

November 15, 2007

## HBHS PTSA Minutes

**Attendance:** Marsha Cone-Roddy, Kristen Berry, Trish MacDonald, Erin Magee, Tim Kelley, Donna Cormier, Bonnie Frisard, Linda Falcone, Diane Barrett, Janet Listowich, Marie Degulis, Karen Dintino, Debi Davis, Lisa Schmalz, Dianne Bonta, Betsy Cotton, Dot Hyde, Monica Gallant, Ruth Kabel, Kathy deLacy, Tammy Campbell, Mary Kay James, Susan Holroyd, Tracy Dunne, Miriam DeSantis

### **Introduction**

#### **Minutes of October 18, 2007**

The word *Draft* will go on the first draft of all minutes. The date for the November meeting was corrected to November 15. Bonnie Frisard made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Linda Falcone seconded. The motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Income from the directory and membership was \$2690. See attached for expenditures and balances of accounts.

#### **Peace Pole**

Trish MacDonald has sent an e-mail to Ms. Illingworth and is waiting to hear whether there can be a publicity ad placed in the student newspaper. The possibility of putting posters around the school was also discussed. Ms. Hilliard will be the liaison teacher in the school for this project. Student groups, such as Interact, Amnesty, NHS, and Friends of Rachel, will be asked if they are interested in helping with the project. There was a discussion about the possibility of a senior working on the Peace Pole for a Senior Project. The goal is to have a pole ready to be put into the garden space by Earth Day.

#### **Mr. Kelley's Principal Report**

Mr. Kelley introduced Tracy Dunn, the school resource officer.

*Parking Issues:* Mr. Kelley will use funds raised from parking fees to add about 7500 square feet of space for about 15 additional parking spaces in the "swamp lot" at the front of the school. Supervision for the lower (baseball lot) parking lot was discussed.

Additional cameras (two more this year) have been purchased for the back lot. There is also the possibility of installing a camera in the hallway outside the locker room. This would add coverage for that hallway to address theft issues. Mr. Kelley has discussed this with the Student Council and the School Board.

*Bell Time:* There are concerns that students don't have enough time to get to the busses between bell time and the time the busses must leave the building. Mr. Kelley is looking into the possibility of changing the dismissal bell time by a few minutes.

*Budget:* Right now, there is only a 4.5-5% proposed increase in the proposed budget for the next school year. The School Board is happy with the budget, but the Budget Committee would like to see about \$450,000 in cuts. The School Board has asked to see what the budget would look like with that amount cut. That would mean substantial cuts.

*Other questions/comments:* Can there be signs in the school to show where places are located? This would be a help to parents and to new students.

There is a Superintendent Search beginning. The Searchers are interested in having parent and community involvement. If you were unable to make the brainstorming sessions, you can get Gary Baker's e-mail from Doris at the SAU. You can send him questions and concerns.

### **Book Club**

The second meeting of the Book Club is today, November 15, at 3:15 in the school library. Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4 at 4 pm. Jody Picoult's books will be the topic for the December meeting.

### **SmartBoards and Defibrillator**

Marie Degulis has researched grants and funding for a large-scale project like the SmartBoards. About \$90,000 would be needed to be raised over 3-5 years. To raise that amount is quite time consuming and requires experience. It is beyond the scope and abilities of our PTSA. Marie, Mrs. Ball, and Mr. Kelley will discuss where to go from here. The school will soon have seven SmartBoards. That means that each department will have one. Thanks to Marie for all her time and hard work.

Xilinx has approved a \$500 grant for the school. This money will go towards the purchase of the AED (defibrillator). It costs about \$700 to buy the AED, so an additional \$200 must be raised. There will also be about \$270 per year for maintenance costs.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting of the HBHS PTSA will be on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 pm at Trish MacDonald's home. This will be an evening meeting. Please come to enjoy desserts and snacks. Meeting times (morning, evening, or alternating mornings and evenings) for future meetings will be discussed at the December meeting.

Thanks to the Staff Appreciation committee for today's teachers' luncheon feast.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Cone-Roddy