

October 12, 2006

## HBHS PTSA Minutes

**Attendance:** Marsha Cone-Roddy, Trish MacDonald, Kristen Berry, Barbara Bruinooge, Kathy deLacy, Sheila Mandragouras, Jean Filer, Sandy Demarest, Erin Magee, Lex Bundschuh, Ruth Kabel, Sherry Edmonds, Fern Whitmore, Marie Degulis, Tim Kelley, Jill Russell, Pat Marquette, Donna Cormier, Lisa Schmalz

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Welcome to Mrs. Sandy Demarest, our new school to career counselor. Mrs. Demarest will be helping students learn about career choices by setting up internships, independent studies, and job shadowing programs. If you know of companies who would like to host HB students, please be in touch with her. Please check this website for more information on career explorations: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com). The username is hollis. The password is brookline.

Thanks to Mr. Kelley for encouraging faculty to join the PTSA.

Mr. Fox's wife passed away this week. Our condolences to Mr. Fox and his family. Visiting hours are on Sunday, October 15, in Milford.

The doors to the back parking lot are now locked at the end of first period. Everyone must enter and sign at the front office. Security cameras will be installed in the parking lot.

Communication is the most important way to monitor security in the school. Please encourage students to discuss any issues with Mr. Kelley or another adult.

Jean Filer voiced a concern about the absentee policy. Although she sees the need for a policy, she thinks that this policy sends the wrong message to athletes. Mr. Kelley stated that on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, sports practices do not start until 3:15 to give students time to meet with teachers after school.

### **Minutes of September 14, 2006**

Jean Filer made a motion to accept the September minutes. Kristen Berry seconded. The motion passed.

### **Landscaping**

Marie Degulis spoke about the \$5000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education. She has a number of student volunteers from the Green Group coming to help with laying brickwork but still needs adult supervision. Please come out Monday-Wednesday, October 16-18, to help. Bring wheelbarrows and gloves. This work must be completed by Halloween. Volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver to release the school from liability. PTSA insurance covers volunteers.

On Friday, October 13, Morin's will excavate the area. Hard pack and stone dust will be delivered. A compactor will be available Saturday and Sunday. Marie will request police drive-bys to monitor equipment and materials stored at the site.

There is money for landscaping in the spring. The project will need a new chairperson, though. Please be in touch with Marie if are interested.

Many thanks to Marie for coordinating the grant and landscaping.

### **Membership**

A few teachers have joined the PTSA. Again, thanks to Mr. Kelley. Jean Filer and Denise Hurt will be inputting membership information into the online membership directory.

### **Student Directory**

There has been a small glitch in the directory, but it will be going to the printer soon. Congratulations to Caroline Havens, the student winner of the cover contest. She will be awarded a \$25 certificate.

### **Parent Enrichment Series**

The total cost for the programs this year is \$950. This money comes from the S-team account. Jean Filer made a motion to fund the programs. Marie Degulis seconded. The motion passed.

There will be five workshops between November and April. Nov. 16: Jack Agati on Motivating Your Teen and Letting Go; Dec. 6: Teen Relationships; Jan. 17: Stress Management; Feb. 21: 504s/IEPs; Apr. 4: Choosing College and Career Development.

Thanks to Pat Marquette for all her hard work on this program. She is looking for people to help and possibly take over the scheduling for next year. Please be in touch with Pat if you are interested.

Rick Mellilo will be running a workshop called Understanding and Managing Emotions on October 26, November 2, and November 9, at 7:00 pm.

Officer Rich Mello will be running a workshop about Internet Safety at the High School on October 18. This is for parents only.

### **Blue Ribbon**

An application was submitted for this award, and the PTSA did qualify. A ceremony will be held on Monday, October 16. Since all the schools in the district received the award this year, the superintendent will attend. Congratulations to all volunteers.

### **Bridge Building Dinner**

The competition has been cancelled for this year.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Lisa Fait, Kathy Trasatti, Kristen Berry, and Lisa Schmalz will co-chair. A motion was made by Jean Filer to fund up to \$300 for the November staff appreciation event. It was seconded by Erin Magee. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

See the report.

### **By-Laws**

The by-laws must be revised this year according to the new standard form. Lex will take care of entering our by-laws into the form. She will post the by-laws on the website and bring a copy to the next meeting. The by-laws will be discussed during the November meeting and voted on in the December meeting.

### **State PTSA Conference**

The conference is on November 3-4.

### **Other Business**

Relections is a competition for students in which they can submit art or writing. This year's theme is My Favorite Place. We are looking for someone to organize this program. Any volunteers?

The NH Teen Institute is sponsoring a concert on October 28 in Portsmouth. Anyone interested can be in touch with Kate Ricci for details.

Marsha Cone-Roddy made a motion to donate \$100 to a charity in memory of Mr. Fox's wife. Erin Magee seconded. The motion passed. Lex will be in charge.

Computer lab hasn't started up yet. We are still waiting to hear from Mr. Quinn.

The next meeting of the HBHS PTSA will be on November 9 at 7:00 pm in the mini cafeteria. Please come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Cone-Roddy