



Hilton Head Island High School

HHI Seahawks PTSO Inc.

December 13, 2022

Welcome & Sign In- 12:35pm

Attendance: Steve Schidrich, Dawn Washington, Doug Sheeran, Kristen Hamilton, Tina Rohr, Audrey Clayton, Marisa Wagner, Kelly Ruckno, Ellen Simmons, Mike Quigley, Lindy Bison, Jen Fielding, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Shannon Kline

Principal's Report- *Steve Schidrich*

MAKING UP SEAT TIME- Countless students have to make up Seat Time to avoid Failure Due to Attendance (FA), some having more than 60 hours to make up. There are lots of options for making up, even over Christmas Break. The missed hours still have to be made up, even if there is no work due. It's the law. Once the second semester begins, you won't be able to view first semester absences on the PowerSchool home page, so you have to look under the Attendance tab and click 1st Semester.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Staff Christmas Party- December 16. This will be the final year of the Hudson's oyster roast, which has become cost prohibitive. Attendance thus far is expected to be 115. Since this year is the 40th anniversary of the school, the PTSO is contributing \$1000 to the cost. Other funds come from the cover cost of \$40/person and the Staff Activities Fund.
- Booster Club Oyster Roast- February 18
- Prom- March 25

REFERENDUM (November, 2023)- The past referendum covered an evaluation and presentation by architect firms. Several are being considered to proceed if the second Referendum passes next November. The firm in the lead has a successful history of engaging the community and incorporating local culture into the building and artwork. We would like to see a CATE wing, with potential for ACE subjects, as the needs of our community change over time. The Board has to vote before the architect is announced.

EARLY GRADUATION- A parent asked how students who are graduating early can stay in the loop. There are several options: go to SIC meetings, look for articles in the newspaper, send an email address to Mr Schidrich to ensure that they continue to receive weekly updates. The same parent voice a public Thank You to Mr Schidrich for being involved in students' lives.

TRIP TO CHINA: There will be a group trip to China in 2025. This year's freshmen and sophomores will be eligible. Sarah Owens will be putting the tour together. They will be using an Educational Tours company. Details will be announced in January, 2023.

NIGHT AT THE ARTS: We had a great night. We are trying to rebuild the Arts Program following COVID and the effects of having to go virtual, which prohibited practicing together. The number of the band participants is generally very low. To increase interest, the Chorus teacher is working with the elementary school students, trying to grow the program. Theater is getting there, and Dance has exploded. Dr Stratos wants our school to be the Arts Capital of the District.

SIC Report- Mike Quigley, SIC Chairperson

REFERENDUM- Mr Quigley is on the community panel for the District. There are currently 23 projects being considered, and numbers 1 and 2 are HHIHS and Lady's Island. A parent mentioned that in 2019, there was a report of the assessment of school needs. She advised that we make sure those needs get on the punch list for whatever the Referendum covers. Dr Rodriguez will be putting all that information together over the next 5 months. In planning the future High School, we are trying to avoid having "swing space" (i.e. portable units). Original plans have changed, in order to increase security for the students. When they build the first phase of the new three-story structure, it will affect parking availability temporarily, as will storage for construction equipment and bus drop off.

CAREER DAY is planned for Thursday, March 23rd. We need speakers to volunteer. The PTSO will get the word out. Welcome any input for another Parent Workshop or topics to be considered at the SIC meeting in the spring.

Miscellaneous:

- Reminder that hoodies ARE still allowed as dress code for the remainder of this academic year.
- Looking ahead to the start of second semester, we will need volunteers for the first day of school on 1/5/23, to pass out schedules to students. Marisa will create a SignUp page. We will hang signs in the cafeteria on the day prior.

President's Report – *Kelly Ruckno*

- A BIG thank you again to everyone who helped with the Holiday Bags. Parents committed to 100% of the donations which we requested of them. All Saints contributed backpacks, detergent, peanut butter, cereal, and gift cards. Congregation Beth Yam contributed gift cards as well. The PTSO purchased blankets, underwear, socks, food and snacks, and toiletries. This budget was made possible by the generous grant from The Bargain Box. In total, we had bags for about 65 students.
- ESOL- Mrs Roarke was given funding for t-shirts for participants in her Reader Program. The PTSO will also help to purchase cookies for the parent meeting that will be held in January.
- Three microwaves were purchased: one for the Life Skills Class and two additional microwaves for the lunch room. Lindy will have her parents keep an eye out at the thrift stores.
- The Teacher and Staff Cookie Exchange will occur this Friday. The boxes have been purchased. We are still in need of a few more dozen cookies, which Elise and Maureen will supply.
- Josten's donates 6 yearbooks each year, to be given to students in need. Depending on the number of students in need this year, the PTSO may purchase some additional yearbooks.
- Discount cards are still available for purchase in the SchoolStore.
- Staff Party - Costs have increased significantly this year. The District is giving a lot of pushback on the cost/budget. Because this is the school's 40th anniversary, the PTSO approved a one-time donation of \$1,000 for this year's holiday party.

- A donation of \$1,000 was also given by the PTSO to the Tammy Videla Scholarship.
- The PTSO provided lunch last Friday for the teachers. At that time, we also gave the staff lightweight hoodies. Since they are going off the dress code list, no one is buying them. However teachers are still allowed to wear them because they don't abuse the privilege by wearing the hoods up in school. Currently the SchoolStore supply is very low for everything. Charlotte will restock the store in January. We are not getting any new hoodies.
- Volunteer Clearance- There is some confusion about the volunteer clearance that is required. The District currently is using the company called Sterling, and the website links take you to that company. However the former company, Secure Volunteer, still seems to be operational. With Sterling, once a person is approved, the clearance card will be sent to Mrs Morgan. Use a photo ID in the meantime. Until clearance is received, a volunteer is not allowed to be alone with any students.

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

SSC- we will use any leftover funds from the Bargain Box Grant to pre-purchase blankets and gift cards for next year's holiday bags. Another huge thank you goes out to all the donors and volunteers. This year, our total student number was down by about 10 students.

SchoolStore- *Kelly Ruckno/Rebecca Mastrorocco*

We will begin using a new way to check out in the SchoolStore. It will still utilize the Square app, but ALL purchases will be entered, rather than just credit card ones. The daily report will be able to incorporate cash, checks, and charges. We will be able to determine inventory based on sales, etc. We are also asking for volunteers who can commit to a consistent schedule. Keys to the store have been an issue. We are looking into getting a wall mounted key lock next to the door.

Treasurer's Report- *Ellen Simmons*

- Current Balance Sheet was distributed.
- We will be using up the remaining funds from the Bargain Box Grant before the end of this calendar year.
- Income from the sale of Discount Cards was \$90.

Approval of October minutes- motion by Kelly, seconded by Audrey.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jen, seconded by Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 1:28.

Calendar:

Next SIC meeting- Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6pm.

Next PTSO meeting- Tuesday, January 10th, 2022, at 12:30pm.