



Hilton Head Island High School
HHI Seahawks PTSO, Inc.
April 9, 2024

Call to Order, Welcome & Sign In- 12:33pm

Attendance: Kim Sobocinski, Kelly Ruckno, Tina Rohr, Ellen Simmons, Audrey Clayton, Angie Greenfield, Jessica Howard, Elizabeth Ott, Lynn Gorrell, Courtney Worl, Steven Schidrich

Minutes: Motion to approve the March minutes made by Ellen, seconded by Audrey. All were in favor; minutes approved.

Principal's Report- *Steven Schidrich*

Prom: Overall it was good.

- There were some air conditioning issues and they had to ask a few times about it, but it finally was resolved. We had about 425 tickets sold and a little over 400 who actually checked in, all trying to dance in the same area. Next year we will need a bigger dance floor.
- In the beginning, the DJ's equipment was overheating but they eventually got it to work. Our student population is 49% Hispanic, but in the beginning, there wasn't much diversity of the music. After the Prom King and Queen were announced, a lot of people cleared out. Then they started playing more Hispanic music and everyone was happy.
- An email was sent asking for parent help cleaning up on Sunday. Unfortunately, Kelly did not see it in time to include it in her weekly email. For future reference, if something is needed, we really need to know at least a week in advance in order to circulate it to the parents in the email.
- There was some question about the theme. The tickets said Enchanted Forest, but some people thought it was Starry Night. Next year, we will need to do a better job coordinating the décor.
- Lastly, at the venue, there were a few colleges having their formals on Hilton Head. There was a lot of traffic on the premises and some buses causing temporary backups. Can't really predict other events on the island, so this is something we just have to deal with.

Parking/Construction. Today was the first day of utilizing the new parking plan. There were a few problems at drop-off but overall it went well. Some student drivers had not gotten their new parking passes. We had extra staff in the parking lot, including three people from District here specifically to help today, trying to help move things along. At one point we realized we needed two lanes for drop off. Dr Hunter suggested we consider an additional drop off area in the elementary lot once we begin utilizing the new entrance. Not all of the teachers have moved their spots yet. The Middle School did send out an email with pictures and info to their staff and parents, which was helpful. The spots in the middle school lot were primarily given to dual enrollment/early release students in order that the lot would be mostly empty by the end of the day. This week, there will be some leniency with tardies, initially not being enforced until 8:50, with a gradual move back to normal. We will probably have to institute this again once we go live with the new entrance.

Staffing: Previously, Mr Schidrich was aware that we would be having openings for an ESOL, Physics, three math positions, one science, one ROTC, one Special Ed, Orchestra, and the Media Center position. Since last week, he's also been notified of an ELA and a World Language teacher leaving. The ESOL and one of the science positions have been filled. If we can't fill the Physics position, we may have to phase out IB Physics, in an effort just to try to keep Honors Physics and focus on Chemistry. Someone asked if a class isn't offered here, can students take it elsewhere or virtually. The school has tried that before with Chinese class, but the problem is that the students still has to be monitored by a staff member here when they are on the virtual class, so it doesn't help with staff numbers. Also, some colleges require Physics before a student can apply, so this could have major repercussions. We will be decreasing our total staff numbers by one next year as dictated by the District, based on our student census. Mr Schidrich is actively recruiting to fill these positions.

Rising 9th grade night: Still waiting for a date. Mr Schidrich questioned if it was really needed and there was a unanimous “yes.” Parents want to know what programs are offered at the school. It's an opportunity to have an introduction to IB or Dual Enrollment programs. Mr Schidrich will speak with the Assistant Principals to try to come up with a date before school ends. The PTSO concern is that we want to open the store for parents to purchase Seahawks gear at the event.

As an aside, there is a new program through BCSD called “Tides,” which essentially is dual enrollment at TCL throughout all four years of high school beginning in 9th grade. This could affect our Dual Enrollment numbers.

Rebuild: Someone asked if the store will be affected during construction. Since most of the initial construction is in the front parking lot, Mr Schidrich said the current location of the store will be good for at least 2 to 3 years. However, because the main entrance is temporarily being moved to the Aux Lot entrance, the Concessions stand will be moving into the brown brick hallway so we could consider opening the store during volleyball or basketball games next year.

