



# Hilton Head Island High School

## HHI Seahawks PTSO Inc.

### October 11, 2022

#### **Welcome & Sign In- 12:30pm**

**Attendance:** Steve Schidrich, Annette Lee, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Ellen Simmons, Kelly Ruckno, Elise Simons, Caroline Summa, Tina Rohr, Marisa Wagner, Joheida Fister, Audrey Clayton, Lindy Bison, Lynn Gorrell, Jen Fielding, Jan Davis-Vader

#### **Principal's Report- Steve Schidrich**

##### HOMECOMING:

##### Totals:

- Dance ticket sales- Total \$5540 = Advance ticket sales \$2,000 + At-the-door \$3,540. Minus the cost of supplies leaves a profit of \$5306.34.
- Powder Puff- T-shirts \$2960, cost \$392. Attendance first day \$683, second day \$432.
- Tournament registration fees \$654.

Tammy Videla Scholarship - break down is still pending. If total intake was \$6,000, there will probably be three \$2,000 scholarships. The scholarship will be reoccurring every year. Suggestions were made to form a committee and a process to evaluate applications, in order to avoid any nepotism. Also Jan suggested to ask parents and community members if they wanted to contribute to the fund.

Homecoming Dance: There were enough snacks but we needed more water. Student feedback was great, except for the temperature. Of note, the air conditioner was working, but there were so many people, that it couldn't keep up. There was a great mix of students, including a lot of multilingual students.

In general, homecoming went really well. Mr Schidrich commented that this was the highest school spirit he's ever seen, unaffected by the security incidents that occurred at Beaufort High School and the prank that targeted 25 other high schools throughout the state in the preceding days. There was a lot of participation in the dress up days and especially the tournaments. The pep rally was great and the teachers performed a flash mob dance.

Annette Lee left the meeting.

##### SEAT TIME/FAILURE DUE TO ABSENCE (FA):

Now that we are "post-COVID," the state-required attendance policy is being enforced this year; otherwise we could lose our accreditation. According to state rules, students are not allowed to Zoom or do virtual work. It has to be "e-learning." The original plan would have waited until second quarter to notify students who were at risk of FA, but this was adjusted to the first quarter, in order to be proactive. At risk students have received notification and additional proctors were hired to accommodate them. There are many opportunities for students to make up their seat time. Teachers/staff have to be paid to be present. The budget of \$46,000 for tutoring has all been allocated, so it cannot be reassigned for seat time proctors. Unfortunately

when a teacher is proctoring seat time, a lot of it is like babysitting and enforcing that the students do the work which had been previously assigned by their teacher. There is not usually any teaching going on by the proctor. Last weekend alone there were 50 students. All students will have until 30 days after the close of first semester (i.e. 2/5/23) to make up their seat time and rectify their grade. Parents want the seat time to be worthwhile. In the event that there is no teaching going on, they wanted to know if students could do community service or if they could acquire seat hours at tutoring sessions. These concepts are not feasible because of other logistical constraints or liability. There needs to be a necessary culture change so that students and parents understand that attendance is real. This applies to teachers also. Mr Schidrich left the meeting at 1:18.

### **President's Report** – *Kelly Ruckno*

- **Minutes:** Approval of May minutes: motion made by Marisa, seconded by Kelly. Approval of September minutes: motion made by Audrey, seconded by Marisa. Minutes are being posted on the PTSO web page directly under the date of the meeting.
- **Thank You!:** A big thank you to all our volunteers, particularly for homecoming events and donations. Leftover decorations will be shared with the Middle School for their dance. Also thanks for staffing in the SchoolStore, which has been pretty full lately.
- **SchoolStore-** Rebecca has printed guidelines for volunteers in the store. These are available in the store, as well as being attached to the SignUp page. The link for Beaufort County volunteer clearance is also being provided, and the link is functional on the PTSO web page now as well. Once approved, some passes are being mailed directly to the volunteer, whereas others are being mailed in bulk to Mrs Morgan. Until the card arrives, volunteers may use their license to check in at the front desk. Staffing for the store has been three people per day up to now. Business has slowed down, so Rebecca recommended to decrease the number of volunteers to only two per day. Marisa will revamp the SignUp page going forward.
- **Discount Cards-** Thank you letters have been distributed to all participating businesses. We already have two more businesses who are interested in participating next year. Please support local!
- **Teacher/Staff Support-** Gift cards were used for door decorating prizes during Homecoming Week. Also dinner will be provided for the night of Parent-Teacher Conferences (10/13). Thank you to Elise for coordinating the meals. The PTSO will also donate funds to the Videla Scholarship, amount to be determined once all the totals are in.
- **Student Support-** In addition to providing volunteers at homecoming events and coordinating donations of refreshments at the dance, the PTSO supplied gift cards for prizes for the tournaments.

### **Seahawk Support Circle (SSC) Report-** *Audrey Clayton*

In preparation for the Holiday Bags, donation requests have been made to All Saints Church and Congregation Beth Yam. Audrey will email her contact people to set dates for delivery to us. We also need to pick a date for packing the bags, probably the beginning of December. Marisa will have to create a SignUp for the supplies. We have enough Walmart gift cards to cover any needs that come up for the remainder of the year. We will purchase additional cards specifically for the holiday bags before the packing date, which is still to be decided. We anticipate having about 60 students again this year.

The new social worker, Mrs Burke, is on top of things. She updates the log whenever she gives out any gently-used clothing or merchandise. There was a recent need for a mattress, for which they were going to ask Mrs Kerr for help from The Bargain Box.

**Treasurer's Report**– *Ellen Simmons*

- At Back to School, we took in \$71,700, of which \$3,405 was for PTSO purposes (i.e. Discount Card sales and SSC donations) and \$68,295 went back to the school.
- Since then, we have sold an additional \$1,790 in Discount Cards, for a total of about \$5,000. (Jan brought in \$325 more to the meeting today.)
- We are still holding \$3,505 for the Math department for Scholarships. We are waiting on the colleges to request the money that has been awarded to students for this academic year.
- We were also holding \$1,715 for the Theater department. They recently used \$1,285 and still have \$432 remaining to use prior to the end of 2022.
- We periodically receive monies from Harris Teeter and Publix for participation with grocery store cards. However, we received an additional \$800 this pay period for unspecified reasons.
- The bank balance sheet was distributed. Currently we have \$88,000 in unrestricted funds and \$7,300 in restricted funds.

**Other business**- *Elise Simons*

The PTSO agreed to coordinate the Cookie Exchange again this year for the teachers and staff. Elise will plan this for December 15th. She will purchase the take-home boxes, Marisa will need to send out a SignUp link. Cookie donations will need to be dropped off on 12/14 or by noon on 12/15 at the latest.

**Calendar:**

**Next SIC meeting-** Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6pm.

**Next PTSO meeting-** Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, at 12:30pm. (No meeting in November because of Election Day and Thanksgiving holidays.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kelly and seconded by Audrey, 1:30 p.m.

  
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