

Hayfield Secondary PTSA Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

President Purvis Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM in the HSS Library. The Agenda is included as Attachment # 1 to the Minutes.

Student Government Association (SGA) Representative's Report

SGA President Grace DiNicolantonio gave the following Report:

- All Homecoming events (including the Hayfield Farms neighborhood parade, the girls "powder puff" football series, the Screen on the Green film showing, and the Dance) went very well.
 - She thanked the PTSA for running the coat check at the dance.
- We are currently in the lull before the winter holidays. Upcoming events include the Winter Pep Rally and the Mr. Hawk contest. Students are concentrating on getting their semester grades improved and upcoming final examinations.
- Spring events include the Spring Pep Rally, International Night and Spring Break.
- Grace answered questions from the Membership in Attendance:
 - Participation in SGA is up as demonstrated by the level of effort for the Homecoming Week events.
 - The Pep Rallies celebrate not just the sports teams but all ECAs and the student population at large.
 - One theme of the Homecoming Parade was to celebrate our school's diversity.

President's Report

PTSA President Purvis Dawson decided to forego his Report to allow time for other reports and in the interest of ending the meeting on time.

Principal's Report

Principal Martin Grimm made the following Report:

- He first reported on his South Korea Education Ambassador's Trip
 - This was a reciprocal visit from the visit by four public university rising junior students majoring in English who visited HSS earlier this year.
 - The principal from Centreville HS and School Board Member Mr. Moon participated in this trip.

- Principal Grimm made the following observations during this trip:
 - MS and HS peers in South Korean society form one's network of lifetime alumni
 - University selection has life-impacting consequences.
 - Students attend public school classes from 8 am to 5 pm. Then they attend an "academy" from 5 pm to 10 pm. Students then do homework until 1 am.
 - Senior year is totally committed to preparing for their university entrance examination. Students are under enormous pressure to perform. College selection determines their social and business status level in Korean society.
 - Students typically go to neighborhood schools but there is an exam from ES to MS and from MS to HS. All students learn at least four foreign languages.
 - There is extensive government regulation of the education system and heavy reliance on standardized testing.
 - The classrooms are surprisingly low tech.
 - South Korea recognizes that their system produces students under incredible stress and there were several conversations how to alleviate this situation.
- They visited several sites in South Korea including universities, secondary schools and the DMZ.
- Principal Grimm gave an overview of the HSS Staff/Faculty/Student population.
 - HSS has finalized its Strategic Vision consisting of the following three Strategic Goals: (1) Caring Citizens; (2) Critical Thinking; and (3) Collaboration.
 - The Theme of the 2017-2018 School Year is Empathy
 - Empathy in the US has decreased in the US by 40% since the 1950s.
 - Empathy is a complex issue with cultural, gender, racial and technological components.
 - Principal Grimm is trying to inject empathy into student/faculty interaction; ex. If a student turns in their homework late, the teacher usually thinks that the student is foolishly putting other priorities first. The student, on the other hand, thinks the teacher is being inflexible and does not understand all of the competing demands that students have to deal with.
 - Recent natural disasters offer teaching moments.

- The Administration's New Concept of the School Year is Equity.
 - This does not mean treating all students equally but making sure all students are appropriately challenged.
 - For example, a student that is two grades behind in reading is likely getting nothing meaningful from class.
- Principal Grimm engaged in a Q&A with the Membership in Attendance:
 - There was a question of whether students really needed so many second chances to complete homework, redo exams, etc. and whether this is reflective of the workplace.
 - Mr. Grimm explained that the goal of education was mastery of the subject.
 - Industry complains that Millennials are not good at reengaging on tasks and improving on their own work product.
 - Also, want to keep a student's hope alive; example, a student who gets a 50% on an exam may have no numeric chance to do well in the course.
 - There was a question regarding Whole School Accountability.
 - There are concerns regarding the anonymity of peer evaluations.
 - There was discussion of implementing a 360 degree feedback system.
 - Leadership is for everyone.
 - No formal role is required to demonstrate leadership.
 - The school must invest in collective efficiency; i.e., the sincere belief that all students can achieve success.
 - Success is a team endeavor.

