

Minutes - Hayfield Secondary PTSA Monthly Meeting
HSS Media Center
Wednesday, May 8, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Mike Lambert, President	Alfonso Smith, HS Director of Student Services
Dana Bensusky, 1st Vice President	Bianco Aiello, MS Director of Student Services
Robin Jones, Treasurer	Cheryl Spohnholtz, Corresponding Secretary
Cynthia Andrews, Membership Chair	Monica Selcik, Hospitality
Marie Sudik, ANGP Co-chair & CFC	Lisa Grant, Parent Member
Melanie Hardy, Choral/Drama Booster Rep	Gwen King, Parent Member
Chloe Morton, SGA Student Rep	Donna Spivey, Parent Member
Suzanne Beckham, Parent Member	Terry Brox, Parent Member
Yves Potts, Parent Member	Phil Potts, Parent Member

Meeting Opening

- **Mike Lambert** convened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Approval of January, February, March & April Meeting Minutes:

- Copies of the January, February, March and April draft meeting minutes were posted on the hssptsa.org website for review in advance of this meeting, and were also distributed among the group for review at this meeting. However, because there was NOT a quorum (of HSSPTSA executive board members) present to approve meeting minutes, any discussion or motions to approve minutes would be deferred until the July meeting.

President's Report: Mike Lambert

- Mike reported on behalf of the Nominations Committee that an updated slate of officers and committee chairs was provided by the committee for the 2014-2015 school year:
 - President: Dana Bensusky
 - 1st Vice President: Mike Lambert
 - 2nd Vice President: Sarah Trinidad
 - Treasurer: Robin Jones
 - Recording Secretary: VACANT
 - Corresponding Secretary: Cheryl Spohnholtz
- A motion to consider the proposed slate of officers was called and seconded. With no further discussion, the question was called, a motion was made and seconded, and the slate of proposed officers was unanimously approved. Mike will present the slate to the general membership for voting prior to the HS band concerts in early June.

Principal's Report: Mr. Alfonso Smith (HS Director of Student Services & Ms. Bianca Aiello (MS Director of Student Services

- **Mr. Smith & Ms. Aiello** reported the following:
 - Senior awards are set for Friday, 6/13; undergrad awards set for Monday, 6/23.
 - AP testing is proceeding as planned, with SOL testing to follow in late May.

- HS counselors are currently working with rising juniors on their schedules, to ensure that their academic requirements will be fulfilled in 2014-15 school year.
- Letters are being sent home with students about summer school opportunities, where students can earn up to 2 credits toward their required coursework.
- A new scheduling system (ISIS) was installed over spring break and is being used in tandem with the old scheduling system during transition period; one of the *future* perks of ISIS is that parents will be able to review their student's progress in various classes in real-time.
- Parent turnout was excellent at the recent Family Counseling Workshop.
- The honor roll program, along with how best to recognize students on that list, is currently under review, with plans to improve the system in the coming year.
 - Student feedback indicates that honorees AND non-honorees alike dislike the recognition ceremony, particularly because it takes place during SOAR time
 - Also, AP and A/B honor roll students feel as if they're being "compared" to one another, or put up to compete against each other for recognition
 - Smith/Aiello encourage any and all input on this issue

Treasurer's Report: Robin Jones

- Robin reported that the balance as of the end of April was \$16,551; her monthly treasurer's report has been filed with these minutes.

Committee Reports:

All Night Grad Party 2014

- **Dana Bensky** reported that with the exception of several candy sale days for the remainder of May, flocking until June 1, and of course the silent auction at the Countdown to Graduation event on May 15, the ANGP 2014 group's fundraising is essentially complete -- with the requisite amount (and then some) left over for the ANGP 2015 committee.
- **Cynthia Andrews** and **Robin Jones** reported that the ANGP 2014 bank account currently had \$21,185 in funds.

Membership

- **Cynthia Andrews** reported that with one new student membership added in early May, a total of \$8,338.10 in membership dues have been collected from a total of 708 members for the 2013-14 school year.

Academic/Mini-Grants

- No report.

Athletic Boosters

- No reports.

Band Boosters / Orchestra Boosters / Choral Boosters

- **Melanie Hardy** reported that all HSS music groups attended and participated in various music workshops at Queens College in New York City in April, in conjunction with a tour of the city; the students enjoyed the workshops, and were (by all accounts from adult chaperones) very well behaved.
- Chorus is winding down its year, preparing for the MS choral concert on May 28 and the HS choral concert on June 4; chorale showcase is set for May 20 in the HSS main lobby.
- HS and MS band concerts are both taking place the first week of June.

Drama Boosters

- **Melanie Hardy** reported that the drama students staged “Marvin’s Room” as the spring show; group also raised \$800 for leukemia.
- Courtyard drama shows are planned for June 7 at 7 p.m.

SGA

- **Chloe Morton** reported that the junior/senior prom is set for May 30, tickets are on sale now for \$55 this week, going up to \$60 next week, and then up to \$65 the week before the prom.
- SGA has been assisting with various teacher appreciation week activities this week, and preparing to participate in bus drivers appreciation week later in May.
- SGA election packets are currently being turned in and reviewed by SGA advisors, with final selection of SGA members decided by the end of May.

Hospitality

- **Monica Selcik** reported that the staff appreciation luncheon provided by Kumo Asian Bistro yesterday, May 7 was a great success, with MANY donated desserts
- Mr. Mika and Ms. Sullivan were the winners of the donated Washington Nationals baseball game tickets, which were randomly raffled off during the staff luncheon.

Fundraising

- **Cheryl Spohnholtz** reported that we have another opportunity to do a Barnes & Noble fundraiser at the very end of the school year:
 - Tuesday, 6/10 through Monday, 6/16 would be the valid Book Fair dates, with a kick-off in-store event planned for the evening of that first day.
 - Cheryl requested the use of the Hayfield Hawk mascot costume once more for the in-store event, as well as if an administrator or teacher could attend (to “funnel” recognized HSS students to the in-store event).

CFC / eScrip / Box Tops for Education

- **Marie Sudik** reported that someone from the HSS main office (administrator or staffer) will need to report to the Hayfield Giant to sign for and collect the funds collected through the Giant Food affinity program (we collected \$3,500 this year).
- Marie also received a Boxtops for Education check in the amount of \$145, which was passed directly to the HSS main office.

Unfinished Business

- The HSS PTSA has been unable to approve its meeting minutes due to a lack of a quorum (which, by definition of our bylaws, consists of at least half of the HSS PTSA executive board members -- officers and committee chairs -- being physically present at the meeting to vote), **Mike Lambert** suggested that we consider coordination with the Virginia State PTA on the editing our bylaws to update the definition of a voting quorum. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting (likely after the change in officers in early summer).

New Business

- None.

Announcements

- Given the simultaneous extension of the school year and compression of scheduled year-end activities, the June meeting will be canceled, and the next PTSA meeting will be Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the HSS Media Center.

Adjournment - 7:26 p.m.

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