



Hilton Head Island High School
HHI Seahawks PTSO, Inc.
May 9, 2023

Call to Order, Welcome & Sign In- 12:35pm

Attendance: Kelly Ruckno, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Ellen Simmons, Shannon Kline, Tina Rohr, Marisa Wagner, Audrey Clayton, Steven Schidrich. Joined later by tech specialist Will Geggatte.

Approval of March Minutes: motion made by Marisa, seconded by Audrey.

Principal's Report- *Steve Schidrich*

Tablet Returns- Beaufort County is looking to reduce losses that they have every year in the tech department, so the school needs volunteers to assist with tablet returns. Last year, HHIHS was not bad, but losses are considerable across the county, so BCSD is getting more involved. Marisa will make a SignUp page for 2 volunteers at all scheduled times.

Seat Time:

- Not as bad this semester, compared to fall. The State mandates that there not be more than 10 absences this semester. No exceptions for chronic illnesses, but the principal has the final say on acute hospitalizations.
- Mr Olivetti has been sending out email notices for those at risk for FA (Failure due to Attendance). Upperclassmen are allowed 3 college visits per year.
- Last semester at this point in the timeline, there were about 120 students with FAs. Currently, we have about 60 students. If seat time is not reconciled by the deadline, an FA averages into the GPA as a score of 50. If it's a core class, those students will have to retake the class at a time other than Summer School.

Prom, 2024- The date has been set to have next year's Prom on April 6, 2024. It will be at HHI Beach and Tennis again, and we will try to get a bigger dance floor. It's good to have Prom earlier because it allows more flexibility with athletic conflicts. Once we get into Playoff Season, the schedules are already set. Of note, on the Beaufort County Schools calendar, the following Monday is designated as a no-school day.

Teacher Vacancies- As of right now, we have very few vacancies, presumably due to the increase in salaries. Because our projected student body decreased, our staff allotment went down by one. There is at least one person retiring, so based on current numbers, there shouldn't be much of an issue. We still have a Social Studies position open. Ideally, we would be able to find someone who would like to be a Boys Soccer coach also. We do have community applicants for the coaching position, but we always like to have a teacher coaching, if possible.

ROTC- Congratulations to the ROTC Drill Team members who recently competed in Daytona at the National Drill Competition. This was our first time competing since 1994, and it was intense, and the days were highly structured. HHIHS came away with four trophies!

End of Course (EOC) Extravaganza- On 5/23, the school will host 3 hours of tutoring sessions to help prepare students for the EOC exam. This mostly involves 9th and 10th graders so bussing will be offered. The PTSO will also provide pizza to try to increase attendance.

EOC performance impacts our overall school report card and our Strategic Plan. Our goal is to achieve "Excellent" status, which we missed last year by only 4 points. We also want to increase our "College

or Career Ready” rate to >80%, because this accounts for half of our report card score. Other factors have already improved: we have a higher graduation rate (which had previously been impacted by COVID) and 39 students will graduate this year with the Biliteracy cord.

Graduation- 6/9/23

- Beaufort County School District will live stream on the local channel.
- Time and location subject to weather. Can move earlier or later to avoid rain, but if rain is inevitable, the ceremony will be moved inside.
- If it ends up being held inside, each family gets 3 tickets. If it remains outside, no limit.

Miscellaneous Items:

- A parent asked about there being no teacher in her daughter’s class yesterday for the entire block. Mr Schidrich will look into it. They were short staffed and the substitute may have been sent to the wrong place.
- Someone asked about the internet problems last week. It was a Hargray problem at the District level, and all schools that aren’t located on Hwy 170 were affected. Since everything is tied to the internet, there were no phones, intercom, attendance, etc.
- Last week there were problems again with the sewer system, causing overflow into the PTSO storage room and C Hall bathrooms. The plumbers found that the problem was caused by vapes and sanitary supplies that had been flushed.
- The rodent problem on A Hall near the Science labs is being treated.
- Back to School event will proceed as per usual, and the PTSO will still be collecting the monies. If the 11/2023 Referendum passes, we will lose up to 160 parking spots in spring as the construction begins. Therefore, we need to amend the BtS forms so that parking is paid for one semester at a time. Seniors will have top priority.
- The School Improvement Council was awarded the prestigious Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence for their work during the 2021-22 school year!
- Plans for the Rebuild: The proposed new building lobby looks great, very inviting. However, the current plan has a lot of glass that may need to be reduced. Will need to put out some details of the rebuild before November, in order to promote the Referendum.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was great and very much appreciated!

