



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017**

Meeting Called to order at 9:01 am

Secretary – Kelly McMahon requested approval of the April 19, 2017 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Fatima Hussain and second by Karin Schueler. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Tanya Andoniadis – Tanya distributed the Budget and Actuals Report. Check requests are due to Tanya by the end of May. Fatima Hussain is taking over as Treasurer next year.

President’s Report

Sarah Magnesen reported that the Brindley family, in memory of their son of Michael, will be sponsoring a Young Hearts for Life Cardiac screening for every student at Hinsdale Central in September 2017. Dr. Joseph Marek, an Oak Brook resident, is the founder of Young Hearts for Life, for which more information can be found at <http://www.yh4l.org>.

Good Samaritan Hospital and just1mike Foundation, founded in memory of Hinsdale Central student Michael Brindley Class of 2018, are sponsoring the cardiac screening event at Hinsdale Central, similar to screenings that have been held as LT, Nazareth, Downers Grove North and South, Naperville and Wheaton high schools. Kathy Marek from Young Hearts for Life (YHFL) and Christy Brindley presented the details of the event at the meeting. The cardiac screening is an EKG that screens for conditions that cause sudden death. Sixty young adults die each year in the US from undetected heart conditions. YHFL has been screening students for 11 years and of the 170,000 students screened they have found 2100 students with a heart condition. The YHFL screening will detect 70% of sudden death heart defects while regular sports physicals detect 4%. The recommendation is that 14 – 24 years olds should have a cardiac screening every 2 years. A screening usually costs \$75 - \$150, but it will be administered to HC students for free on September 7, 2017. Alternatively students can go to Good Samaritan and request a Young Heart for Life screening for \$35.

The following are the reasons why people will not do the screening: 1. Too many false positives (YHFL false abnormal rate is <2%), 2. The program uses volunteers to administer the EKG (the volunteers are thoroughly trained on administering the EKG and the EKG will be read out side of the high school by a professional).

The day of the test there will be 30 stations set up . The tests will be administered during gym classes. There will be a plan for the PE exempt students. Each test takes 5 to 8 minutes and it is painless.

PR for the cardiac screening event will begin August 16, 2017. Ideas discussed for getting the word out were leveraging the Booster Club, the two HC Student Social Chairs, Facebook posts, Health classes, during walk-in registration at the Book Store, the Clarendon Hills Mom’s list. The PTO will send out information to the Hinsdale Central families in May. We will need 100 parent volunteers to help administer the EKGs in the Fall. The volunteers will go through training September 6th and administer the EKGs September 7th.

Principal’s Report

No report

Committee Reports

Book Swap – Lynn Hare reported that Jessica Hurt provided the book list for 2017-2018. Jessica will be the liaison to the department heads. Hinsdale Central replaced very few books this year, so there will be a lot of opportunity to sell/buy books in the Book Swap. Lynn made a new instructional video. The Book Swap is live and a flyer has been sent out through the PTO eblast.

Devils Diner – The final treat of the year will be ice cream for the students the week of May 22.



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017**

D86 Speaker Series –The final Speaker Series event for the year was a documentary film presented on May 2nd and 3rd, entitled Screenagers: *Growing up in the Digital Age*, with a followup Q&A session with Dr. Ruston, the filmmaker. There were over 500 people in attendance. The speakers have been arranged for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- November 16 and 17th** – Jessica Lahey author of *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*
- February 21st and 22nd, 2018** Michael Bradley speaks about teen emotional health.
- May 2018** - Michael Thompson speaks about boy development and stress

8th Grade Parents Coffee – Karin Schueler reported that there was a great turnout for the coffee with over 120 parents in attendance. There was a lot of spirit wear sold and there was a great vibe, and several committees had parents sign up to volunteer.

Families Helping Families – This is a self-funding committee that helps Hinsdale Central families in need. Dr. Law put in a request that there is a family in grave need of help.

Insight Collaboration – This is a self-funding committee. Maureen Claffy a Hinsdale Central Alum and parent created two paintings and donated them to the school. She is selling prints of those paintings as a fund raiser for this committee. The committee is holding a fundraiser in May which is Mental Health Awareness month. The funds collected will be used to fund therapy for students who cannot afford it. The mini posters do fit in student lockers.

Hinsdale Panhellenic – On May 22, 7:00pm at The Community House, Cyndi Meyers is hosting a meeting for all Senior girls and their parents to share information about sororities and help them with the process of applying to sororities. It will be a 1 hour presentation and a panel of current sorority girls. Packets of information will be provided to the senior girls.

Red Devil Spirit Scholarships – Ten students have been selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships, which will be presented to them at the May 25th scholarship presentation.

Teacher Appreciation – May 3rd the committee hosted a dessert buffet for teachers. Pam Garvin has done a great job with this committee over the years. Nancy and Kathy are taking over next year.

New Business

Wish list items from Teachers – Sarah Magnesen reached out to the teachers to see if there are items needed for the class room that the PTO could donate. The PTO Exec Board will discuss and decide on donation amounts. This is the wishlist:

- Art Department – Set of art books about Creativity and The Dance of the Impossible for the classroom: \$330 - \$325
 - Science Department – topographic map system – they are seeking a grant from companies and would appreciate \$500 from the PTO
 - Science Department – STEM research hand books \$TBD
 - Word Languages – new smartboard: \$2100
- The current total cost of the requests is about \$3200**

Introduction of new PTO Board for 2017-2018 – Suzanne Wychocki (President), Mary Henneman (Vice President), Fatima Hussain (Treasurer), and Secretary is TBD



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017**

Recognition of Retiring PTO Committee Chairs – Pam Garvin and Beth Usher (Teacher Appreciation), Pam Keseric (Reading Rocks), Lisa Derezinski (Make A Difference), Sarah Taylor Guenther (Book Fair), Theresa Nevling (New Family Network), Sue Shupe (Safety and Discipline), Mary Brown (8th Grade Coffee)

Next Meeting, Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Conversations: The Hinsdale Central High School Leadership Team will present, 10:00AM

Next D86 BOE meeting is Tuesday, May 31, 2017, 7 PM at Hinsdale Central High School

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly McMahon, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary