first in reading and second math and writing. Test scores should be mailed out next week.

Staff Appreciation: – Kristen Berry – The staff Dessert Buffet is taking place today. There will one more event in May, which will coincide with National Education week. Kristen suggested putting a reminder in the next newsletter for volunteers or a money donation to help with expenses.

S Team Letter: - The letter goes out in March requesting donations for the Senior Cruise/Event. Charlene Lavey will revise the letter. Kristen Berry will pick up the mail at the post office. Julie Forgaard wants to make sure the letter includes that donations are for a non-profit organization and the organization accepts employee matching gifts.

Senior Graduation Cruise: - The response from the College Freshmen that attended our meeting in January said the cruise was boring, not enough food and attendance has been on the decline. One idea being discussed is having a shut-in at Hampshire Hills or Alpine Grove and using a company called theentertainmentsolution.com. This company is the "Project Graduation Authority" that helps organize substance free events. More information will be provided at the March meeting to be voted on.

Nominating Committee: - Kristen Berry and Sole Hawkoette volunteered to be part of the committee. Election for next year's officers will take place at the May meeting.

Yoga: - Classes take place on Mondays 3-4 P.M. in the mini cafeteria. The class is open to all students, staff & community members.

Strategic Planning: - Janet Listowich -This committee was formed as a result of the facilities study last spring. It is comprised of teachers, administrators, school board and community members. This committee is forming a plan to help our students be prepared for the future and the ever changing advancements in technology. The YouTube video “shift happens 2008” shows how quickly technology is changing.

Co-op Budget Committee: - Janice Tremblay – A few quick notes: As part of the Strategic Planning, the committee is preparing a survey for community input. Other topics being discussed is “Why is all learning done in the classroom?” On line teaching is being used. Teachers post lessons for a student to do online, the lesson can be done at home and work sheets need to be completed and turned in for credit. A good alternative to snow days and is being used for the 6th grade class to made up days due to the mold situation. It is more efficient, it is being used by other schools and it is approved by the state.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the back lobby.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted.

Diane J. Barrett