

Hayfield Secondary PTSA Monthly Meeting
“Virtual Meeting” (Captured Online In This Agenda Document)
Captured Monday-Friday, February 17-24

“February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March.” - Dr. J.R. Stockton

MEETING AGENDA

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Mike Lambert)

- I received a disturbing email from one of our PTSA members in recent weeks, which underscores an increasingly commonplace phenomenon in our community, and how we as parents need to remain vigilant about communicating with our kids, and knowing what they’re doing and with whom.

“Concerned Mother #1” (hereafter identified as “CM1”) wrote me that her daughter was recently invited to a party on a weekend evening during the first weekend in February by one of her classmates, a male HSS student. CM1 made the standard inquiries (e.g., would an adult be present at the party, appropriate phone numbers, etc.), and drove her daughter and friend to the event on the evening of the party. When CM1 asked at the front door, she was told that no adult over the age of 18 was present, but that the aunt of the young man hosting the party was on her way to chaperone. CM1 did NOT leave her daughter/friend at the party at that time, but opted instead to bring the girls back over an hour later (ample time, she thought, for the party host’s aunt to arrive).

When she arrived back at the party house, CM1 met at the front door another concerned father (who we’ll call “CF2”) picking up his daughter from the party, and both parents learned that the host’s aunt had never arrived. Both parents were shocked at the apparent number of kids in the house without adult supervision, and noticed several kids ducking out the basement door, to include young girls “putting their shirts back on,” and young men scattering with them. CF2 (who CM1 said appeared to be some sort of law enforcement official) did a quick inspection of the basement and said, while he didn't find any alcohol, there were "wet" shot glasses sitting all around in the basement.

CM1 wasn’t sure if CF2 or someone else reported the incident, but the police were called to the premises. CM1 left immediately with her daughter (who she never left at the party), as well as with as many kids as she could safely transport home from the party. CM1’s foremost concern -- **that parents simply dropped their children off at the party without checking that a supervising adult was present!** Interestingly enough, this mother learned from her daughter’s texts that a group of kids who left the party when police were called, RETURNED to the the party AFTER police inspected the house and gave it the “all clear.”

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Dave Tremaine)

- First and foremost thanks to Mike for establishing this virtual meeting format. Very cool! We are

flying high at HSS as we move into what I like to call the “Testing Season”. We’re finishing up with WIDA (ESOL) testing and prepping now for the English Writing SOL testing in March. We have an amazing staff at HSS and, even with all of the snow, we’ve managed to keep exams and course content coverage on a reasonable schedule. Speaking of our staff, I have very exciting news to share about one of our teachers but can’t tell you the specifics until I see you guys in March. You’ll likely hear about it before then...that’s have cool the news is..In other news, our Student Services Department is very pleased with our curriculum awareness program on all levels. We feel that students and families are more aware than they have been in past years regarding course content and available electives.. Our goal as we’ve chatted about is to make sure students and families are as informed as possible prior to making class selections for the following school year. With our relatively new curriculum night and elective fair format, we feel we’ve made huge headway in that regard.In closing, I’ll have a guest celebrity with me at the March meeting and can’t wait to see everyone. Go Hawks!

TREASURER’S REPORT (Robin Jones)

- Robin reported that there is \$18,221.86 in the primary PTSA checking account, and that there was \$14,604.43 in the ANGP checking account.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- ANGP 2014 (Dana Bensusky & Marie Sudik)
 - No Report
- Membership (Cynthia Andrews)
 - Cynthia Andrews reported that for the 2013-2014 school year through February 23rd, a total of \$8,333.10 in membership dues have been collected from a total of 707 members.
 - Cynthia also reported that 22 ANGP contracts have been collected for a total of \$1,700; \$260.00 is donations.
- Directory (Shay Millner)
 - Last batch of printed directories were mailed in early February
- SGA (Chloe Morton)
 - No report
- Boosters
 - Academic/Mini-Grants
 - Amy received a request from Tim Busch, one of two mini-grant recipients who were awarded Barnes & Noble gift card credit as part of this year’s mini-grant drill. Please see this item up for a vote under the “NEW BUSINESS” section of this meeting agenda
 - Athletics (Melissa Schweitzer)
 - No report
 - Band
 - No report
 - Choral (Melanie Hardy)
 - No report
 - Drama (Melanie Hardy)
 - No report
 - Orchestra
 - No report

- Hospitality (Monica Selcik)
 - We'll make plans for the staff lunch soon. We'll purchase Asian food and ask for dessert donations. I've changed the menu for the August breakfast.
 - Regarding fundraising, can we ask the barbeque food truck and dessert pie supplier (see Fundraising below) at the naturalization ceremony as a PTSA fundraiser?
- Fundraising (**VACANT**)
 - Ford's DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL fundraiser update -- we are going to postpone the Ford fundraiser until late September or early October for two reasons
 - Sheehy Ford committed the dealership to another school and they are allowed to do only one in the spring and one in the fall (we are now on their calendar for this fall), and
 - The springtime date for the Classic Car Show wasn't good for the sponsors. The barbeque food truck and dessert pie company which had agreed to our original May 18 date has agreed to participate in the fall with us. I am, however, looking into having a fundraiser with just the food sources.
 - Monica e-mailed Mr. Nowland about the school property rules. She had already secured the May date for the lower parking lot with Neil Kyle and Mr. Nowland, but notified them that the PTSA will postpone the event and repeat similar procedures/setup in the fall.
- CFC / eScrip & Box Tops for Education (Marie Sudik)
 - No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NOVAM FLE presentation (funding increase request)
 - Dr. Ken Halla is negotiating what our PTSA's actual contribution will be for this event; no additional status to report on this effort at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Tim Busch (an HSS history teacher) submitted a mini-grant request in the amount of \$300 to purchase six copies of "Constitution Quest," a history teaching game to be shared among HSS history classes and among his collaborative learning team (CLT). Our PTSA granted \$300 in Barnes & Noble gift card credit (NOT actual mini-grant funds) to Mr. Busch to purchase the games, but they are only available directly from the manufacturer. Do you approve of an additional \$300 being added to the mini-grant funding line for Mr. Busch's mini-grant request, in lieu of B&N gift card credit? (Please see voting form at <http://goo.gl/RNqIFK> to approve this request.)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (January)

- January 2014 meeting minutes can be found at:
 - <http://goo.gl/E1EWHS>
 - To vote on minutes, please see voting form at <http://goo.gl/RNqIFK> to approve minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next PTSA Meeting: **Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in HSS Media Center
- HSSPTSA member Sue Reynolds wrote to let us know that the naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens will occur at HSS between Tuesday to Thursday during FCPS spring break week. Doors will open at approximately 8:30 a.m. each day, and the ceremony itself begins at 9 a.m. each day. Last year, the HSS Athletic Boosters set up a small concession table outside while

people were waiting to enter the building and made over \$200 in one day.

Sue has gotten approval to offer similar concession sales to benefit the HSS Boys Lacrosse team on Wednesday of that week. The Tuesday and Thursday dates are (she believes) still open, and Sue suggested that the PTSA may want to consider setting up similar concession tables for either of the Tuesday/Thursday events (provided there are willing volunteers able to staff).

Suggested set-up: tables are set up at the front and back main entrances to HSS and to sell water and sodas, perhaps even have a few dozen donuts, maybe cracker or cookie packs. (And probably some small U.S. flags on a stick!) For Wednesday's lacrosse benefit, Sue plans to set up at 7:30 a.m., and plans to be done by 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted (on behalf of Ashley Levesque) by,
Mike Lambert