

February 12, 2009

HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Marsha Cone-Roddy, Erin Magee, Tim Kelley, Kristen Berry, Lisa Schmalz, Diane Barrett, Mary Kay James, James O'Shea, Tom Enright, Steve Simons, Marie Degulis, Patti Chilton, Debi Davis, Janet Listowich, Sole Hawekotte, Dianne Bonta, Anita Moynihan, Jill Russell, Darlene Kohler

School Board Members

The Coop District Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 pm. It is important for community members to come to express their opinions, ask questions, and vote on the school budget. The Budget Committee is supporting a budget with a 0 increase. That would mean cutting an additional \$200,000 from the budget, which will mean cuts to school programs, specifically co-curricular programs. The School Board supports a budget with between a .8 and .9 percent increase. That would not affect school programs.

There was a brief discussion about possible cuts and reasons for the .8-.9 percent increase. There was also discussion about ways to make the community aware of the two budgets that will be presented at the meeting and the ramifications of each. The Budget Committee will first present their budget proposal. The School Board will then move to increase the budget and present their proposal. There will be debate of the motion followed by a vote on the motion and a vote on the budget.

The meeting should not be a long meeting this year. It should be reasonably quick. The items to be discussed are the budget, the support staff contract (which was approved last year), and feedback/opinions on the professional contract. No contract was approved this year so teachers will be working without a new contract next year.

The next School Board meeting will be on Wednesday, 2/18, at the Middle School. John Gray will discuss heat and electricity usage at the schools.

Justin Shutt

Junior Justin Shutt collected over 1200 pairs of shoes for his American Studies project. Now he needs to ship the shoes off, but the shipping costs are \$418. He has already received one donation from a local group and is asking for other donations to help offset the cost of shipping. Justin presented his project and problem to the PTSA and asked if PTSA might be able to help with a donation. Congratulations to Justin for his success at collecting so many shoes for people who need them.

After Justin left, a motion was made by Dianne Bonta to donate \$100 toward shipping of the shoes. The motion was seconded by Janet Listowich. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

See attached. There was no activity this month. The S-Team scholarship, which is interest on money invested at the NH Charitable Foundation, will be for \$467.40 this year. Information is available in guidance.

Secretary's Report

Erin Magee made a motion to accept the minutes. Darlene Kohler seconded. The motion passed.

Tim Kelley

Mr. Kelley is pleased to announce that two seniors have been nominated to be Presidential Scholars. More information will be forthcoming. He is also pleased to announce that 87% of students who took NECAP at HBHS are proficient in reading.

Staff is currently working on the Course of Studies for next year. The graduation date is still unresolved.

Tracy Dunn

Tracy Dunn, school resource officer, has a grant of \$2700 for alcohol prevention/safety in the community. She has the possibility of receiving additional funds and is asking anyone with ideas for alcohol prevention programs in the community to be in touch with her to share their ideas.

Staff Appreciation

Thanks for the wonderful dessert buffet in the teacher's room today. The next Staff Appreciation luncheon will be in May. Janet Listowich moved to appropriate \$125 to cover costs for the Staff Appreciation buffet. Debi Davis seconded. The motion passed.

Science Olympiad

Debi Davis is the liaison between the PTSA and Mrs. Bergskaug. Parents of the participating students will supply food for the luncheon. Debi will let PTSA know if she needs additional help.

S-Team

Jean Filer is redoing the S-Team letter that goes out each spring to request donations that go toward promoting safe after prom and after graduation activities. The mailing will go out to residents of Brookline and Hollis in March.

Nominating Committee

Marie Degulis will be the only member of the board able to return next year. That means PTSA will need a new co-president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer--as well as some new committee chair people. Jean Filer is on the nominating committee and is making calls. Please be in touch with Jean if you are interested in being on the board or being a committee chair.

The PTSA was given an award recognizing increased membership this year.

New Business

The radio information listed in the Student Directory is outdated and needs to be updated.

Erin will check with Jean about the graduation cruise for seniors. She will also get information about Field Day and volunteers (if needed) to help decorate for the prom.

The Honors Jazz Band and the Choirs will perform at A Night of Swing on Thursday, Feb. 19. This is a fundraiser for the music department.

HBHS has purchased monitors with the school's portion of money from JP Gorham's selection as a Wendy's Heisman Trophy finalist. Announcements will be displayed on the monitors throughout the day.

The next PTSA meeting will take place before the District Meeting on March 4 at 6:30 in the third floor lobby outside the gym. Erin will look into selling refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Cone-Roddy