

**Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2019**

**Attendees:** Sandi Andrews, Diana DiMaria, Donna Dysert, Dr. Imbarlina, Maureen Perkins, Gail Scott, Lisa Williams. Sharon Vay participated on speakerphone.

Sandi Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:14.

**Welcome** – Sandi Andrews

Sandi opened the meeting by noting that the PTO is having a successful year and that we should hit financial targets that we have set.

**Principal's Update** – Dr. Imbarlina

Homecoming went very well this year. The dance was peaceful. The students seemed to enjoy themselves and they were respectful of rules.

Vaping has replaced smoking as a health concern among teens. Many students now vape. Allegheny General has offered to send pulmonologists to discuss the dangers of vaping with our parents. Plans are being made to schedule an evening meeting for this purpose. Details such as which grade levels will be included and whether students will be invited are being worked out.

The HHS community is rallying around Mrs. Breslawski in the Guidance Office as she recovers from surgery for uterine cancer. We discussed giving her a GetGo gas card from the PTO to help defray costs of driving to doctor appointments.

Teachers have informed Dr. Imbarlina that the PTO grant forms on the website are not clickable. The PTO website is experiencing technical difficulties right now, so the group discussed adding the forms to the teacher-access area of the district website so that the teachers could download them from there.

Mr. Sebestyen, our new Assistant Principal, will be starting at HHS on October 17, earlier than originally expected.

**Co-Presidents' Report** – Sandi Andrews

The concession stand, the PTO's largest source of income, needs help with food donations, sales, and prep work for the final two games on October 18 (Cheer Clinic) and 25 (Senior Night.) Both games should be well-attended because of the special events at each.

Our Talbot Tailgate was successful this year, netting \$608.

Sandi asked the group to brainstorm a possible treat for the student body that could be given in January at the end of the first semester. Donuts and granola bars were mentioned as possible ideas.

Sandi and Diane Stagers will begin the process of incorporating the PTO after taxes are filed this year. The timing is to ensure that the process will not threaten our current non-profit status when we file.

The PTO Agenda sale netted just under \$300 this year, similar to amount made last year. Leftover agendas are donated to the special education classes where the teachers use them for life skills lessons. Placing a smaller order would not be cost-effective because we would pay more for each agenda.

The Welcome Committee Chairperson and Hospitality Committee Chairperson are the two positions currently open on the board. The following positions will be open for the 2020-2021 school year:

- President (or Co-Presidents)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Secretary
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- Concession Stand Chairman
- Website Administrator
- Membership Chairman

Diana DiMaria suggested we research using QR Codes for parents to input information for PTO membership and directory. The group agreed that all five PTOs should use the same platform.

Maureen Perkins asked if we had conference call capability for parents who might wish to participate in PTO positions but are not able to attend daytime meetings.

#### **Secretary's Report – Donna Dysert**

The minutes from the September 10 meeting have been approved and are posted on the PTO website.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Sandi Andrews for Diane Stagers**

Diane is revising the treasurer's report and budget and they will be shared with the board soon.

Sandi reminded the group that changes were made to the budget shared last month and that further changes are being made. For example, some Spirit Wear orders that should have been credited to HMS were inadvertently grouped with the high school orders. Monica Hoehler is sorting the orders to correct the issue.

**First Vice President – Gail Scott**

Gail distributed a draft of the welcome letter she crafted for new teachers that explained what the PTO does for the school and how to apply for grants.

**Second Vice President – Diana DiMaria**

Diana is preparing a newsletter to be sent to parents soon. It will include:

- PTO membership information
- Request for help with the concession stand for the last two games
- Information about the October scholarship blood drive
- A link to the Guidance Department newsletter
- A link to Enrichment information
- Information about the PTO website

**Key Communicators – Diana DiMaria**

Diana shared the following information from the September Key Communicators meeting:

- Dr. Cunningham is re-designing the district website.
- Hampton has been inducted into the League of Innovative Schools. With this honor comes the opportunity to collaborate with other innovative school districts and exchange ideas.
- The School Time Start committee plans to release a draft of their recommended school start times at the November school board meeting. If later start times are recommended, this plan would be implemented in the Fall of 2020.
- Hampton has submitted a plan to the PA Department of Education to use online Flexible Instruction Days this year rather than traditional snow days which might need to be made up during the school year. We are waiting for approval.
- The school district has entered into a one-year contract with Metz Food Services and has shared with the company several issues that need to be addressed.

Sandi adjourned the meeting at 11:14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dysert, HHS PTO Secretary