

Hampton High School Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020

Attendees: Diane Stagers, Maureen Perkins, Lisa Spiess, Diana DiMaria, Laura Carr, Terri Ronald, Michelle Solkovy, Kassandra Hart, Lisa Williams, Autumn Gindlesperger, Melissa Berkebile, Jill McConnell, Jill Hamlin, Chiara Orsini

Executive Board Reports

President – Diane Stagers

First Vice President – Tracey Michaud (presented by Diane) – Grant Proposals

- 2 new grants, already sent to Dr. Imbarlina
 - Librarian - (\$79) cost for a yearbook for the library. This is a yearly grant request. Put on hold until it can be discussed with Dr. Imbarlina.
 - Kate Owens & Ryan Scott (\$350) for 18 students. Funds would be used for materials for a lamp project (functional, innovative & attractive). Educational benefit is that it is a collaborative process that is student-directed where students determine the type of light source and the materials to be used. Questions raised regarding: (1) sourcing materials; (2) are the materials reusable; (3) do the lamps go home with the students; and (4) do families contribute to pay for the supplies as well? Diane will follow-up to get answers to questions.
 - Sensory room grant was funded for all items in the request minus the hanging chair.

Second Vice President – Diana DiMaria – Communication Update - nothing to go out in a newsletter right now.

Treasurer - Autumn Gindlesperger/Michelle Solkovy

- Treasurer's Report
 - Membership & donations: budgeted \$4,000. With what has come in and what is anticipated, we will come in at right about this number.
 - Spiritwear - made about \$340 this year.
 - Income - just under \$5,000 for the year.
 - Expenses: agenda costs, HAEE donation, concession stand equipment and goods for sale, teacher/staff gifts, tailgate expenses.
 - Net income for the year is about \$2,000.
 - Discussion of charging other groups for using the concession stand. Other groups didn't use much equipment and had narrow margins because they had to purchase food instead of making it. Decision: we will not charge other groups this year because of extenuating circumstances that groups faced.
 - Vote: treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Committee & Special Committee Reports

CS/Fundraising – Jill Hamlin

- Concession stand update: limited profitability but we provided a service. Extra food was sent to HS for teachers/staff.

Website – Melissa Berkebile

- Update: We can send emails from the website and we can set up a mailbox for communications. We need two people to monitor: Diana (primary) and Diane (secondary). The email list will be current members only. We can possibly create an auxiliary list of the people who are not current members but have been members.

Membership - Jill McConnell

- What is the status of individuals who have completed the membership form but have not paid the membership fee? Historically, they would be listed on the directory but not given access to the directory. Discussion of changing that so that families that completed the membership form will be listed in the directory and given

access to the directory. Suggestion that the fee should be more of a donation and less of a membership fee.

Jill will reword the form for next year so that it is more focused on a donation and less of a membership fee.

Spirit-wear - Profit this year \$338.00 (update provided by email)

Key Communicators – Terri Ronald

- Highlights
 - Architect presented plans. Work will begin next summer at least on the roof, HVAC, pool air handler, media center (for projects and research), lunch restructured with kids congregating throughout the building to work during lunch. Traffic will be restructured to facilitate traffic around school. Paving additional field for band. \$19 to \$22 million total. We already received a grant for the roof. District already has accounted for funding for phase I. The items in phase I cannot wait too much longer.
 - Phased reopening: discussion of websites that provide Covid data - which websites are accurate and which are not. Covid website sent out by Dr. Loughead. Good communication between Dr. Loughead and Dr. Bogan. Locally, school spread is very rare.
 - Guest substitute teacher program: to help with the shortage of substitute teachers
 - Discussion about emphasizing at the next key communicator meeting the importance of establishing and maintaining the academic calendar so that people can plan travel and summer events.

Misc.

- Outdoor equipment for “recess” is being used and enjoyed by the students. Diana will send out a reminder to anyone who still needs to bring in donations. Donated items are marked as property of HHSPTO so they can be used by the PTO for other events as well.
- HHSPTO provides agendas each year. Last year we lost \$300. This year we anticipate losing \$500. This is the time of the year when we would contemplate ordering for next year. Decision was made not to provide agendas next year because not enough students are using them and we cannot afford to lose money on them. Most kids are using electronic devices as agendas or buying their own. We may try to provide a link to parents to purchase similar agendas on their own.

Upcoming To-Do

- After Prom: Prom is May 7, 2021. Mr. Green (student council) has been contacted to discuss entertainment. Mrs. Taylor was contacted to discuss prom details. Location is the Omni William Penn. HHSPTO will decide whether or not there will be a prom walk, which is the responsibility of the freshman class representative. Junior class rep, in conjunction with Mrs. Taylor, coordinates after prom. Budget is \$4,000 + a \$400 credit.
- Holiday/Beginning of the Year Teacher gifts: usually HHSPTO does something to replenish the teacher’s desks. We need more information on what teachers want and need right now in terms of supplies vs. a gift. Last year we did mint gifts at the holidays. General consensus is to try and do something before the holidays because of how much the teachers have done this year. Everyone will brainstorm ideas for the next meeting.
- Professional Day – 1/18/21

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

11/12-13/20 – Parent Teacher Meetings
11/16/20 – Key Communicators Meeting
11/26-30/20 – Thanksgiving Break
12/23-1/3/21- Winter Break
1/18/21 – Professional Day