

September 20, 2007

## HBHS PTSA Minutes

**Attendance:** Marsha Cone-Roddy, Kristen Berry, Lex Bundschuh, Trish MacDonald, Jill Russell, Erin Magee, Tim Kelley, Donna Cormier, Tammy Campbell, Monica Gallant, Bonnie Frisard, Linda Falcone, Diane Barrett, Janet Listowich, Julie Forgaard, Michelle Repp, Marie Degulis, Dorreen Mercer, Anita Moynihan, Karen Dintino, Kim Johnson, Mary Kay James, Debi Davis, Lisa Schmalz, Ruth Kabel, Kathy deLacy, Dianne Bonta, Merle Carrus

### **Introductions**

#### **Minutes of June 14, 2007**

Preliminary meeting minutes are forwarded to only those who attend the meeting. Once the minutes have been approved by vote at the next meeting, they will be posted on the PTSA website and in a binder in the school's front office. Debi Davis made a motion to accept the minutes. Erin Magee seconded. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The PTSA has two accounts: the S-Team account and the Operating account. The S-Team account funds graduation activities and the parent education series. The bulk of the expense is the senior cruise. A district-wide mailing is sent in the spring requesting donations.

The Operating account is funded primarily by the sale of the student directory, Old Home Day profits (but not this year!), and a few miscellaneous fundraisers. The PTSA at the high school does not do a lot of fundraising activities. All major expenses are approved by a vote of the membership.

See attached for balances of both accounts. Note that the grant for the garden is included in the balance. Dianne will make up a separate summary for the garden for a future meeting.

### **Garden and Grant Writing**

Marie and other volunteers are planting bulbs in the garden after the meeting. Thanks to Marie and Jill for all their hard work on the garden. The project is mostly complete and looks beautiful.

Xilinx has a budget that the Nashua office can spend on grants to local schools. Last year, the PTSA was awarded \$2000. There might be another \$1000 available in grant money for this school year. Marie will look into applying for this grant. She will also look into long-term projects that might benefit from a grant over coming years. Two suggestions for projects are Smart Boards and an AED, or defibrillator. Marie will chair a smaller group of volunteers interested in identifying projects and applying for grants.

There was a discussion about what to spend grant money on (if awarded) this school year. Merle Carrus made a motion to spend the money towards the purchase of a second defibrillator for the school. Linda Falcone seconded. The motion passed. A suggestion was made to approach NHS to see if they would be able to help with the purchase. Marie will be in touch with Mr. Connors.

### **PTSA Book Club**

Erin Magee discussed the possibility of forming a book club for parents and staff. The meeting time would be one afternoon a month after school. Erin will be in touch via e-mail with further information. If you are interested, please get in touch with Erin.

### **After School Library Volunteers**

Mrs. Boucher likes to keep the library open after school for students to use between school and sports practices. She tries to keep it open from 2:30 to 3:30. She is looking for volunteers to help out--especially for days that she can't be there. Please be in touch with Erin or Linda Falcone, the volunteer coordinator, if you are interested in helping out. Also spread the word to the kids so they know the library is available for their use.

### **Mr. Kelley**

School is off to a good start. There are some kinks to work out: the bells go off during rather than after class, for example. There has been some trouble with the computers and the phones. These problems are being solved.

There is a parking problem. Parking passes sold out, and the front lots are almost full with junior cars that didn't get passes. The question is this: What happens when the front lots fill up? There's a possibility that there will need to be passes issued for the front lots and also that only juniors and seniors will be allowed to park at school. Funds from the parking passes are used to improve parking. Last year, the school bought security cameras for the back lot and made safety improvements to the front lots. Mr. Kelley would like to see increased spaces in front of the school for staff and visitors.

On Primary Voting Day, there will be a delayed opening for the high school. School will begin at 9:15. This is a compromise that was worked out between the coop board and the town selectmen. The back parking lot will be closed to students. They can park in the baseball lots or at Nichols Field. The school is not advocating that students drive that day. Carpools or bus transportation is encouraged. In the future, there will be a teacher workshop day on national election days so parking will not be a problem. As of right now, Primary Day is January 8. This is subject to change. The plan is in effect for Primary Day, whenever it might be.

The lunch room is crowded. The mini cafeteria is used for classroom space 4 periods a day. It is open for lunch. Seniors are allowed to eat in the upstairs lobby. There are some desks up there. Some students are still eating outside. When the weather turns cold, lunches will be very crowded. The school has ordered additional rectangular tables, but there is still a fire code issue in terms of how many students can fit in the room.

Members addressed these questions to Mr. Kelley:

- There seem to be a lot of semi-formal dances. Can some dances be not semi-formal?
- The Daily Notices aren't always updated. This has been due to a computer glitch and is being addressed.
- The phone system had some problems. This is also being addressed.
- The new schedule seems to be working well. Even some students who were not looking forward to the change are pleased.

### **Committees**

Iris has asked for an update of the committee chair people. Here it is:

Staff Appreciation: Lisa Schmalz and Kristen Berry

Information Officer/Publicity: Jill Russell

Membership and Directory: Donna Cormier

S-Team: Is Jean Filer still in charge?

Parent Enrichment: Pat Marquette

**Mrs. Ball, Head of Math Department**

Mrs. Ball shared information about Smart Boards. They are interactive white boards.

Mrs. Ball thinks they are a huge asset to teaching and that they engage the students. She is requesting our help in raising money to buy more Smart Boards for the school. Right now the math department has some. She has received a grant for \$15,000.00 to purchase 5 more. The school needs about \$110,000.00 to supply the school. This may be one way to spend grant money, as discussed earlier.

**Hannaford**

Hannaford's is giving receipts with grocery purchases. If you turn them into the school, they are free money. Lex will be in charge of collecting receipts. There will be a receptacle in the school office..

The next meeting of the HBHS PTSA will be on October 18 at 8:30 am. The location will be posted in the office. Please come.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Cone-Roddy