

HBHS PTSA Minutes  
December 2, 2004

Attendance: Cindy Ulrich, Jean Filer, Lisa Schmalz, Karen Bedell, Lex Bundschuh, Charlie Flahive, Donna McLaughlin, Marie Degulis, Ruth Kabel, Marie Kopf, Donna Cormier, Marsh Cone-Roddy (12)

1. Introductions were made. Guest Speaker Mark Holding from the English Department was introduced.
2. Charlie Flahive gave a brief update on happenings in the High School.
  - Students collected 1500 cans to donate to charity
  - Students can continue to select a child from the Christmas Giving Tree set on display in the office. Gifts will be distributed to Nashua Children's Home.
  - The fall play will be held the weekend of Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. in the auditorium.
  - The National Honor Society now has 38 members! You must be a Junior or Senior with a high GPA and volunteer in the community to be eligible for the Society.
  - The Landscape project is being enjoyed by all! THANK YOU Marie Degulis(!!!!) and Morin's Landscaping for making the back of the school look fantastic!! Marie did an incredible job getting the back of the school landscaped before the weather got too cold!! Marie tells us that she will continue with the project in the spring!! Mr. Flahive asked if the PTSA would consider putting in a bike rack if we have left over funds.
  - The past week has been a very difficult time with the passing of Nicholas Jennings. Nicholas was a sophomore who died in a car crash. Mr. Flahive would like to plant a tree or have a bench installed in memory of Nick.
  - Student driver safety was briefly discussed. Lex Bundschuh inquired if the school will reinforce driver safety with the students, in particular wearing seat belts. The school and PTSA advertise safety around Prom and Graduation time. It was not decided if more should be done earlier in the year.
3. Charlie Flahive introduced Mark Holding from the English Department. Mr. Holding came from the Merrimack School District. Mr. Holding currently teaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated English and 12<sup>th</sup> grade World Literature. Mr. Flahive invites staff to attend PTSA

- meetings to get to know parents and provide an overview of what they teach. Adding more writing to the curriculum was discussed. In particular, Jean Filer asked why other local schools begin writing College essays their freshman year and build on that skill each year having mastered the essay by the time they need to submit college applications. Many parents agreed that this needs to be integrated into the curriculum.
4. Cindy Ulrich and Jean Filer will be organizing a group of current college students to speak at the next meeting. The students will talk to parents about their experience at college, i.e. balancing the work load, being away from home, etc.
  5. Karen Bedell gave a treasurer's report (on file).
  6. Bike Rack – we will revisit the idea of a bike rack during our March meeting.
  7. Hospitality celebrated National Education Week with a luncheon for the entire staff !! Lisa Fait, Alison Ferrell, and Kathy Trasatti did a fantastic job!!!! THANK YOU!!!
  8. Parent Information Series continue thanks to Pat Marquette. The dates and times have been published in the newspaper.
  9. Newsletter - Donna Cormier would like to see submission deadlines to prevent delays in publication. Jean will talk to the office.  
Thank you Donna!!
  10. Bridge Building Competition will be held this month at HBHS. Jean Filer will organize the Lasagna dinner to be served to students.
  11. Computer Room Volunteers – Marsha Cone-Roddy is gathering data on how many kids use the computer room while out volunteers are there.
  12. Lasagna Dinner for March Musical – Donna McLaughlin has offered to chair this committee! Thank you!!! This is a great night out for the family without the city prices!!
  13. Next Meeting January 13, 2004 at 7pm in the HBHS Mini Cafeteria.

Respectfully Submitted  
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HBHS PTSA Secretary