



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2016**

Meeting Called to order at 9:02 am

Secretary – Kelly McMahon requested approval of the May 18, 2016 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Cathy Daly and second by Dave Beener. Motion carried. Minutes approved with revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Tanya Andoniadis distributed the 2016-2017 Hinsdale Central PTO Expenses Budget.

President's Report

Sarah reported that we have Chairs for our 25 committees and she thanked everyone for volunteering.

Principal's Report

Mr. Walsh deferred his comments to the Conversations presentation that was to follow the PTO business meeting.

Committee Reports

Book Fair – The committee held a book fair at Barnes and Noble in early June 2016 and raised \$269. They may have another book fair around the holidays.

Book Swap – Lynn Hare reported that \$15,197 worth of books were swapped. It could be as much as 30% more because there are books that have sold, but not removed from the website. May charge a fee in the future to list books.

Coat Check – The committee needs five more volunteers to work Homecoming on Oct 1st. There is an early and a late shift, and 15 of the 20 volunteer slots have been filled.

Conversations – Conversations are speakers that happen at 10:00am following the monthly PTO business meetings. Today's Conversations is featuring Dr. Law, Mr. Walsh and key leaders from the Hinsdale Central Administration. The October 19th presentation called UnCollege will cover gap year programs. The November 16 speaker will be Judge Cerne who will be presenting 7 Reasons to Leave a Party. This is an excellent presentation and a must see for all parents of high schoolers.

Devils Diner – On May 20th, the last day of real classes, the committee distributed ice cream to the students. The tentative treat days this year will be for Halloween, Valentine's Day and Christmas or St. Patrick's Day.

Directory – Sarah Lewensohn is collating all of the names, addresses and numbers that were provided by the school. There are about 2000 households Sarah needs volunteers to help proof the information before the directory goes to print. Kathy Pasalini (did the directory at Butler) and Michelle Sullivan volunteered to help. There was discussion about exploring an online directory service. D181 is using A to Z.

D86 Speaker Series – There will be two speakers and one documentary this year. The first 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.



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Families Helping Families - The annual fundraiser will be during the Parent Teacher conferences. The Cheerleaders will also be collecting for Families Helping Families at the football games. They have collected \$700 so far.

Father Daughter – Margaret is working on a venue and date for the event, but expects it to be sometime in late February or middle of March. Margaret will be recruiting volunteers once a date is set.

Freshman Parties – Cathy Daly reported that the parent party was changed this year to one location, The Community House, versus several smaller parties at people’s homes. The committee volunteers donated the pizza, water, soda and desserts. The cost was \$10 per person. There were 308 RSVPs of yes of which about 200 people attended. It was suggested that we move to a different night next year perhaps Thursday. It was also suggested to use drink tickets or wrist bands for the alcoholic beverages instead of having one cover charge for everyone.

Holiday Breakfast – The committee will need volunteers on December 14th to help set up and December 15th the day of the event.

Insight Collaboration – This committee works through the Social Workers to help defray the cost of counseling or therapy for students who can not afford it.

Make a Difference – This committee awards 6 awards four times per year to teachers who are making a difference for students. They are seeking more volunteers.

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 Hinsdale Middle School. We will make sure to reach out to the private schools about these presentations.

Parent Network – On 8/10 the committee hosted a Parent Prep Night which over 100 people attended. 8/25 they held the Tutor Expo in the Hinsdale Central Cafeteria. It was very well attended and very crowded, so they may limit the number of tutors next year. They combined their tutor list with Guidance’s list this year. The event raised \$3000 from the tutor participation fees. 9/14 there will be a presentation on Special ED at D86 given by Tammy Prentiss. 10/13 there will be an advocacy presentation geared toward parents of students with IEP and 504. 11/9 there will be a presentation on transitioning to HCHS with an IEP or 504. 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

Reading Rocks – Will be holding a reading marathon.

Teacher Appreciation – The committee is holding a teacher appreciation lunch in the cafeteria on October 4th. They will be looking for volunteers to donate baked goods.



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New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting, October 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM

Conversations: UnCollege – Taking a GAP Year

Next D86 BOE meeting is Monday, October 3 &:00pm at Hinsdale South

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McMahon, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary