

Hollis/Brookline High School PTSA Executive Meeting 10-9-03

PTSA Officers & Committee Chairs Present:

Co-Presidents: Cindy Ullrich Jean Filer

Treasurer: Karen Bedell

Secretary: Dot Hyde

Also attending: Lisa Schmalz, Pat Harvey, Donna Cormier, Pat Marquette, Marsha Cone-Roddy, Vanessa Geraci, Pamela Kirby, Anne Cram, Vicki Pope.

Meeting called to order @ 6:50 with Cindy and Jean presiding.

1. Jody Callahan, the HBHS drug/ETOH counselor who oversees the peer outreach, World of Difference, and SADD activities presented an overview of these programs, and spoke about how the state budget cuts will affect them. Peer Outreach has 29 students, and has historically sent the kids to a training w/e in Nov. to help them acquire skills in communication and peer counseling. The students in peer outreach are substance-free, and act as a resource to other kids who need help. They welcome new students and act as tutors at the middle school. This year all state funding has been cut so Jody has been looking at ways to decrease the funds needed to attend the workshop. 25 out of the 29 kids are interested in attending, and feel they can contribute \$55 per attendee toward the cost. The group will not attend the Fri. noc activities to further decrease cost, and some grant moneys have been obtained from a Title IV grant. She is still in need of \$725 to be able to have the kids attend the seminar. SADD (students against drunk driving) activities will include a red ribbon week Oct. 27-31. There will be speakers, banners, and various postings to educate the students. WOD (world of difference) students will be able to attend a 2 day seminar (monies will come from the title IV grant). They are looking at having a social awareness week with speakers re: social issues, sometime in spring.

2. Principal Charles Flahive spoke on some of the plans for the high school in the upcoming year. The junior class will be recognized for their high scores in the state testing, and will be treated to some show (?blueman group), and he is hoping the PTSA will host a pizza party for them that night. The staff is looking at senior projects and have a pilot group of 15 seniors who will test it out this year. He is hoping to increase AP classes. Molecular biology started this year, and they are looking at a history, perhaps english, writing, etc. Have several staff who are taking courses to offer the AP topics. He would

like to look at starting a Latin course next year. Also hoping to start a newspaper, debate team, and to increase other activities besides athletics. Football team is off to a great start and look forward to continuing to grow that program. He would like to start bringing in some of the new staff to the PTSA meetings, as well as department heads to share more of what is happening in the school.

3. Old Home Days – Football club bought leftover food from the booth (THANK YOU!), and our total profit was \$1372. We split this with the middle school for \$658.50.
4. Membership and directories have brought in approx. \$1500. Membership is at 156, and have sold about 222 directories.
5. Computer Room Volunteers – No ability to schedule volunteers for labs because of 'open lab' . Never know if a class will take that space. Only periods 1,2, and 5 are available but still no way to know if volunteer is needed. Pat Marquette will speak to Mr. Quinn to try to work out some plan to get volunteers in when they're needed.
6. Middle School Enrichment Program – the MS PTSA would like to sponsor some joint evening for parent enrichment. Right now looking at something about organizing skills for parents and kids. They are looking to share the cost – need more details, will take place sometime in the next 2 months. Cindy will send out an e-mail when she gets more details. Motion made by Lisa Schmalz to fund not more than \$150 for the forum, and this was seconded by Donna Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Peer Outreach – Discussed request made earlier by Jody for assistance for funding the w/e seminar. S-team funds are expressly for the purpose of educating the kids re: healthier choices. Motion made by Jean Filer to donate \$725 out of the S-fund to the peer outreach program, and this was seconded by Pam Kirby. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Publicity – Dot will start to get out blurbs to the newspapers (Telegraph, HB Journal, Hollis Times, Union Leader), re: our meetings and activities. Will also get meeting times up on the cable access channel scroll.
9. Hospitality – Usually have some luncheon event for staff in Nov. Will get hospitality folks going on that. Need to let Sheila in the cafeteria know how

many so she can plan her lunch accordingly. Have sent out invitations in past and included the SAU office.

10.By-Laws will be rechecked by Cindy and Jean as there is a question re: the format used.

Next meeting Nov. 13th at 7 p.m. Charles Flahive will be bringing in some of the new teachers at the high school. There will be a short business meeting before the speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hyde, PTSA Secretary, HBHS