

## Hollis/Brookline High School PTSA Executive Meeting, 11-20-03

### PTSA Officers & Committee Chairs Present:

Co-Pres: Cindy Ullrich Jean Filer

Treasurer: Karen Bedell

Secretary: Dot Hyde

Also attending: Lex Bundschuh, Marcia Cone-Roddy, Pat Harvey, LouAnn Parodi, Donna Cormier, Mary Mechling Gold, Charles Flahive, Jennifer Sampson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Cindy Ullrich, and Jean Filer presiding.

1. Principal Charles Flahive introduced Ms. Jennifer Sampson who joined the English Dept. this Sept. Ms. Sampson teaches 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade courses, and is also the advisor of the outing club. She has previously taught 2 years at Fairgrounds Jr. High. She is new to NH, having grown up in PA, graduated college in 2000, and spent a year as an Americorp volunteer working on violence prevention. She is enjoying her teaching experience here, and finds it an extremely supportive environment for a young teacher.
2. The principal reported on the events going on at the high school. The new teachers are adjusting very well, the school is continuing to upgrade courses, and curriculum. They are starting to look at removing courses that are not that strong and replacing them. Looking at the requirement for 4 years of Social Studies, and perhaps replacing that with a 4<sup>th</sup> year of Math or Science instead. Have the AP U.S. History and biology this year, and are looking at an AP review course. Budget work going forward. There are still increasing numbers of students, and especially an increase in the middle school of students in the accelerated math. Need to look ahead to the impact on the high school, and the math courses they may need to expand. The junior class event is now looking like a concert in the auditorium after a dinner in the cafeteria (PTSA will handle the dinner). Had thought of a show (like BlueMan Group but the cost would have been over \$7000!). Had a welcoming tea for the new staff to meet members of the school board which was a success, and have had various assemblies (drug and ETOH speaker, state legislators, and recognition of the volleyball teams first in state finish).
3. Treasurer's Report: Karen Bedell reported. Current balance is at \$9449.38 (\$3640 reserved for garden spot), and S-Team balance is at \$9614.38 Report

attached. Directory and membership has brought in \$509. PTSA dues are due to the state in Dec. She has had a bounced check for a directory and will have to just take that as a loss. Have donated a total of 34 directories to the school (20 to guidance for new student packets, 6 to stay in guidance, and 8 for varied areas in the school). Will sell extra while handing them out at lunch. Will sell them at \$8 (pre-order cost was \$5), and encourage those who buy to order ahead next year. Donna Cormier will distribute them with assist at lunch tomorrow. Will give \$25 gift certificate from A.C. Moore to the artist of the cover. Insurance bonding is due, and the audit needs to be completed. Pat Harvey and Mary Gold volunteered to audit, and Jean will find one other person. The \$700 which had not been used for the garden spot last year was rolled back into the general budget, and that is still unresolved. Will continue to pursue with the school financial person. Discussed staff request forms to assist teachers with a mechanism to request desired items, (updated maps, bike racks, etc.) which the PTSA could then consider funding.

4. Staff Appreciation – Had a luncheon this past week for teachers and staff, and have heard lots of positives. The staff were overwhelmed with the decorated teachers lounge, and the large quantities of food made available. A great job was done by the committee, and they are looking at another event sometime in March.

5. Volunteer Needs-

Some discussion around changing time of meetings to a morning meeting. Volunteer coordinator is having trouble making the night meeting. Will revisit issue as no consensus reached.

The Bridge Building Competition will be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and this typically involves about 100 people. Various schools attend the event, and the PTSA serves them a dinner. There is a need for a coordinator for the event, as well as folks willing to make the meal, and serve.

The Computer Lab now has dedicated open time for the students, and still has shifts, which need volunteers. Get in touch with Marcia Cone-Roddy or Pat Marquette for information.

Career Services is sponsoring an interview contest to help the students practice their techniques before college or job interviews take place. Need volunteers to do the interviewing and rank the students, and help them

practice. This would be during the day, and would be held in Dec. Get in touch with Cindy Ullrich if interested.

Dot will get a blurb out to the newspapers about the volunteer needs that they will hopefully get in the paper before Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Clerical Help in the front office is needed which would consist of copying, etc.

6. January Student Panel – this consists of college freshman who return to school for the day, and discuss the transition from high school to college. The PTSA typically serves a breakfast for the returning students. Will discuss further in Dec.
7. Joint Program with HBMS – the HBMS would like to co-sponsor an evening of parent enrichment sometime in Jan. The focus would be on drug and ETOH abuse among students, and what avenues parents can take. Would feature DEA agents, and the DARE officers from Hollis and Brookline. Will advise of date when available. Response to request was unanimously positive.

**Next meeting will be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at Jean Filer's house. Will have a Yankee swap and bring a dish (appetizer or dessert) to share.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hyde, PTSA Secretary, HBHS