

May 10, 2007

HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Marsha Cone-Roddy, Trish MacDonald, Lex Bundschuh, Dianne Bonta, Tim Kelley, Erin Magee, Devin MacDonald, Tammy Campbell, Barbara Boucher, Rhonda Southwick, Becky Balfour, Jill Russell, Donna Cormier, Deb Davis, Bonnie DelSignore

Walk for Mental Health

Devin MacDonald started this walk when she was in 7th grade and ran it again last year. Now she would like to bring the walk to the high school. Mrs. Heaton, freshman advisor, has agreed to help. Devin would appreciate any support PTSA members would like to give: volunteers, donations, publicity in newsletter. The walk will take place on June 16 for 9:00 – 12:00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to Hollis Brookline High School. Thank you to Devin for attending the PTSA meeting.

Rhonda Southwick

Rhonda Southwick, a business teacher and FBLA co-advisor, talked about the school store. The store, located on the third floor, is open daily after school. This year, the store made enough money to sponsor two \$500 scholarships, one for a HBHS student interested in business and the other for a HBHS student affiliated with FBLA. If you would like more information, please e-mail Rhonda Southwick with questions or suggestions. Thanks to Rhonda for sharing her time.

Barbara Boucher

Barbara Boucher, school librarian, talked about e-books in the school library. These are entire books available on the Internet for students' use at any time. She is very excited about these new e-books and hopes to expand the collection. SAT and PSAT prep books are available in the library. Thanks to Barbara for sharing her time.

Mr. Kelley

- There will be a new schedule in place for the 2007/8 school year. On Mondays and Fridays all seven periods will meet. On all other days, this year's Wednesday schedule (4 long periods and period 4) will be in effect. The change was made at the request of the teachers to have more consistency in the teaching day. Mr. Tenters collected and studied data that supported the change. There was discussion about the number of times the schedule has changed (three times in three years) and the length of periods. Mr. Kelley assured everyone that there will continue to be teacher training. He stated that he has NO INTENTION of bringing block scheduling to the school. It was requested that teachers discuss reasons for the change with students. Thanks to Mrs. Balfour and Mrs. DelSignore for attending the meeting and sharing information about the schedule.
- Mr. Kelley shared a National Honor Society update: As a result of the last meeting, the advisors are making some changes. There will be a new selection procedure. Students who have scored 15-16 points will be inducted into NHS unless there are extenuating circumstances. Students scoring 13-14 points will be considered. All applicants will be interviewed. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decisions. Definitions of scholarship, leadership, etc., have been included. (See attached.)

BBQ

There was a request from Student Council for help with a field-day barbeque. Lex has a list of volunteers. Teachers will supervise the grills. Student Council is in charge with teacher

supervision. Erin Magee made a motion for the PTSA to donate \$600. Trish MacDonald seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes of March 8, 2007

Trish MacDonald made a motion to accept the minutes. Erin Magee seconded. The motion passed.

Graduation Cruise

Trish MacDonald made a motion to donate up to \$550 for the cruise. Dianne Bonta seconded. The motion passed. This will cover \$300 for gift certificates, \$40 for tips for bus drivers, and up to \$200 for food.

Blue Ribbon Award

Last year our PTSA received this award. This year, the application is due by June 8. Jean Filer submitted last year's application. Trish MacDonald will submit this year's application. There is a \$25 fee for submitting the application online. Erin Magee will work with Trish.

Treasurer's Report

- There is approximately \$7000 in the main account. Of that, about \$675 is set aside for the garden project.
- There were donations of \$1880 to the S-team. The total donation so far is \$8120.
- After expenses to the S-team account for the cruise and the prom ad, the total in the account is about \$9372.

Staff Appreciation

The luncheon was wonderful. There was a lot of delicious food. Thank you to Kristen Berry, Kathy Trasatti, Lisa Fait, and Lisa Schmalz for all their hard work. Thanks also to all the people who donated food.

Garden Project

- Jill Russell is getting ready to plant. Bill Dutton will be excavating on May 17th. The project may or may not be getting an extra \$2000 grant. Jill has two plans, one that includes the donation and one that does not. The school board has given a donation of \$100 for a tree to honor ex-member Pam Kirby for all her time and devotion to the board. Grass will also be planted. If the donation comes through, there will be bulbs and flowers as well. Hollis Construction has offered discounts on soil. The Green Group is donating \$200. There's been a verbal notice that the senior class will donate a bench and three lilacs. Thanks to all who have helped and donated to this cause. Both the Green Group and the Colonial (Hollis) Garden Society have been a huge help.
- Marsha C-R made a motion to donate up to \$300 for grass seed. Trish MacDonald seconded. The motion passed.

Freshman Fair

The Open House for incoming freshmen parents is on May 30 at 6:30. Erin Magee and Lex Bundschuh will staff the PTSA booth.

Officer Elections for 2007/8

Ballot voting was conducted for the office of Co-President. Trish MacDonald and Erin Magee are the new co-presidents. Congratulations and thank you. Dianne Bonta was elected Treasurer and Marsha Cone-Roddy as secretary. We still need a Vice-President/Volunteer Coordinator. Please be in touch with Lex Bundschuh, Trish MacDonald, or Erin Magee if you are interested. End of year forms are due by June 10.

Other Business

The PTSA will send an e-mail asking for donations of water, publicity, and support for the Walk for Mental Health.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next meeting will be the second Thursday in June (June 14) at either Shorty's Restaurant or at Erin Magee's house at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marsha Cone-Roddy