



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016**

Meeting Called to order at 9:02 am

Secretary – Kelly McMahon requested approval of the October 20, 2016 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Pam Garvin and second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Tanya Andoniadis reported that we are on budget for the year. One outstanding item is that a couple of vendors that participated in the Tutor Network have not paid their fee.

President’s Report

The cheerleaders collected \$2000 for Families Helping Families this year instead of making blankets for the hospital. They presented the check at the meeting.

Principal’s Report

Athletics – the Boys Golf team won State, the Girls Tennis team won State and Brendan O’Reilly placed 1st individually in Golf with the lowest tournament score.

The National School Climate Survey is coming out next week on Home Access. It is a survey to understand the general wellness of schools across the state. Mr. Walsh encouraged all parents and students to take the survey.

There was a Senior ditch day on Halloween and there is discussion of 7 or 8 more panned ditch days for this school year. Mr. Walsh asked parents not to call their student out on these days. The students should feel the consequences of not attending school. There are three absence codings:

Excused – parents calling students off for doctor appointments or illness. No consequences

Unexcused no parent call– potential for truancy

Unexcused parent called student out – no ramifications or consequences

Committee Reports

Book Fair – November 19th and 20th they are holding a sale at Barnes and Noble to benefit the HCHS PTO. Sign up to volunteer on Sign Up Genius.

Devils Diner – the committee handed out treats during Halloween and Red Ribbon Week.

Directory – The directories are in and are being distributed at lunch on November 16th.

D86 Speaker Series – Madeline Levine spoke on Fostering Childhood & Teen Success on October 27th. Over 500 people attended the sessions. The next speaker is Kristen Race who will be speaking about Mindful Parenting at the Community House on February 7th 7:00 – 8:30PM and February 8th 9:30 – 11:00AM. Also the Speaker series will be presenting a documentary film called Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Delaney Ruston. The screening and discussion will be at the Community House May 2nd 7:00 – 9:00PM and May 3rd 9:30 – 11:30AM.

Holiday Breakfast – Fatima Hussain and Mariana Giebel have another wonderful holiday breakfast planned for the teachers on December 15th before school. They need many volunteers to help set up and decorate on Wednesday December 14th, take down decorations on December 15th or provide homemade baked goods. Sign up on Sign Up Genius.

Interview Skills Workshop – This event is for students to practice their interview skills in a mock interview situation. This event is January 29th. Slots are limited so students are encouraged to sign up.

Make a Difference – no report



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Middle School Transition - This committee held the first of 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, shared 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. About 250 parents attended the first meeting Monday, November 14th at 7:00pm at Clarendon Hills Middle School. The second presentation is Thursday November 17th at 7:00pm at Hinsdale Middle School. The HMS PTO is hosting a parent panel immediately following the November 17th presentation.

Parent Network – The committee is hosting a finals prep workshop open to all students and parents, presented by Village Tutors on November 16th. In February there will be a presentation on writing a timed essay, and March’s presentation will be transition to college.

Reading Rocks – The reading marathon kicked off October 13th. 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.

Teacher Appreciation – The committee held a teacher appreciation lunch in the cafeteria on October 4th and they distributed apples to the teachers. In November they are giving the teachers pumpkin pies and in December they will be making an appeal to the parents to make a donation to the PTO in honor of a teacher.

New Business

The PTO voted on the proposed formation of a new PTO Athletic Committee. There was much discussion about the benefits of having a PTO Committee to help collaboration across all of the sports teams at Hinsdale Central to promote information share across the various parent organizations that support each team on topics such as budget, spirit wear, fund raising events, tryouts, banquets, parent communication, contacts, manuals and documents to hand down to future parents whose children are involved in the sport, etc. There was much discussion about whether this committee should be a PTO committee or if the responsibility lies within the HCHS Athletic Department. Dan Jones, Hinsdale Central Athletic Director, explained that five years ago the parent sports organizations were all over the place. At that time the school starting requiring the various parent sports organizations to submit a Treasurer’s Report. Dan Jones said he was happy to convene the parent sports organization leaders and spearhead collaboration effort. The following proposal was presented: Should the Hinsdale Central High School PTO form a PTO Athletic Committee. The proposal was not passed with 7 members voting – Yes and 19 members voting – No.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Conversations: 10:00am – AP and Honors Glasses with Asst. Principal John Bruesch

Next D86 BOE meeting is Monday, November 21, 7 PM at Hinsdale Central

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly McMahon, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary