



Hilton Head Island High School

HHI Seahawks PTSO Inc.

February 14, 2023

Welcome & Sign In- 12:32pm

Attendance: Kelly Ruckno, Marisa Wagner, Tina Rohr, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Audrey Clayton, Kali Stroud, Steven Schidrich, Brenda Watterson.

Prom Update- *Kali Stroud*

- Scheduled for 3/25 at Beach and Tennis Resort, from 8-11:30pm. We also have access Friday for set up (parents) and Sunday for clean-up (SGA representatives). Volunteers are needed! Ms Stroud has a link to a Google page for sign ups, but some people have issues with signing in to Google docs, so Marisa will create a SignUp page for parents.
- Wanted to use a decorator, but the quote was too high. According to district rules, the school can pay for supplies, but not for labor/physical help. Going back and forth to trim costs. The Art Dept will be making some props and backdrops. The CATE Dept will be making table centerpieces. Have to order gold table runners.
- The venue will supply linens at the event. They have been renovating, so they are replacing the chandeliers with new "starburst" ones. Talking with JLK about running lights on the ceiling.
- Food will consist of charcuterie boards, dessert table, popcorn, standard drink table with water, lemonade, and tea. A signature "Starburst" drink will be available for additional purchase.
- Still working on pricing for a photo spot, or may just rent a photo booth.
- Have enough staff volunteers for chaperones, and will have 2 security officers- one inside and one out.

Principal's Report- *Steve Schidrich*

BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

- Average per student cost for Beaufort County schools ranges from \$131 per student (elementary schools) to \$165/student (high schools). \$222k goes toward academics, \$83k towards transportation, \$42k toward equipment.
- The projected number of students for HHIHS next year is 1350, which is down from our actual this year of 1355. Due to this, our staffing will be cut by one person. It should end up okay though, because there are teachers who are known to be leaving at the end of this year, some retiring, some transferring, etc. Expected openings will be in Social Studies, Math, and Science.
- On March 1st, the window will open for applicants who want to transfer to teach at a different school
- All the ESSER Funds from COVID have been used up.

40th ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

- Scheduled for Saturday, 4/22, in the SCC. Mrs Sturgis is the organizer. Funds will benefit the Community Foundation for Excellence.
- There will be two acts: first will be alumni musicians, second will be local bands. Current students will assist with production, running lights, backstage help, staffing concessions, etc.
- Will highlight the upcoming potential rebuild and try to prep for the Referendum.

REBUILD OF THE SCHOOL

- There was a very small turnout of attendees at the 2/1 meeting presented by the architectural firm. As a result of feedback from that meeting, the firm is preparing a community survey.
- There will be another meeting on 2/28 to follow up with the school staff. Then they will target the high school students, followed by upcoming middle school students.
- Need to push the meeting on social media platforms.
- The Field House rebuild from the last referendum is almost ready to move. Need to pack everything up and evacuate it prior to demolition.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- WEDNESDAY, 3/15

- Need PTSO to provide dinners for the teachers- Tina will check with Elise and Mrs Morgan regarding the numbers and the preferred menu.
- 3/16 is a half-day and there's no school on 3/17.

FAILURES DUE TO ATTENDANCE (FAs)

- Last week, the School Board approved the calendar for next year. There will again be 84 days for fall semester and 96 days for spring, so we will have the same issue regarding attendance that we had this year. The only way around the disproportion is to adopt "year-round school" and then start fall semester at the beginning of August. They tried this once in the past but the Board did not approve.
- We had 120 students who received FAs in fall semester, covering 227 classes. Once a student makes up seat time, it is a painstakingly long process to get the attendance updated because it requires verification and multiple people's signatures. They are still working on these updates, and it may take a few weeks before PowerSchool is completely updated.
- Hoping students will take attendance more seriously spring semester. College tours are excused.

MISCELLANEOUS

- National Social Worker's Day will be 3/21. We have one Social Worker, Ms Burke.
- Teacher Appreciation Day will be 5/2.
- Waiting on a date from Mrs Morgan for the annual Staff Bake-Off, which benefits the Sunshine Fund for teachers and staff.

President's Report –*Kelly Ruckno*

- Thank you to all our volunteers!
- PTSO Events:
 - January- Open House, Coming Home Week, ESOL Night
 - February- Winter Formal- SignUp page and refreshments, Guidance Counselor Day-breakfast, Staff Chili Cook Off- prizes
 - March- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3/15, National Social Worker Day 3/21, Prom 3/25

- April/May- Staff Bake Off (date TBD), Teacher Appreciation Week lunches x2 and SERG cards 5/2-5/5, Teacher of the Year and Staff of the Year monetary awards, Senior Graduation Signs.
- Booster Club Oyster Roast Fundraiser- 2/18, please support/attend.
- Officers for next year
 - President- Kelly will continue
 - Vice-President- Marisa and Lauren both leaving; Audrey will step in and we will recruit a parent from the middle school
 - Treasurer- Ellen will continue while training a parent from middle school
 - Secretary- Tina will continue
 - Hospitality- Elise and Maureen will be leaving; Tina will shadow for the remainder of this year and continue next year, while we actively look for someone to take over
- SchoolStore- We discussed the low numbers of shoppers lately and agreed to continue with the reduced store hours through the month of March. We will be open during A lunch on Mondays and during B and C lunches on Thursdays. We will also consider holding a Sale in April. Rebecca will follow up on the new inventory that was supposed to come in January.
- Discount Cards are still available for purchase in the store. Parent Brenda, who was present at today's meeting, is in charge of the Arts/Theatre booster club. She would like to have an ad for the Discount Cards in the playbill for the SCC productions. Audrey will design something, which will also include a nod to the Bargain Box for their grant, as well as information on the grocery store Partners links.
- Senior Yard Signs- Audrey will pull a design together for approval by Mr Schidrich.
- Need to update the PTSO Facebook page. Lauren no longer has administrative privileges for some reason, so Audrey will try to reinstate her. In the meantime, Audrey would have to be the one to post anything.

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

- We received the check for the Bargain Box Grant
- We have a need for gently used dress-code pants

Treasurer's Report– *Ellen Simmons absent, report given by Kelly*

- Current Balance Sheet was distributed.

Calendar:

Next SIC meeting- Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6pm.

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