



Hilton Head Island High School

HHI Seahawks PTSO Inc.

March 14, 2023

Welcome & Sign In- 12:33pm

Attendance: Kelly Ruckno, Tina Rohr, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Shannon Kline, Ellen Simmons, Lynn Gorrell, Brenda Watterson, Steven Schidrich.

Principal's Report- *Steve Schidrich*

PROM UPDATE

- Expecting 350+ attendees, based on current ticket sales.
- All students and parents must attend a Prom meeting. About a third came to the first meeting. The second one is tomorrow, after Parent/Teacher Conferences. There may be one more, TBD.

REBUILD OF THE SCHOOL

- The architects were at school today presenting to the faculty again. They got good feedback from students/SGA and will present again to the SIC on Thursday. They are trying to choose the general contractor right now, which will go to the School Board next for approval.
- A poster was presented showing a schematic of the new 3-story structure, which would be up closer to the street. This would necessitate losing 163 parking spots in the front lot during construction. Will accommodate that by using some of the outlying lots near the Lacrosse field. Due to the uncertainty of the parking situation, parking passes will be sold on a semester by semester basis and may have to limit sophomores.
- Of course, the Rebuild is dependent on the Referendum passing, in which case, construction would begin in April, 2024. If it doesn't pass, may have to resort to using "8% Money," which is money set aside annually for school improvements.
- Internally, the plan calls for the current cafeteria to be repurposed into the Athletic Department, with a wrestling room and PE rooms. The gyms will stay as is. The main 3-story building will have a grand entry and keep the Administrative Offices and Guidance Department in that area. The main hallway will be 2 levels all the way down and have modernized "swing space" for small group classrooms. The Media Center will also be 2 levels with natural lighting. Ninth Grade Academy will be housed on the first floor. Will be expanding the vocational area beyond just culinary. Hope to have some sort of engine repair or garage type work areas. Theatre and Art areas will get a facelift, but not much else.
- Externally, want to make School Rd a 3 lane road, to alleviate traffic to the Middle School. The portion of the road behind the stadium will be eliminated.
- The projected student body numbers are expected to decline, based on the fact that the elementary school census is down. Don't expect there to be much influx of residents because of the lack of affordable housing on the island. Overall, Beaufort County lost about 2000 students during COVID. We were staffed for 1390 students, but in actuality, we have only 1355 this year. They project our census will be 1350 next year.

- Expect the school rebuild to be a 4 to 5 year job. The first phase should take approximately 18 months to complete.

President's Report –*Kelly Ruckno*

- Thank you to all our volunteers!
- March Events:
 - Supply bottled water for presenters at Career Day
 - Approved to assist with PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive S____) for 9th graders- waiting to get details of what they need from Mrs Lee.
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3/15, National Social Worker Day 3/21- providing meals.
 - Prom 3/25- SignUp link for volunteers to help decorate and clean up.
- On the Horizon:
 - International Night (4/20)- ESOL teacher, Ms Cassidy, has asked for prizes from the SchoolStore to be given away to parents in a drawing. Approved 1 t-shirt and 1 long-sleeve shirt.
 - Staff Bake Off (4/28)- will provide gift card prizes, 70 boxed lunches, and volunteer judges (Marisa, Kelly, Tina, and one more). Proceeds from this event go to the Sunshine Fund.
 - Senior Graduate Signs- The design has been approved. Will only order 200 of them, since many didn't pick them up last year.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12):
 - Monday- coffee and donuts/fruit
 - Tuesday- hot lunch from Giuseppe's
 - Wednesday- sweet treat of Make-Your-Own-Trail-Mix
 - Thursday- SERG gift cards (with Mr Schidrich's pizza lunch)
 - Friday- Cinco de Mayo Hispanic lunch (PTSO will supplement with food from Fiesta Fresh).
 - Graduation (6/9) in the stadium, weather permitting.
- Officers for next year- We have the following candidates and will vote at the May meeting:
 - President- Kelly will continue.
 - Vice-President- Meredith Hindsman, Audrey Clayton
 - Treasurer- Ellen will continue while training Tammy Novak.
 - Secretary- Tina will continue.
 - Hospitality- Tina will lead and Lindy Bison is interested in helping.
 - Consider asking Kim Sobocinski if she would serve as a committee head.
- SchoolStore-
 - We will continue with the reduced store hours through Spring Break and then return to normal hours four days a week.
 - We will be holding a sale on hoodies in April: lightweight hoodies for \$10, heavy hoodies for \$15.
 - Will add pens and mechanical pencils for sale for \$1 each. Tina will purchase them.

Seahawk Support Circle (SSC) Report- *Tina Rohr/Kelly Ruckno*

- Recently purchased 3 new bikes for students in need.
- Need dress-code appropriate, used clothing donations, especially pants.

Treasurer's Report– *Ellen Simmons*

- Current Balance Sheet was distributed.
- Our emailing system has begun to charge a monthly fee, based on the number of emails that we are sending. We are currently at the lowest threshold.

Approval of Minutes

January: motion to approve made by Ellen, seconded by Kelly.

February: motion to approve made by Rebecca, seconded by Kelly.

Calendar:

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

Next PTSO meeting- Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, at 12:30pm. No April meeting, due to Spring Break.