

Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes May 5, 2020

Attendees: Sandi Andrews, Michelle Csajka, Diana DiMaria, Donna Dysert, Jill Hamlin, Monica Hoehler, Dr. Imbarlina, Maureen Perkins, Terri Ronald, Gail Scott, Sharon Vay, Lisa Williams, and a few other HHS parents

Sandi Andrews called the Zoom webinar meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Welcome - The PTO board members and Dr. Imbarlina shared how well-received the senior yard signs were, and the excitement generated by the delivery parades.

Sandi Andrews informed the board that the company that printed the signs, LionWorks Printing and Graphics, was extremely nice to work with, and the proceeds from our signs order will go to the School for the Deaf.

The student-made video in honor of Teacher Appreciation week, planned and executed by Carson Williams, Juliana Oliveira, and Sydney Andrews, was published on the district's Facebook page this afternoon. Many board members had already previewed it and agreed that it was beautifully done.

Principal's Report – Dr. Imbarlina

- The Hampton Awards night video, create by Mr. Cable and Mr. Sebestyen, will be aired Thursday night, May 7.
- The Senior Scholars Dinner will be held remotely on May 20. Teachers have created a video and dinner from the Hampton Banquet Hall will be delivered to the students' homes. Students earning this honor have been notified.
- On May 26, senior speakers' graduation speeches will be recorded.
- The Senior Picnic will be held at the high school on May 29 and will include three stations for students to drive through:
 - Receive caps and gowns,
 - Return school property and receive personal property left in lockers at school,
 - Pick up a to-go lunch provided by Pasquale's Pizza
- A Zoom meeting is planned to allow the senior class to turn their tassels together on June 1 to add to the graduation video.
- The high school is planning an event for June 4 to distribute diplomas to seniors while maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- The district is hoping to have an in-person ceremony on July 2, with a backup date of July 30. The date is dependent on Allegheny County being in a reopening phrase that would allow a large gathering.
- Underclassmen will return to return school property and retrieve their personal belongings after Allegheny County moves into the Yellow Zone.

- Thursday, August 13 is the date currently planned for rising freshmen to visit the school and do a walk-through of their class schedules.
- Any prom plans are on hold until we get cleared to hold one. When that happens, planning will move quickly.

Secretary's Report – Donna Dysert

- The minutes from the April 7 Zoom meeting were approved and have been posted on the PTO website.
- Letters were sent to the six Hampton High School students who lost an immediate family member during the school year. The letters informed the students that donations were made in their family members' honor, to causes they had chosen.
- Donna shared a thank you letter sent to the PTO from one of the students, thanking us for our generosity and thoughtfulness.

Treasurer's Report – Sandi Andrews for Diane Stagers

- Diane will be sending out the treasurer's report soon.
- Memorial donations were made to charitable organizations as explained in the Secretary's Report above.
- Mr. Green returned the money we gave him for the presentations that had to be canceled due to school closure.
- Money returned to us from prom vendors was deposited into our account.

Key Communicators' Report – Diana DiMaria and Terri Ronald

- At the last Key Communicators meeting, conducted using Zoom, people reported that remote learning was overall going well, although the process was more difficult for younger students than for the high school students.
- Hampton continues to offer free breakfast and lunch daily, M-F, to all residents 18 years old and younger, regardless of financial status.
- The Rotary Scholarship deadline has been extended.
- Other districts have begun to mimic Hampton's Paws days.
- Diana will send one final wrap-up communication along with Dr. Imbarlina's end of year letter. It will include:
 - Recent PTO grants
 - Open PTO positions
 - Information about the senior signs funded by the PTO.

Old Business

- Now that a Computer Department has been formed, there are 13 academic departments that award scholarships to seniors, rather than 12. We had earmarked \$3,600 for scholarships this year, and had planned to give each department \$300. The group discussed whether we prefer to add another \$300, or award each of the 13 departments \$275? After discussion, Sharon Vay made a motion to approve awarding

\$300 to every department. The motion was voted on and approved. We will award \$3,900 in scholarships this year.

- **Open PTO Positions** – These will be posted on our Facebook page and in the end of year letter. Ideally, these positions would be filled by June so that decisions can be made for the upcoming year:
 - President / Co-Presidents
 - 1st Vice President
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Concession Stand
 - 9th Grade Parent Rep
 - 10th Grade Parent Rep
 - Membership
- Monica Hoehler has agreed to serve as our Hospitality Chairperson and our Spirit Wear Chairperson, and she is working with Dorothy Carter of Threading the Needle to have items available for the fall.

New Business

- Stacy Govi, the Senior Parent Rep, will work with Mrs. Dietz, the Faculty Senior Rep, to plan the modified Senior Picnic. Please e-mail Sandi Andrews if you wish to help.
- Nobody has yet reached out to organize a Senior Baccalaureate. Sandi will see if there is a parent or group of parents who would be willing to arrange one.
- Several parents have brought to the attention of the PTO various “Adopt-A-Senior” Facebook pages that are being organized by parents and businesses in other districts. As a PTO, we will not be organizing something like this, due to the difficulty of ensuring that all seniors are recognized equally, but Dr. Imbarlina will add a note to her end of year letter, encouraging community members to add a balloon or a card/note to any senior signs if they wish.
- Sharon asked if it is possible for a parent of a Hampton High School student who homeschools or attends a cyber school to serve on our PTO board. Dr. Imbarlina explained that such students are considered Hampton students for all purposes, such as sports, transportation, and activities, but how the PTO board is organized is up to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dysert, HHS PTO Secretary