President’s Report –Kelly Ruckno

- Thank you to all our volunteers!
- Teacher Appreciation Events, 4/28 to 5/5:
 - F- Giusseppe’s hot lunch (moved to Friday due to kitchen conflicts on Tuesday.)
 - M- Coffee and Donuts for all; Chocolate cake for Mr Schidrich for Principal’s Day.
 - T- Cookout milkshakes
 - W- Mangiamo’s pizza, SERG VIP/gift cards for all; cupcake for Nurse’s Day
 - Th- Sweet Treat: Make Your Own Trail Mix
 - F- Cinco de Mayo lunch, courtesy of Multi-lingual families and PTSO. This was a big hit and Thank you to Mrs Lopez for coordinating! Having it in the Media Center was great because people could sit together and socialize. Also, the To-Go boxes made it easier to carry things so we should always use those.
- Graduation Signs for Seniors are here and will begin distributing them today.
- Will provide for pizza for EOC Extravaganza. Mrs Morgan will order and pick up.
- End of Year Staff Lunch- Using leftover funds from Pizza with the Principal to supplement the lunch. Also PTSO provides a \$500 check each for Teacher and Staff Member of the Year.
- Bargain Box Grant is due on June 1st. Kelly, Audrey, and Ellen will double-check all the line items, confirm with Mrs Hernandez, and update the application. After Kelly signs it, Audrey will email the final version and Ellen will mail a hard copy. Asking for \$8000 again.

- Officers for next year- We had proposed the following candidates, but haven't been able to confirm with all of them yet. Will defer the vote till the September meeting:
 - President- Kelly will continue.
 - Vice-President- Meredith Hindsman, Audrey Clayton. One person needs to be the communications specialist. The other acts mostly as a tie-breaker for voting purposes.
 - Treasurer- Ellen will continue, while training Tammy Novak.
 - Secretary- Tina will continue.
 - Hospitality- Tina will lead and form a team to take care of events.
- Back to School- 8/17/23
 - Need to get more iPads- either have volunteers bring theirs or get from the District.
 - Need the school to get their own Square App account so we can separate funds.
 - Consider removing the Discount Cards from the Back to School form so bookkeeping is cleaner.
- Discount Cards- anyone interested in helping with the renewal process, talk to Tina.
- There is talk of bringing back the Greatest Yard Sale in the spring. Depending on what happens with the Referendum, that may not be possible.

Mr Schidrich returned to the meeting with details and illustrations of the Rebuild Plans:

- Phase 1- construction of the 3-story main building closer to the road.
- Phase 2- construction of the new cafeteria, culinary lab, and cars/motor bays.

Comparison of current and new footprints.

- Main Building: Entrance will change a little but will still house the Security Officer, Nurse, and Admin. Guidance will move to where the current Dance room is. Lobby will be 2-stories with bleacher-style seating areas.
- Collaborative Space- possible triangular rooms along the corridor for non-conventional study or work (plans subject to change).
- Health Labs to grow the Health & Human Services Dept, and will double as swing-space for whatever. CTE Bay will grow to house Mechanical Studies, like engine repair. CTE lecture classroom will double as a meeting room.
- Dance will move to where current Trainer's Room and locker rooms are. ROTC won't move but will be renovated.
- Weight Room and Wrestling move to where the current cafeteria is, creating the new Athletic Wing. Want to enlarge Wrestling room to house 2 mats, now that we have boys and girls.
- Exterior: lots of tempered glass. Courtyard with entrances from both the main building and the Athletic Wing, fenced in for security. This will also be the spectator entrance for athletic events. Will need to provide shade for daytime hours.

Seahawk Support Circle (SSC) Report- Audrey Clayton

See previous, Bargain Box Grant Application in progress.

Treasurer's Report- Ellen Simmons

- Current Balance Sheet was distributed.

Calendar:

Next SIC meeting- Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6pm.

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

Meeting adjourned 2:23pm.