



PTO Business Meeting Minutes April 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM

Secretary:

Lynn Hare requested approval of the January 17th minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Sarah Magnesen and second by Karen Knutson.

Presidents Report:

Suzanne Wychocki announced she is moving with her family and will be stepping down as president. Mary Henneman will be President, Lynn Hare Vice-president and Fatima Hussain will stay on as Treasurer and Vendita Yada will be Secretary. Some committee people are transitioning and those chairs will be contacted and Suzanne will follow up as to their commitment level.

Principals Report:

Jessica Hurt, Assistant Principal for Curriculum

Ryan Maita, Assistant Principal for Operations

Ryan reported **Book Buyback will be May 30 and 31'st 7:30am to 1pm** in the field house.

Residency and Registration Process: People should have had two communications in regard to this. The school has contracted with a third party entity called the "Clear Corporation" which will verify residency through public documents. Parents will no longer need to upload things on Info Snapp. **Early June parents will get their "Snapp Code"** to finish the registration process. Question was asked how this company gets the information to clear residency. Ryan explained that this company utilizes public records, the same records Law enforcement use to verify people's addresses. Lots of other school districts use this system. If parents are uncomfortable with this process, or any time a student's record is being shared, they can "Opt. Out" and then they are required to make an appointment with the Registrar's office in order to provide the necessary documentation to prove residency. The process will still be run through "Clear" but through your name not your students. They are not sharing any information that is not public already. Jessica clarified, using "Clear" is going to save staff hours. If you are not, by chance verified, then they will let you know what to do. If students are **not verified by July 1st**, then they will be dropped.

July 15th the MBS Book Site will be open as well as being able to **pay fees on Push Coin**.

Question was asked where a parent can find out if there are outstanding fees from Library. Jessica said Library fees are the responsibility of the student to take care of throughout the year and are not in Push Coin.

On Site Registration Days will be July 25 8am-4pm, July 26 12pm-8pm, July 30 8am-4pm
July 31 8am-4pm.

Suzanne talked about renaming some of the terms used in the registration process to make it more clear. Ryan said they used to refer to part of the process as “Book Week” which had nothing to do with books. He said they are working on renaming some aspects like “On Site Registration” instead of “Book Week”. Suzanne said it’s still confusing because of so many steps being referred to as “Registration”. Jessica explained that we are one of the few High Schools that have a residency component in their registration process so that adds to the confusion. They are trying to do away with the “on site” portion of the registration process and market the “Push Coin” to pay fees and use the **Webstore** for Year Books, PTO, Gym Gear all the add-ons. Currently that is the only reason why they still need “On Site Registration”.

Jessica reported about SAT testing and how well it went for 700 Juniors who took the test. School is hitting new highs for how many AP exams were registered for (2,500). This is a really busy time for Department heads and students trying to juggle regular classes and taking these exams.

Seniors Opting out of Finals: This is an experiment this year and concerns only second semester Finals. Seniors were given a choice as to whether they will take their Finals based on information given to them in advance. This is an effort to have the student own their own learning. She is very interested in seeing how this all turns out and how many students choose to skip the exams. There are schools who allow Freshman to opt out of some Finals.

Prom: May 5th. Hinsdale Central does NOT endorse a Senior Ditch Day May 7th. It is an unexcused absence even if you call them in. Graduation is the 24th. If weather is bad and it needs to be held indoors, this is a large class so only four tickets per student. If it’s outdoors, then the number is unlimited. Question was asked how long is Graduation? Jessica said usually an hour and a half but may run a bit longer.

Committee Reports:

8th Grade Coffee:

Karen Knudsen asked if we had anything for Freshman Parent Party sign-ups. Karen asked about Parent Music Association not hearing back. Suzanne will go to Department chair, Mark to see what is going on. Suzanne asked that there definitely be a table for them and she will follow-up. Middle School Liason, still has not heard back from Kelly. Mary said she will send out the eblast to the middle schools since Kelly is not going to be the liaison after this year. Lynn was asked about Book Swap, which she informed the group that Book Swap will be retired this year, and people will be redirected to a site on Facebook which is self-managed. Karen asked

about Father daughter dance. Suzanne talked about how this was the last year. The PTO Poster Boards need to be redone. Suzanne will talk to Karen about it after the meeting.

Community Speaker Series:

May 1st and 2nd. Hala Hindi reported next topics, The Nature of Boys. Committee is working on next years speakers, one about the Internet and one about Girls. They will advertise the speakers on the PTO website and the D86 Foundation site.

Freshman Parent Party:

Looking for a Chairperson. Second or third week in September. We have volunteers for the Party, but need a coordinator.

Insight Collaboration:

Suzanne explained this is a committee that works confidentially with the School Social Workers, that provide the funding for students for counseling who otherwise can't afford it at the Community house. This is Mental Health month and Cristen Orput is the chairperson and is doing a drive to raise funds for this service.

Make a Difference Awards:

Went out already, but the form is on the PTO Site

Parent List:

Run by a former parent, but she is looking for someone interested in taking this over and managing this list. It is updated every six months. If you have a child with an eating disorder, great resource.

Teacher Appreciation:

Kathy Schilder reported that they are going to do a month of Teacher Appreciation in April. She was looking for a student artist to help with posters. She is going to reach out to the art department. Mrs. Golden is retiring from District 181, hosting a concert for her in May.

Panhellenic Night:

Sarah Magnesen reported, that the Alumni Area Panhellenic Association is hosting their annual event for Senior girls interested in joining a Sorority. The event is May 21st at 7pm, HCHS Auditorium, not the Community House as in the past. Sarah will have a table in the Cafeteria with information about joining a Sorority available a couple of times prior to this event.

Announcement of Next Meeting

Community Speaker Series

Dr Michael Thompson

The Nature of Boys

Tuesday May 1, 2018 7pm, Community House

Wednesday May 2, 2018 9:30 am Community House

Next PTO Business Meeting:

September 12, 2018 9:00am HCHS

Meeting Adjourned 9:59 am

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Hare, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary