



PTO Business Meeting Minutes October 20, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 9:02 am

Secretary – Kelly McMahon requested approval of the September 19, 2016 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Tara Degeer and second by Mary Rayis. Motion carried. Minutes approved with revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Tanya Andoniadis reported that we are on budget for the year. Tanya explained that the PTO does not reimburse for sale tax. She will begin kicking back receipts and not reimbursing the sales tax. Everyone should use the Hinsdale Central PTO tax exempt letter when making purchases. Sarah Magnesen and Tanya can provide you a copy of the letter.

President's Report

The directory is still being working on because there were challenges with scrubbing the data before it went to print, and we did not receive the data from the school until 3 weeks into the school year. The directory is at the printer and it is expected to be completed by the end of October. It will be distributed in English classes and the Cafeteria.

Principal's Report

Mr. Walsh reminded everyone that parent teacher conferences are Thursday, October 21st and Friday, October 22nd. The school is currently piloting the One to One computer program. The teachers are interested in more professional development to help them plan curriculum using the computers. The district is addressing the WiFi and servers on campus and they are assuming 3 devices per person in the schools to size the infrastructure appropriately. The administration is finalizing the Program of Studies for next year. Some new classes include AP German which will replace German 4 honors, a Technology Support Internship class in the Business Education department. One of the assignments for this class is the students will be the help desk for the One to One computers. In the summer 2017, students will be able to take classes that will make them AP ready. Regarding AP class enrollment, 35% of Hinsdale Central students take AP courses and 50% of Hinsdale South students take AP classes. Mr. Walsh is considering doing a block class for science and math. Finally they are looking to offer a dual credit class through College of DuPage for pre-engineering 1.

Committee Reports

Coat Check – Teena Rajan, the committee chair, thanked everyone who volunteered for the Homecoming coat check. Everyone had a great time getting to know one another better while helping the students with coat check. Teena will be looking for volunteers in February for the turnabout dance.

Conversations – The November 16 speaker will be Judge Cerne who will be presenting Seven Reasons to Leave a Party. This is an excellent presentation and a must see for all parents of high schoolers.

Devils Diner – no report

Directory – See the President's Report for details.

D86 Speaker Series – There will be two speakers and one documentary this year. The first speaker is **Madeline Levine**, *Fostering Childhood & Teen Success Without Compromising Mental Health or Losing the Joy of Learning*, October 27, 2016, 9:30-11:00 am and October 27, 2016, 7:00-8:30 pm, both at The Community House.

Families Helping Families - The annual fundraiser will be during the Parent Teacher conferences. The Cheerleaders have also been collecting for Families Helping Families at the football games.

Make a Difference – no report



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Middle School Transition - This committee is hosting two Middle School to Hinsdale Central Transition meetings for current 8th grade parents in the HCHS feeder schools. Mr. Walsh, HCHS Principal, and John Bruesch, Assistance Principal of Curriculum, will share insights and advice with parents about the Hinsdale Central curriculum, registration process, and factors to consider when working with their student to compile his/her four-year high school academic plan and to select freshman year classes. These presentations will be Monday, November 14th at 7:00pm at Clarendon Hills Middle School and Thursday November 17th at 7:00pm at Hinsdale Middle School. We will make sure to reach out to the private schools about these presentations.

Parent Network – On 11/9 there will be a presentation on transitioning to HCHS with an IEP or 504. On 11/16 a finals prep workshop open to all students and parents, presented by Village Tutors. In February there will be a presentation on writing a timed essay, and March’s presentation will be transition to college. Tara Degeer gave an update on the progress of The Parent List which was launched one year ago by Audrey Galvin and Tara Degeer. There are currently 50 reviews on the list and it has been rolled out to CHMS and HMS in addition to Hinsdale Central parents. It also has been rolled out to one of the D181 elementary school parents.

Reading Rocks – Last week (Oct 14) the library and PE department combined for the first time with the reading marathon kick off. During the month of November (anti bullying/ “Dude, Be Nice” month), author, Page Raul, will be visiting. She was born HIV positive and experienced bullying first hand. Her talk will focus on her book Positive.

The Reading Rocks committee will be supporting the marathon events with dessert donations. All members of the PTO will be invited to donate via sign up genius. The first date is Thursday, Dec. 15. Please look for this sign up reminder.

Reading Rocks is looking for a new chair for the 2017-2018 school year. Contact Sarah Magnesen or Pam Keseric if you are interested.

Teacher Appreciation – The committee is held a teacher appreciation lunch in the cafeteria on October 4th.

New Business

A group of parents, including Mary Rayis, John Rayis and Shirley Paulson, gave a presentation proposing that we form a new PTO committee, The PTO Athletic Committee. The proposed objective of the committee would be to pull together the parent leaders from all of the various sports team parent clubs to exchange ideas of what they all do to support their teams, such as templates for Rosters, banquet planning, photo sharing with teams, spirit wear sources, etc. This could help newly forming parent clubs for a team to get ideas and have an easier time forming the parent booster club. There was also discussion about potentially creating a webpage as a resource for parents to get information firsthand about the various athletic teams, seasons, tryouts and coaches. This would be very helpful for new Hinsdale Central families. This Committee would need zero funds. It was decided to post the group’s presentation on the PTO website and have a vote at the November 16th PTO meeting on whether or not to form this committee.

Next Meeting, November 16, 2016 at 9:00 AM

Conversations: 10:00am - Seven Reasons to Leave a Party

Next D86 BOE meeting is Monday, November 7, 7 PM at Hinsdale Central

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly McMahon, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary