

## Haverford High School PTSA

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

**Type of Meeting:** October 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!

- **Clubs**

- This week they would be introductions to clubs at the school. 9<sup>th</sup> graders would have an extended homeroom, go to gymnasium to look at all the clubs and sign-up to join those they are interested. There are many clubs – they and go. The traditional ones (best buddies, National Honor Society, and Art Club) are continuous. WHHS – 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is a new R.C. club – flying small helicopters and airplanes at 6a.m. The school encourages those with an interest. Clubs are created when there is interest, students get signatures of those wanting to be in the club and then get a faculty member to sign/support it.

- **H1N1**

- Recently, the local catholic schools have closed due to large number of kids being absent. HHS will NOT close as this is not recommended by the state. Please speak with your children and not spread rumors about illnesses and school closing. If your child is sick, please keep them home. If they have a fever, they are not to return to school for 24 hours after the fever breaks.

- **Philadelphia Magazine (Top 50 High Schools)**

- In response to the magazine article, Haverford would have made the top 50 and should have been in the top 20 easily. The school does track SAT scores year to year. The average scores have increased with Math going from 528 to 537; Reading from 520 to 522. AP scores are also tracked – there were 170 students in 2001 and 236 students in 2008. PSSA scores have decreased. As discussed last meeting, the school is on “warning” and is working to raise these scores; however, this is complex in that it includes those students with IEPs and there are close to 100 students in HHS. Many of these students are taking level 2 classes. The school would like to see improvement and will continue to work towards this goal.

Brigitte noted that we would allow Ms. Zeoli and Mr. Stein to complete their reports as they needed to leave the meeting early.

## Faculty Report

Ms. Zeoli, HHS Faculty

- **College Information**
  - There are a number of colleges visiting this week. Students must sign-up with their guidance counselor..
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>: 11a.m. to 3p.m. Philadelphia Convention Center
  - H-Vision – showing on Wednesday and Fridays. Kids really like it. Mr. Buck works really hard with them. Last Friday there was a Muppets theme which got the teachers involved doing silly things.
    - **Question:** Is this on local access channel: lots of discussion right now but the answer is no. One of the sticking points is a conversion issue (technological).
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Mrs. Cook and Peggy DeFranseco. This is a 30 day walk, faculty and students all getting involved. There are about 30 to 40 faculty and students. They get pedometers and track the number of steps they take in a day online via google document. The highest number was 25,000 per day! There was a cupcake sale, which sold out by 9a.m. – they were .50 cents.
- **Website (Mike Stein)**
  - Online worked! There is room for improvement for next year!!
  - In working with those needing the data for volunteers, there is a need to reconfigure and collect different data.
  - Will be looking for more feedback as there will be a better front-end and back-end.
  - 307 paid on-online via pay PayPal and 56 mailed a check.

## Officer's Reports

Officers

- **Treasurer's Report (Jackie Petragnani)**
  - Handed out the budget for this year.
  - Membership Dues: 1/3 earmarked for B.L.A.S.T.; 2/3 for operating expenses
  - Membership is down!!!

**BUDGET APPROVED!**
- **Vice President & Membership Chair (Meg Hagenbuch)**
  - Membership is down!!
  - 545 members – less than 40%.
- **Recording Secretary (Mary Spada)**
- **Corresponding Secretary (Donna Shelle)**
  - Need to know when things happen – as the PTSA wants to let those people know that someone cares. One teacher is getting married and one had a baby.
    - There was a discussion about sending cards to families whom may have experienced a loss. Dr. Nesbitt noted that he cannot divulge any information to the PTSA. Others noted that some families may want things kept private. It was concluded that we could send to families whom joined the PTSA and only those as we have their addresses in the membership directory.
- **Co-Presidents (Katrina Coleman and Brigitte Gdovin)**

## Committee Reports

- **Directory (Judy Donnelly)**
  - The books were organized and put into teachers mailboxes tonight. Homeroom teachers will hand out to students.
- **Community Scholarship (Kelly Maguire)**
  - Kelly DiSanto will be working with Kelly.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Katrina Coleman)**
  - Staff Appreciation luncheon is scheduled for 1/21/2010.
- **Volunteer Coordinator (Mary Spada)**
  - Received report from Mike; waiting for forms but it seems that there is a drastic reduction in families volunteering. Most families volunteered for staff appreciation luncheon.
- **IDC Representative (Mike Stein reported)**
  - HHS representative will be Girija Nagaswami.
- **BLAST (Judy and John Donnelly)**
  - It is starting!! Open House scheduled for Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Looking for volunteers – the numbers for this year are down!.
  - Need Co-chair!!! – to shadow them as this is their last year since their daughter is graduating.

## Old Business

- **Legacy/By Laws/Ways & Means**
  - Need to start moving on reviewing and updating as necessary.
  - Question – do we need a committee? Yes.

## New Business

- **Date Changes**
  - NHS Inductions – on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Same night as our next meeting – we will hurry along so folks can get to that meeting, which starts at 7:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm**