

HBHS PTSA MINUTES
Thursday, 12/10/05

Members Present:

Pat Harvey, John Filer, Jean Filer, Lex Bundschuh, Karen Bedell, Iris Realmuto, Dianne Bonta, Sherry Lucas, Lynn Goldberg, Tammy Campbell, Erin Magee, Kristen Berry, Donna Cormier, Marsha Cone-Roddy, Tim Kelley, and Guest Speakers Rich Pike and Brenda Poznanski (16)

I. Guest Speakers

Mr. Rich Pike, new superintendent of schools, address the meeting. He spoke of his goals for the district, which include communications and shared decision-making. Challenges include the Highly Qualified Teacher issue. A question was asked and addressed about how the administration might help to incorporate/recognize/include the PTSA. Mr. Kelley is open to reporting school issues and getting feedback at each PTSA meeting.

Mrs. Brenda Poznanski also spoke about communication. She talked about changes in the school's college admissions process to keep with best practices. One issue was the confidentiality of references teachers write for students. Also, this year results for the PSAT will be handled differently. Instead of distributing reports to all students at once in December, results will be handed out and discussed in small group sessions. On December 12, there is a financial aid information night.

II. Treasurer's Report

There were expenses this month, which include printing of the directories, gift certificate for the cover-design winner, membership dues, bonding insurance, gas card gift certificate for a member of staff, and the teacher luncheon. The S-Team also had bonding insurance and a payment to the Parent Education series. Donna Cormier moved to spend \$1150 for the Parent Education series. Iris Realmuto seconded. The motion passes unanimously to fund the five meetings.

Balance in the PTSA account is about \$6700. Balance in the S-Team account is about \$11,000.

Meetings in the Parent Education series scheduled for January, February, and March are Internet safety, date rape, and bullying. Bullying will be (?) a full day program.

Donna Cormier, Pat Harvey, and Dianne Bonta have volunteered to audit the PTSA books.

III. The Bridge Building competition is on Thursday, December 8. Alison Ferrell has volunteered to be in charge. There will be about 130 students, mostly from HBHS. Call Alison if you would like to help.

IV. Mr. Kelley discussed finding someone to volunteer as a business manager for the school newspaper. This person would supervise students in soliciting ads for the paper. Right now, the total budget comes from the operating budget. If there were ads, the paper might be able to become self-supporting.

V. At the January meeting, 1/12/06, college freshmen will be invited to discuss their experiences as first-year college students. This is always an informative and interesting night. There may be a senior breakfast that morning, sponsored by the PTSA. More information will come.

A question was raised about the possibility of having an athlete's forum geared to sophomore and junior athletes who might be interested in college sports. This will be discussed further.

VI. Lex Bundschuh reviewed the PTSA by-laws, which state that no officer can hold the same position for more than two consecutive years. The PTSA needs to amend the by-laws to change that. Lex will look into the process.

VII. A flier went out to teachers to solicit membership in the PTSA. Eleven teachers joined. A drawing was held at the meeting tonight for the winner of a gift certificate (voted on last meeting) to Toadstool Bookstore. Mr. Fox won!

Thank you Marsha Cone-Roddy for recording these minutes!

