

October 2014 PTSA Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee: Carol Buehler, Charmagne Newman, Denise McDermott, and Flossie DelGaone

In Attendance: Carol Buehler, Sangeetha Sambandam, Matthew Wells, Charmagne Newman, Lillian Mittleman Rhonda Rich, Denise McDermott, Yoonie Lint, Flossie DelGaone and Dr. Nesbitt.

Meeting called to order by Denise McDermott at 7:05 pm.

Administrative Report, delivered by Dr. Jeff Nesbitt, Principal

- *Dr Nesbitt talks about standardized testing and results of AP testing
 - *National Merit Finals and Achievement scholars
 - *Back to school night was a success
 - *Waiting for senior photos
 - *Challenges with new website
 - *How to use new website-calendar and emails
 - *School lunch-milk available, water has to be purchased from vending machine
 - *Junior class 90% successful on Keystones
 - *League of Women Voters sponsored a forum on the Keystone Exams and-the need for testing data. The presentation is on YouTube.
 - *Chrome books are coming around the end of January. Students will have to sign an agreement. Complete details online: Go to student services menu and look for the Chromebooks presentation for more information. Fall is set for the 9th graders. No trackers for chrome books due to privacy.
 - *Other schools are reporting positive results with the Chromebooks. Replacement costs are figured out - if lost or stolen or an investigation is done to determine cost. Teachers have the opportunity to use Chromebooks if they want to, but are not required.

Faculty Reports: delivered by Matt Wells

- *Sara Coletta is out tonight, Matt Wells in attendance
- * Very excited about the new stuff going on at Haverford, Excitement surrounding Chromebooks and Canvas (interface mostly used in colleges-a website to put notes on, good for storage, can give quizzes on, discussion board, very interactive, algebra one graphing easy to use and can use online source

- *Math Lab (math help) is open again from Monday to Thursday, great resource for students to use. Staffed by math educators, discussion about the quality of teaching in the math lab.
- *Guidance department is putting together systems for athletics, for school spirit, a lot of positive changes, different attitudes.
- *Matt is available anytime to help with anything. You can contact Matt at Mwells@haverford.org
- *Halloween event for young children
- *Homecoming is the Friday before Thanksgiving, lots of events surrounding Homecoming and the annual Thanksgiving game vs. Upper Darby.

New Business

- *Home and School registration is still open
- *Discussion on the Keystone Exams. Parents in attendance expressed the need to fight as parents to remove these as graduation requirements. Some site personal examples. Important that we rally together. Department of Education has not assisted in this matter.
- *Guest speaker-discussion about a guest speaker in the spring; Dr Nesbitt asked what is the budget allotted for that; Denise expressed that we are getting good at fundraising.
- *Radnor wants to do more networking with the PTA's in the area-per Charmagne. We are working on get some meeting together with neighboring districts
- *Clarify is a nonprofit organization that will present a program on budgeting for college at HHS on November 12 and 19. Initial program is free. Cost for their consultation is about \$125. They work with families to compare 3 colleges and cost of each.
- *Superfresh-Escript; HHS is now participating so families that shop at Superfresh can register their store cards. Last year, we participated with Giant and made \$2300. (We're again participating with Giant's A+ Rewards program.) Charmagne will check out Target and see if we can join its program.
- * Homecoming - Parents may be needed to help chaperone for Homecoming dance and work the coat/bag check at the dance.

Reports

Treasurer-Carol Buehler

\$2,587.64; about 100 families have paid dues for 2014-15
 Put a reminder out there for people to pay-back to school night in Jan/Feb
 We made \$2000. from Pacifico Ford's Drive 4 UR School event.

Committee reports

*Teachers luncheon is Thursday January 22nd.

Sign up genius for dishes to share the load

*IDC (Inter-district Council) learned about the BLAST and need for parents from all schools to help. They discussed whether elementary and middle school kids can contribute, maybe girl and boy scouts can help with cleaning, Sofia will connect with them. Service clubs at elementary school are being contacted to help also.

*BLAST –Need help for the café for next year. Amy is working on fundraiser events for the blast. Will be reaching out the lower school PTOs to ensure success for the blast

*Scholarship

Jill will be in touch. Welcome Yoonie to Scholarship committee.

Request to Share Trip Info

Got a request from a teacher from Lynnewood about advertising for a trip sponsored by the People to People organization; the teacher is a chaperone and asked if we would share information on Facebook, our website and through our email list. Decided info could be posted on our web pages but no email.

No November or December meeting, next meeting will be in February.

Meeting ended at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Flossie DelGaone