Administrative Items

The Membership in Attendance reviewed the September 2017 Minutes. Rosalynd noted that the Treasurer's Report would be for August and not for September as listed/noted. Heidi corrected the names of the Hospitality Committee. **Maryanne made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected; Jamie seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by a vote of 17-0.**

Treasurer's Report

Rosalynd submitted her Treasurer's Report for September (Attachment # 2) and presented the proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 School Year (Attachment # 3):

- Income for the month was \$834.46 from membership dues and donations.
- Expenses for the month were an unexplained bank transfer of \$135.00 to ANGP.
- The PTSA current balance is \$18,436.03; in August it was \$17736.57.
- Gwen requested that Rosalynd report back on the \$135.00 expense.

Rosalynd submitted the Audit Committee's Report (Attachment # 4). The Committee consisted of Gwen, Heidi and Rosalynd (before she assumed the duties as Treasurer). Rosalynd explained that the Committee had a rough start on their audit because they could not find the PTSA's copy of the last completed audit. The Committee recreated the audit from June's records. She explained that no Membership vote was required to accept the Audit Report. However, a copy of the Audit Committee's Report is included as Attachment # 5 to these Minutes. The Audit Committee also took it upon themselves to draft Standing Rules for the PTSA. Gwen reviewed the Standing Rules the Audit Committee developed. Since copies were not made available for each Member to review; Gwen read through the document. President Purvis called for a vote for their acceptance. **Gwen made the Motion; Maryanne seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by a vote of 16-1.**

Officer/Committee Chair Reports

1st Vice President (High School) – Negative report.

2nd Vice President (Middle School) – Negative report.

Corresponding Secretary – Negative report.

Recording Secretary – Negative report.

ANGP – The Committee has taken in \$4700 in income so far. To date, fundraisers have included candy sales, blanket sales and the Kaplan examination preparation day. Expenses this month were the \$1000 deposit to reserve Adventure Park, USA in Maryland as the proposed site for the All Night Grad Party. Note: this is the same venue location as the last several years.

Membership – The Membership Committee has taken in \$5930 in membership dues and \$1712 in donations for a total income of \$7642. Current membership rolls are 298 parents, 48 faculty and 235 students.

Directory – No report.

SGA – Nothing further to report.

Boosters

- Academic/Mini Grants – No Report
- Athletics – No Report
- Band – No Report
- Choral – No Report
- Drama -- No Report
- Orchestra – No Report

Hospitality – Negative Report.

Fundraising – The Committee made the following Report:

- On November 7, 2017 (proposed date – currently being negotiated with Panera Bread), Panera Bread will host a HSS PTSA night. The Committee stated that 50% of the proceeds (of those customers who identify themselves as being associated with PTSA) will be donated to PTSA.
- The Committee is pursuing Dave & Buster's game cards with 50% discounts.
- President Purvis is researching reviving the Barnes & Noble fundraiser.
- PTSA also plans to hold at least one Drive4UrSchool event in partnership with Sheehy Ford, possibly in conjunction with a Classic Car Show event.

CFC – No Report

eScript & Box Tops for Education – No Report

Volunteer – No Report

Unfinished Business: PTSA will need to appoint a Bylaws Committee to update its Bylaws which must be done every five (5) years. The Bylaws must be updated by December 2018. President Purvis encouraged volunteers to come forward.

New Business: One member in attendance volunteered to be the incoming Membership Committee Co-Chair. Miyoung also announced that HSS will take part in a VA pilot project to convert the PTSA rolls to an all-electronic database. Miyoung expressed concern that this may result in different membership numbers depending on the system's accounting metrics.

Announcements

- ❖ **Next Meeting: The November 2017 meeting will be held on November 9, 2017.**
- ❖ **Additional upcoming dates are listed on Attachment # 1.**

Adjournment:

Purvis solicited inputs for any additional announcements or new business. None were forthcoming. He suggested a Motion to Adjourn. **Heidi made the Motion to Adjourn; Maryanne seconded the Motion. The Membership in Attendance approved the Motion by a Vote of 15 – 0. The Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.**

The Meeting Minutes for the October 12, 2017 Hayfield PTSA Meeting have been submitted by the Recording Secretary – Robert A. Williams

The Minutes are recorded as a Final Draft Submission until the Membership Votes to Accept the Minutes.

- Completed on October 24, 2017 and respectfully submitted.
- Minutes Finalized, Reviewed and Accepted by the PTSA: November 9, 2017
- Minutes Forwarded to Web-Master on: July 27, 2018