



Hilton Head Island High School

HHI Seahawks PTSO Inc.

January 10, 2023

Welcome & Sign In- 12:36pm

Attendance: Steve Schidrich, Tina Rohr, Audrey Clayton, Marisa Wagner, Ellen Simmons, Shannon Kline, Jessica Howard, Lynn Gorrell

Approval of December Minutes: Motion by Marisa, seconded by Ellen, all in favor.

Principal's Report- Steve Schidrich

REBUILDING THE HIGH SCHOOL

- The chosen architects will be Little Diversified Architectural Group. They will be present at the SIC meeting on 1/19, to make their introductions and solicit input. For example, we would like to have the potential for growth as the needs of our community change, maybe having more CATE and ACE type classrooms. On 2/1, they will present their vision at a meeting with school staff at 4pm and then have an open meeting for the community at 6pm.
- Timeline: Design a plan over the summer and get generalized pricing. Promote to the community using social media, newspaper, HHI news channel, etc. Have community support in time for the November 2023 Referendum
- There will be a Community Panel with representatives from Beaufort County schools to oversee.
- This project is expected to cost around \$150 million. Potentially could be the biggest project Beaufort County has ever undertaken, because it involves building while school is actively in session. Will have to work around the logistics of parking, traffic, storage of equipment.
- The lead architect will be Mr Baus, who has a history of doing a successful rebuild of Goose Creek HS under similar circumstances.
- IF the referendum passes, hope to start construction around March, 2024.

COMING HOME WEEK

- Under the leadership of Mrs Annette Hill, the SGA is planning it for January 24-26 (W-F).
- Dress up themes each day
- Buy-Out Days to get out of class and watch competitions. Considering dodgeball, soccer, basketball tournaments. Some of the money raised will go toward the Videla Scholarship.
- Pep Rally on Friday. There will not be a Coming Home Dance, but...

WINTER FORMAL, 2/4

- Sponsored by the Freshman Class
- Targeting the 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, as most seniors will be going to Prom.
- PTSO will need to help provide snacks and water.

PROM, March 25th- "Night Under the Stars" at Beach and Tennis Resort

- Decorating to be done by a hired planner/decorator
- A DJ has been secured
- Will have refreshments (cookies, chocolate bar, snacks, etc) but no dinner.

BACK TO SCHOOL/OPEN HOUSE, 1/18/23

- PTSO will provide food for the staff, Elise will arrange.
- Same format as in the fall, with a drop-in style, which is easier for parents who can't be present the whole time or those with multiple kids.
- Subjects will be organized in groups.
- Parent feedback was that they do like to see the classrooms where their kids go to school, hear about those specific classes, develop a rapport with each teacher. They suggested a handout with bullet points to be given out.

SIC ACCOLADES: Our SIC will advance to the second round for consideration for the Riley Award. The winner will be announced in March, 2023.

STAFFING:

- The new Guidance Counselor is here. She has a background in counseling and IB.
- Mr Ali has returned from leave, still has a way to go with rehab but making progress, walking with a walker.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Freshmen are hosting the Winter Formal. They have asked for snack and water donations but PTSO may need to step in to help if they don't get enough.
- PTSO will need to feed the staff for Parent/Teacher Conferences on 3/15.
- PTSO usually provides snacks for Prom, but we may not need to this year because it's all being done through the event coordinator.
- Guidance Counselor Day will be 2/6. The school will provide lunch. Mr Schidrich will nominate a counselor for the Counselor of the Year Award for the District (Dopson).
- ESOL Night, January 24th, PTSO will cover the cost of cookies (Mrs Roarke). And our ESOL Dept will be in the spotlight for their tradition of providing lunch for the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week on Cinco de Mayo.
- Chili Cook-Off, 2/9 (corrected date)- PTSO will provide gift cards for the winners and a few volunteers/judges.

President's Report – *Audrey Clayton gave report for Kelly*

- Guidance Counselor Day is 2/6. Approximately 8-10 people total. PTSO agreed to provide breakfast. Tina will contact the French Bakery to see what options they have. Shannon Kline will contact another parent who works at the Greenery to see if she can do a floral centerpiece for the table. We will ask Lauren to post it on Facebook to spread the word and show them some love.
- ESOL- Mrs Roarke asked the PTSO to help with purchasing cookies for the parent meeting that will be held later this month on January 24th.

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

- Holiday Bags- We filled 64 bags for needy students last month. This included a new backpack and a TJ Maxx bag, both loaded with essentials and survival stuff. The PTSO gave each student a t-shirt and either a hoodie (seniors) or quarter zip/sweatshirt. We also provided a lot of the survival stuff, like blankets, socks, underwear, snacks, etc. All of the 2022 Bargain Box Grant funds were spent prior to the end of the year.
- Second Semester- We've already helped a few new students who enrolled this semester.
- Bargain Box- We are thrilled to have been awarded the Bargain Box Grant again for 2023! The grant is used directly for students in need, cannot be used for PTSO events, feeding the staff, etc.

Treasurer's Report– *Ellen Simmons*

- Current Balance Sheet was distributed.
- The big news is that we got the Bargain Box Grant again, which Audrey already mentioned.
- SchoolStore- We'll be having some turnover of the merchandise in the store, since hoodies will no longer be in dress code next school year.
- Still trying to get a lock box mounted on the wall for the key so that anchor volunteers for the store can get in. We discussed having it located somewhere besides in the hallway, where it is obvious and vulnerable. Maybe install it in the mailroom on the Administrative Hall.

Calendar:

Next SIC meeting- Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6pm. Presentation by Little Architectural Group. Spread the word and try to encourage Middle School parents to come too. They need to be invested. Will ask Lauren to post on Facebook.

Next PTSO meeting- Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, at 12:30pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Audrey, seconded by Tina. Meeting adjourned at 1:48.