

Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

Attendees: Sandi Andrews, Diana DiMaria, Donna Dysert, Dr. Imbarlina, Carma Lamm, Lynn Leppert, Maureen Perkins, and Gail Scott. Sharon Vay participated on speakerphone.

The meeting was called to order at 9:11.

Principal's Update – Dr. Imbarlina

On January 15, Hampton will be hosting an Opioid Awareness Summit at the Hampton Community Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Presenters will include:

- Kevin Stevens, former Pittsburgh Penguin in recovery
- Tina Flowers, Hampton parent
- De'Netta Benjamin-Miller, parent of a student athlete in recovery
- Emily Lyons from "Hidden in Plain Sight" with mock teen bedroom display
- Three orthopedic surgeons discussing safer pain management

Hampton High School will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 30th from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This drive will be in honor of HHS student, Sam Triulzi. Twenty donors have already signed up to give blood. People wishing to donate can do so at vitalant.org or by calling the school nurse. Parents are permitted to sign up during the school day.

The proposed Program of Studies has been presented. If it is approved by the school board next week, it will be shared with the students on January 28th. Students will schedule their own classes during February and print the schedules on their own. The guidance office will be available to assist and will be checking to be sure that graduation requirements are met. New proposed class offerings include:

- US History from 1865 to present (College in High School Class through Pitt)
- College Algebra (College in High School Class through Pitt)
- AP Art History
- Studio Intensive
- Career Exploration
- Economics Hybrid Class, meeting 3 days per week plus online course work (being piloted this year)

Hampton High School plans to adjust how student QPAs will be calculated. The current calculation will remain the same for rising seniors. The intended outcome of this change is to:

- Stifle the "QPA Game" of choosing study halls over non-weighted classes for the sole purpose of inflating one's QPA,
- Encourage students to take classes they might otherwise skip by offering a pass/fail option for one class per student each year,
- Keep the recognition tiers and continue to honor a larger group of students than the valedictorian designation permitted.

A committee is still researching the feasibility of an earlier start time. They will meet again on February 27th.

Gail Scott asked about the possibility of archiving students' final grades from previous years on Infinite Campus so they can be accessed by students and parents. Diana DiMaria will bring this topic up at the next Key Communicators meeting.

Co-Presidents' Report – Sandi Andrews

The “Restock Your Desk Buffet” that the PTO planned for the staff in December was a big success and the teachers appreciated it. We plan to have a “Souper Teachers” soup and stew table set up for the teachers for their extended day in February. We chose, for logistical reasons, to have the soup stored cold in to-go containers for each teacher to take with them after their extended day rather than serve it warm at lunch. Maureen Perkins will prepare a SignUpGenius link for volunteers to send soup and Dr. Imbarlina will give us a count of teachers on staff who will be present that day.

Sandi has the baskets used for the Restock Your Desk Buffet. Contact her to arrange to get your basket back.

Secretary's Report – Donna Dysert

The minutes from the November PTO meeting are available on the PTO website, along with the September and October minutes. Minutes were not taken at the December PTO meeting because it was a casual meeting at Stack'd at which we planned some teacher appreciation events.

Treasurer's Report – Sandi for Diane Staggers

Although some of our actual income and expenses were different from the amounts budgeted, the differences have largely offset each other and our budget is in good shape for the year. For example:

- Spiritwear income is lower than in previous years, but the sales from the Talbot Tailgate tees were far higher,
- Parent donations for after prom donations have been far lower this year, but the concession stand expenses were lower by a roughly equal amount.

The December and YTD Budget reports were voted on and approved.

Sandi has submitted the PTO's 2017-2018 federal taxes, but she cannot receive feedback about them because the government website is currently shut down. The taxes were submitted before the shutdown.

First Vice-President's Report – Gail Scott

Mrs. Dickensheets has requested funding of up to \$175 for combination locks and prizes for breakout boxes. The request was voted on and approved.

Gail has modified the PTO funding form to make the process to apply for funding simpler. The form will be sent to teachers.

Second Vice-President's Report – Diana DiMaria

The January PTO Communication will include:

- Teacher enhancements that the PTO has been providing (such as the breakout box locks)
- Thank you for parents who contributed to the Restock Your Desk Buffet
- Blood drive on January 30 in honor of Sam Triulzi with two links:
 - Vitalant link for blood donors
 - SignUpGenius link for canteen workers – need a few afternoon workers
- Request for soup for teachers' extended day on February 22 with sign-up link
- Information on how to stay informed
- November Key Communicator notes
- Preliminary details regarding an evening PTO meeting in March, featuring a Q&A session with Drs. Loughead and Imbarlina and Officer Zola
- Request for volunteers to assist with the Hues & Harmony event planned for March 19 and 20
- Information about obtaining the Hampton bracelets and key chains being sold by HMS

Old Business – Sandi

Minor typographical corrections have been made to the by-laws and we will vote on them by e-mail.

The by-laws state that a person must be a PTO member to hold a position and to receive volunteer requests, but all HHS parents and guardians will receive general PTO information.

We need a Prom Walk Coordinator who will coordinate organizing Prom Walk, soliciting volunteers, and supporting Mrs. Taylor, the faculty advisor, as needed.

New Business – Sandi

The filing of the articles of incorporation is on hold until the government shutdown ends.

The Freshman class is planning to host a MORP/Sadie Hawkins dance and they will let us know if they need assistance from us.

Blood Drive – Donna

The second blood drive of the year will be held on Wednesday, January 30th in the Auxiliary Gym from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in honor of Sam Triulzi, a junior at HHS. Blood donors (<https://vitalant.org> HHS Code #HS010029) and afternoon canteen workers (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4a92aa2f49-hampton2>) are needed.

8th Grade Breakfast – Sandi for Sharon Vay

The plans for the 8th Grade Breakfast are underway. Sharon will need volunteers to help provide food and to set up. She has sent out a SignUpGenius link on which to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44aeab23a20-8thgrade1>

Membership – Sandi for Tracy McCutcheon

We will send PTO membership information to parents in Dr. Imbarlina's August mailing again next summer after not doing so last summer. Anthony Watson is looking into the feasibility of paying dues online securely.

Prom – Sandi for (open)

The prom this year will be one event with two release times, not a prom and after prom as in the past.

The PTO has budgeted \$4,000 to give toward prom expenses this year. If more parent donations designated for the prom are received, that amount will increase, but it will not exceed 1/3 of our income, as it has in past years. The PTO will continue in a supporting role rather than a driving role by (1) assisting financially, as stated above, and (2) organizing Prom Walk.

At February's meeting, we will discuss if we want to organize a fundraiser for the prom.

We will also need to decide if we want to offer food to the students at Prom Walk again. It was not all eaten last year.

Key Communicators – Diana and Carma Lamm

The November Key Communicators' meeting mainly covered the high school feasibility study. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the administrative offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32.

