

November 9, 2009

## Haverford High School PTSA

**Meeting Called By:** 7pm by Brigitte Gdovin

**Type of Meeting:** November 2009 PTSA

### Opening

Brigitte Gdovin

Meeting was called to order.

### Approval of Minutes

Mary Spada

Minutes were read and approved.

### Administrative Report

Dr. Jeff Nesbitt, Principal

Welcomed all those in attendance and noted that the school year was very positive to date!

- **H1N1**
  - HHS has been on the list with state for 8,000 vaccines. Liability issues is the reason why taking so long. Main Line Health will administer the vaccine – although not sure when or where. The school will NOT be closing! due to attendance. The school believes that attendance has hit a peak and is now getting better.
- **Fall Play**
  - This weekend is the play.
- **Homecoming**
  - Friday is the bonfire; Masquerade theme;
- **Academics**
  - Higher order thinking common assessments. Keystone testing (exams) coming! Teachers are spending more time. Testing is on analysis.
  - Another part – Level 2, 3, &1 – must have commonality. Baseline for all.
  - Question: state has not rolled timelines as yet. 2010/2011 there will be three – algebra, literature, and one of the sciences.
  - Three new ones each year – not sure if PSA will go away, nothing is confirmed. There is a possibility that schools may get their exams approved.
- **National Honor Society**
  - Tonight is the induction ceremony – must leave soon
- **QUESTIONS:**
  - *E-alerts?* There was a test – one of the attendees at the meeting noted that they signed up but didn't get the e-alert.
    - **Answer:** please try again – the website is the place to go for as this is updated most often. The first test was not successful – they are working on this issue.
  - *Radio Station – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – any kid associated with radio station is invited?*
    - **Answer:** Dr. Nesbitt noted that he is NOT planning this event. He noted that this event is by invitation for all others but kids are not getting them – they should be able to attend. It is Friday night.

## Faculty Report

Ms. Zeoli, HHS Faculty

- **Common Assessment**
  - Math working longer than other areas. Helps them understand where the “gaps” are – know they are doing all they can to clear up learning gaps. Math teachers like it.
- **Mrs. Ward**
  - Every year English teacher and Mr. Cobb. Global Educators – have international students come here and listen to cultural experiences. 80 to 90 attend presentation. This event is in early December.
    - Looking for funding in the past PTSA. In the past the PTSA provided funding that was used to offset their expenses (meals, food, clothes, etc.)
    - Cultural end is so intriguing – the personal conversation is very powerful.
  - **Question: Is there money in the budget to provide some funding for this event?**
    - **Answer:** will speak with Jackie Petragani the Treasurer.

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### Dr. Nesbitt left to attend NHS Inductee Event

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- **College and Career Bulletin**
  - There are a number of colleges coming to the school between now and the 17<sup>th</sup> – close to 20 are coming.
  - SAT TEST – 12/5/2009 – can still register w/late fee (12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline).
  - Kaplan – free SAT – on the 14<sup>th</sup> – information is on the website.
- **Food Drive - Thanksgiving**
  - This event has started already – this will go to the 19<sup>th</sup>. This year is really bad so please send in anything! Yes, they are taking turkeys – send them into school!!!
- **Field College**
  - They are offering five (5) scholarships – January 21<sup>st</sup> – application is online – information is on the guidance site.

## Officer's Reports

Officers

- **Co-Presidents (Katrina Coleman and Brigitte Gdovin)**
  - Brigitte has to leave for the NHS event – noted
    - Sent an email about having a special speaker – can review next meeting.
    - Ellen Fisher contacted her and would like to come and talk to us about more funding for TV station.
    - IDC next meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jackie Petragani)**
  - Confirmed that check for \$100 (Mr. Cobb) was cashed.
- **Vice President & Membership Chair (Meg Hagenbuch)**
  - 8 new members
- **Recording Secretary (Mary Spada)**
- **Corresponding Secretary (Donna Shelle)**
  - Cards were mailed!

## Committee Reports

- **Directory (Judy Donnelly)**
  - **Community Scholarship (Kelly Maguire)**
    - Kelly not in attendance.
  - **Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Katrina Coleman)**
    - Staff Appreciation luncheon is scheduled for 1/21/2010.
    - Approximately 200 faculty/staff.
    - Dish should be for made to serve 8/10 people.
    - Will be asking for those sending in a dish to send in the recipe!
    - Will be sending reminder notices.
  - **Volunteer Coordinator (Mary Spada)**
  - **IDC Representative (Mike Stein reported).**
  - **BLAST (Judy and John Donnelly)**
    - Down on volunteers!!!
    - Open House was a flop!
    - Fundraiser happening now – John Henry Pub – portion of the money made this week by eating there will go towards the BLAST.
    - Need Fortune Tellers!!!
    - Sending mailers to all seniors – donation letter.
- (OPEN DISCUSSION about BLAST and future):***
- Looking for ways to promote – what about the township site (free)? What about the TV station?
  - Discussed teachers involvement – it would be great to get them on board!! – TV studio –

## Old Business

- **Website**
  - Mike said what his item could wait...

## New Business

- **Ellen Fischer**
  - Expect to have a presentation in January – hand outs. Television studio is up and running. Pretty Exciting!
  - A little over budget – need another 30K. The District budgeted 93K originally – 25 short of that – share in commitment.
  - Looking for the PTO to help with some of the money. Also looking for money from the state.
  - Certainly aware of challenges in raising money.
  - Education Foundation – would like to see smaller donations – but more of them. All these are stakeholders – take ownership – figure out how to do this better.
  - Understands the PTSA procedures – forwarded foundation newsletter.
  - Thanks! For your support.

- **QUESTIONS?**

- *Has there been an open forum? (this related to the meeting and how to get more people involved in this organization)*
  - Many members and attendees had an open discussion about attendance, ability for those attending to feel comfortable in approaching the members, asking questions, getting involved.
  - Discussed how “everyone” is busy with life – this meeting happens once a month.
  - Cannot send things home with kids in school.
  - Need more involvement –
  - Maybe “Bring a friend” meeting? Good idea.
- *What about having speakers?*
  - Maria Smith -- Introduced herself – she works at DCCH – there are innovations in Breast Cancer treatments. This may bring more people to the meeting if they wanted to hear more about this topic.
  - Discussion about speakers and past experiences. Several members of the committee noted that they have had speakers in the past but it was embarrassing. They have bought in great speakers and no one came – not good!

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM**