

Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2019

Attendees: Sandi Andrews, Diana DiMaria, Donna Dysert, Jill Hamlin, Dr. Imbarlina, and Lynn Leppert. Sharon Vay participated on speakerphone.

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Principal's Update – Dr. Imbarlina

The scheduling of HHS classes has begun and is going on now. The process will be mostly paperless this year. The students will complete their course selection on Infinite Campus and print for the parents to approve and sign. Teachers will approve selected class choices in Infinite Campus as well.

The Safe2Say Anonymous Reporting System is being launched in grades 5-12 across the state. If students do not have a trusted adult with whom they can share safety concerns, they can anonymously report tips via an app, phone, or online. Hampton has a team of five people who will evaluate the situation and follow up as warranted. The team includes Dr. Thorton, Dr. McKaveney, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. Sciallo, and Officer Zola. The program will be introduced to the students on February 12.

Despite the school cancellation last Friday, February 1, the blood drive was still successful and 68 people came out and donated.

The Talbot Children's Hospital Fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 29 and the kickoff will be held soon.

School will be in session on Monday, February 18 and Friday, June 7. These days are replacing two of the school days that were canceled for inclement weather.

Co-Presidents' Report – Sandi Andrews

The 8th Grade Breakfast was well-attended and went smoothly. The PTO sold 78 agendas. The incoming freshman class is a smaller one, with just over 200 students.

Secretary's Report – Donna Dysert

The January Meeting Minutes have been approved and are posted on the PTO website.

Vice President's Report – Sandi for Gail Scott

We have received the following funding requests:

1. Mr. Himmler requested \$1,254 to purchase MalletSTATION, an electronic percussion system that could be used by the band, orchestra, and other arts programs. The PTO voted to fund half the cost (\$627) if the band boosters would fund the other half. The vote to fund half the cost of the MalletSTATION was approved.
2. Mr. Green requested \$125 to fund a Civil War presentation for his one Civil War class. The presentation will include uniforms, equipment, medical kits, and letters, as well as presenters. The PTO voted to fund the Civil War presentation.
3. Mr. Green also requested \$600 to cover the cost to stage a Viet Nam War presentation. Three presenters, all with different ties to the Viet Nam War, will tell stories, and weapons, equipment, and photos will be on display. This is a co-curricular presentation between the social studies and English departments, and all 11th graders will attend the presentation. The PTO voted to fund the Viet Nam War presentation.
4. Ms. Dockter and Mrs. Leya requested approximately \$300 each to attend the Robert Kaplinsky Workshop, a six-week online math workshop. The PTO board agreed that we do not typically fund professional development that does not involve the students. Dr. Imbarlina confirmed that the teachers could request these funds through her. The PTO voted not to fund the workshop.

Second Vice President's Report – Diana DiMaria

The January newsletter was published and distributed via Infinite Campus.

Diana suggested that we find a way to inform parents of incoming students about the many new routines and policies at the high school, such as how to receive announcements, early pick-up procedures, and the final exam schedules. The group discussed various ways to accomplish this goal, including having a panel-style discussion with the parents, adding a "Did You Know" section to the monthly newsletter, and adding a FAQ to the PTO website. We will continue to discuss this issue and refine ideas.

Old Business – Sandi

The proposed by-laws were sent out and there were no more revisions. The PTO board voted to approve the by-laws.

The PTO will be giving soup to the teachers after their Extended Day Training on February 20. We will provide a quart of soup and baguettes to each teacher to take home. A Fare to Remember at Home, a business in Shopper's Plaza on Rt. 8, will be donating five quarts of soup and is offering discounted quarts of Wedding Soup, Tomato Bisque (V), and Tuscan Sausage (GF) for \$10 that can be ordered and paid for online, and picked up by the PTO. Maureen Perkins is creating a SignUpGenius link for parents to donate soup. We will need 65 more quarts in order to have one for every teacher.

Our March PTO meeting will be an evening meeting on Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the HHS LGI room. Dr. Loughead, Dr. Imbarlina, Officer Zola, and Mr. Sciullo will be available to answer parents' questions. Please come out and join us!

New Business – Sandi

Sandi and Sharon will be meeting with any parent interested in helping with Prom Walk this year. Kim Suddeth, who organized the Prom Walk in previous years, has left us an organized and detailed list of what needs to be done.

The PTO will be assisting with the prom this year by providing a financial contribution of \$4,000 and helping to support Mrs. Taylor, the faculty advisor, in whatever way she requests. The Prom will be held in its entirety at the Omni William Penn this year.

Blood Drive – Donna

The blood drive in honor of Sam Triulzi, an HHS junior, was still held last Friday despite the school cancellation because the blood drive employees were already onsite when the cancellation decision was made. In order to accommodate students who wished to donate, but were unable to get to the school last Friday, there will be another drive in Sam's honor this Friday, February 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the high school.

Key Communicators – Diana

The district sent a survey to all families through Infinite Campus regarding home technology use. They are asking that each family complete the 5-minute survey by February 14. Students will complete the survey in school.

The YMCA is exploring the piloting of a morning wrap care program at Poff Elementary for PM Kindergarten students beginning next fall.

The Volunteer Clearance rules and procedures vary at each of the district's five buildings and the district is working on standardizing them. Parents must manage their own clearance credentials, however, and those expire every five years.

Infinite Campus does not currently offer the capability to print students' report cards from previous years. Parents needing a copy of a prior year's report card can request one from the guidance office.

There have been some reported instances of expired milk and bagged snacks being served in the district elementary schools. The district's contract with Metz is in its final year, and the district is in the process of bidding out the contract for next year.

A volunteer is needed to format the HHS PTO monthly communication and make it visually appealing. If you are willing to help, please contact Diana DiMaria.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dysert HHS PTO Secretary