

**Hampton High School PTO Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2019**

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

Sandi Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:08.

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

Dr. Imbarlina thanked the PTO for all they did last year; the teachers felt very appreciated, and she felt that the group impacted the school in a positive way.

Dr. Imbarlina also told us that the first home football game against Shaler was very well-attended, and despite a far larger crowd than we expected, the HHS students behaved admirably.

She shared info on upcoming and recent events:

- Open House is this Thursday, September 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The Back-to-School Bash was well-organized and included great activities. Students enjoyed it.
- Planning is underway for the pep rally during Homecoming week. The rally will be shorter this year than in previous years.
- Busy Bean, the student-run coffee shop, is up and running this year. They will be offering healthier options such as yogurt and fruit.
- HHS has hired a new Assistant Principal – Mr. Joe Sebestyen from Baldwin Whitehall. Mr. Sebestyen is looking forward to meeting parents at Open House.
- HHS has also hired five new teachers:
  - Claire Aloe – Social Studies
  - Margaret Melber – English
  - Hannah Dunlap – Long-term sub for Ms. Emmett in English
  - Liz Barnes – Learning Support
  - Beth Whiteman – Academic Support
- Officer Sarah Hoffman is acting as our temporary School Resource Officer while Officer Good recovers from arm surgery.
- The painting of the track at Fridley Field has begun. We are hoping for continued dry weather to help facilitate the process.
- Dr. Removcik, our Director of Curriculum, is researching the use of Flexible Instruction Days this year. Flexible Instruction Days would allow students to use their devices to complete work and communicate with their teachers remotely on bad-weather days in lieu of missing a day of school that might have to be made up later.

### **HAAE Report – Maureen Perkins**

- The HAAE has funds available for teacher grants. Teachers are encouraged to pursue this option
- The HAAE 5K will be held Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Hartwood Acres. The community is invited to attend.

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

Sandi recapped that last year we focused on building good relationships with our faculty and staff. We are in good shape financially; what we lost in membership dues revenue, we made up in decreased expenses.

Sandi suggested sending hand-written letters from the PTO to retired teachers, thanking them for their service, and to new teachers, welcoming them to the district and including grant information. The discussion of writing letters to the retirees has been tabled until the spring, and Gail Scott will draw up a draft welcoming the new teachers.

The PTO is planning to provide snacks for the teachers before Open House because some teachers are unable to travel home for a meal between the school day and the evening meeting.

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

Donna shared that the minutes from the May meeting were approved by an e-mail vote on May 18, and are posted on the website. She asked if last year's meeting minutes should remain on the website or be archived. Sandi said she would ask Anthony Watson, our website designer, to archive them.

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

Diane distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report from August 2018 - July 2019. She walked the group through the numbers and explained that last year we made approximately \$2,000 more than we budgeted for. Maureen Perkins moved to approve the budget, Lisa Williams seconded the motion, and the budget was approved.

Diane also shared the working budget for the current school year. The group discussed whether the budget for student scholarships should remain the same at \$3,000, or be raised. We will solicit feedback from the group and Dr. Imbarlina and update the budget from there.

### **Second Vice-President – Diana DiMaria**

Diana is working on the newsletter. She plans to include a link to guidance services in the newsletter, as well as the football concession stand sign-up link, Talbot Tailgate information,

and a reminder about the HHS PTO Facebook page. She would like to request donations for the online directory access in the document.

Diana informed us that the Key Communicators Meeting is Monday, September 16, and she will address the concern that many younger students are being dropped off at the football games without any supervision.

**Old Business – Sandi Andrews**

The positions of Hospitality Committee Chairperson and Welcoming Committee Chairperson are open. Please contact any board member if you are interested.

**Concession Stand – Jill Hamlin**

Jill shared that our opening game concession stand was very successful. We will see savings with the soda expenses now that our Pepsi contract has expired and we can purchase Coke products and comparison shop. We will need more workers and food for upcoming games.

Jill also reminded the group that this is the last year that she and Michelle Csajka will be running the concession stand. Because this is our biggest source of income, we need a few people to take over the position for next year. If you have any interest, please contact Jill or Michelle.

**Blood Drive – Donna Dysert**

The dates for this year's Scholarship Blood Drives are October 30, January 29, and April 1. All three dates are Wednesdays. A Canteen Helper sign-up sheet will be sent out before the first drive.

Sandi adjourned the meeting at 11:19.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dysert, HHS PTO Secretary