

Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes March 3, 2020

Attendees: Sandi Andrews, Michelle Csajka, Diana DiMaria, Donna Dysert, Jill Hamlin, Dr. Imbarlina, Isolina Pendergast, Maureen Perkins, Gail Scott, Diane Staggers, Sharon Vay, Lisa Williams, and several non-voting PTO members and HHS parents

Sandi Andrews called the Zoom webinar meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Welcome – Sandi Andrews

- Sandi welcomed the parents and PTO members who joined us on the meeting.
- Mrs. Breslawski from the Guidance Office sent a thank you to the PTO for the puzzle and Amazon gift card that we sent to her as she recovers from her illness.
- The following HHS PTO events have been cancelled due to the school closure:
 - Souper Teacher extended day soup event
 - Hues & Harmony meal for teachers
 - Scholarship Blood Drive

Principal's Report – Dr. Imbarlina

- Student Council has raised more than \$30,000 (possibly closer to \$40,000) for Children's Hospital despite the postponement of Talbot Thon. Administration is hoping to reschedule the event before school starts in the fall.
- The HHS staff is creating another video to send to students to lift their spirits and let them know the teachers are thinking of them.
- An alternate plan for fourth quarter grading due to the rapid transition to remote instruction is being reviewed by the school board.
- The school cannot make any plans for prom until social distancing restrictions are no longer in effect. Off-site venues will be difficult to obtain because summer is wedding season. The money refunded from the Omni William Penn could possibly be used for hors d'oeuvres at a prom at the school. When planning, safety will be the priority.
- The Senior Dinner Dance, originally scheduled for May 29, is also a planning priority.
- Graduation will likely be postponed. It is the highest of the end-of-year priority right now. Senior events, such as the Senior Dinner Dance and Senior Scholar Dinner are also high on the priority list. Prom and Thon round out the list.
- The administration would like to provide yard signs for 2020 seniors, given the circumstances, and would like the PTO to help fund them. (We currently have 250-ish seniors.). The school will also provide the senior tee shirts this year.
- Sandi suggested a light-up night idea, where the community could put outdoor lights on to honor seniors.
- Isolina suggested a virtual Prom at home idea.
- The school may need to borrow caps and gowns from families with former graduates to lend to families who were unable to order them before school closed. We will not know how many are needed until May.

Secretary's Report – Donna Dysert

The minutes from the March meeting have been approved and are posted on the PTO website.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Stagers

- Only a few checks have cleared since our previous treasurer's report.
- Diane will send out the new report in a few days.

First Vice President's Report – Gail Scott

- Mrs. Barnes requested reimbursement for her approved grant, but we did not receive her request, so she will re-send it.
- Ms. Gee's request for bus expenses for a Mandarin Club field trip was denied because the PTO does not fund transportation expenses.
- Mrs. Dietz, a biology teacher, requested \$134 for two kits that can be used to model how proteins are formed. She would like to video herself building the models to use for remote instruction. The kits could be used in the classroom in future years. The group voted on funding the request and the motion to fund the request was passed.
- Mr. Green followed up on his requests for the Civil War and Viet Nam War presentations. He is still hoping to schedule them if school resumes this spring, but he is also inquiring to see if the presentations can be made remotely. He will get back to us.

Second Vice President's Report – Diana DiMaria

- Diana had prepared the most recent PTO newsletter, including many upcoming events, just before the schools were closed, rendering most of the information therein obsolete.
- There will be a virtual Key Communicators Meeting on April 20. Let Diana know if you have any questions or issues that you would like to have addressed at the meeting.

Old Business

- HTSD Directory Meeting (March 15, 2000) – Maureen Perkins
 - The district is looking into a program to be used across all five schools that would allow us to manage a directory as well as support other PTO function. This program is currently in use by Peters Township and other local districts.
 - We could print directories for families without any cost to the PTO
 - The program could be ad-supported;
 - The company could choose the ads, or
 - The PTO could sell the ads to local businesses as a fundraiser and keep the proceeds.
 - The program could also be ad-free at a cost of \$2 per family.
 - The program supports credit card payments for purchases such as spirit wear or PTO memberships.

- Prom – Sharon Vay
 - The company from which we hired the illusionist and the tattoo artists will refund \$550 of our \$750 deposit.
 - The game company from which we rented the table games will give us \$350 credit for future rentals from our \$750 deposit, per the terms of the contract.

New Business

- Department Scholarship Process

We need to decide if we want to award departments multiple scholarships if they are unable to decide on one applicant due to there being multiple worthy applicants in different disciplines within the department. We discussed allowing department to split the award in that case or to have students submit applications to them and then decide between the submissions. We decided to keep the process as it is for this year, given that it is too late in the year, and difficult with the remote instruction, to alter the process.
- Teacher Appreciation Day – Sandi

We need a way to show appreciation for our teachers now that we are unable to have a luncheon for them. Jill Hamlin suggested a video of the students saying Thank You to the teachers. Sandi said her daughter, Sydney, would coordinate, and Lisa agreed to see if her son, Carson, could handle the technical aspect of putting it together.
- The PTO will make donations to the families of three HHS students who have had deaths in their families this past month.

Sandi adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dysert, HHS PTO Secretary