President’s Report –*Kelly Ruckno*

Teacher/Staff support: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. About 130 teachers and staff + a few part time.

- Five days of events. (Last year we had six due to a schedule conflict with a vendor.)
- SERG VIP cards- already verbally arranged. Kelly will get a final cost so Ellen can write the check.
- Breakfast - last year we had coffee and donuts. Bagels for another event were better received. Consider changing. We can get coffee from Corner Perk. Now that they are on the discount card, they are anxious to support the school. The bagels will come from Island Bagel.
- Cinco de Mayo lunch- need to ask Mrs Lopez which day she would like to do it. She has already asked PTSO to supplement some things.
- Sweet treat- Jessica recommended Palmetto Pops gourmet popsicles. They have dairy free options and run three to five dollars depending on the size.
- Giusseppe's hot lunch- always well received. We usually get the sausage pasta but it always runs out of meat. We usually get zucchini noodles for the vegetarians but everyone loves them, so we talked about getting a large tray this year.
- Last year we also did a trail mix day. Someone suggested that we purchase movie theater popcorn in bulk if we do the trail mix.
- Chad Cox at District, who oversees all the principals, says teachers want swag. He had t-shirts made and people loved them. We can consider doing some sort of giveaway for teacher appreciation. We have to be selective though. Sometimes items are not well received, like the plastic water bottles that we couldn't give away. Discussed swapping out the sweet treat or trail mix for a store t-shirt. Audrey could make a coupon voucher to be redeemed in the store. We could keep track of the items purchased for inventory and use it to decide if this is a good idea going forward. It would also help us get some inventory turnover before the next school year. We need to communicate this to Charlotte if we proceed.

Student support

- Easter Egg Hunt: 100 plastic eggs and candy provided
- Prom: Baskets of toiletries and first aid supplies provided for the bathrooms
- Principal’s Honor Roll: 10% coupons to the store are valid till the end of the quarter.
- The Theatre Department will be putting on their production of Mamma Mia! soon.

PTSO Bylaws: The current bylaws are a version from 2012. In 2017, Jan Davis-Vader made suggestions to update them. Not sure this was ever merged. Kelly does not have a physical copy of the bylaws at this time but they are on a flash drive. Audrey also has a copy on her computer. The two of them will try to get an update finalized so we can present that to the Board and vote.

Grocery Store Partners: Please remember to link your grocery shopping to the school. We did receive a big check from Harris Teeter recently. Every little bit helps.

Donations of Clothing: Always welcome. Pants are always in need, but we also could use t-shirts. Toward the end of the school year, the PTSO email will ask graduating seniors to donate whatever they don't want to keep. We can ask one of the administrators of the Class of 2024 Google Classroom page to post the request as well.

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

- For Teacher Appreciation Week, Mrs Lopez always gets the Hispanic parents together to put on the Cinco de Mayo lunch. She's working on that already.
- We agreed to purchase 10 yearbooks for students who cannot afford one. The price we pay is cost only. Kelly will email Mrs Schoelkopf, Mr Schidrich, Mrs Lopez, and copy Ellen for the total cost so we can get the check written.

School Store Report- *Rebecca Mastrorocco* (not present, but data submitted for report)

- Elizabeth Ott and Courtney Worl have agreed to co-manage the store for the '24-'25 school year. Many thanks to both of them!!
- Kelly reminded everyone that part of the responsibility of taking over includes assuming control of the SignUp Genius for the store. That also includes SignUps for other events such as the packing of Christmas bags, donations, Cookie Exchange, etc., as well.
- We received 49 new pieces of inventory in March.
- A breakdown of sales by event/month was provided. To date, total sales= \$44,972.02; total profit= \$14,990.67.
- Honor Roll discount: No students used their 10% off coupon this month.
- Rising 9th Grader Night: See previous under Mr Schidrich's report, still waiting on a date from Mr Schidrich. Once we get the date, we will need to push a list of store hours out to 8th grade parents so they can buy gear for their soon-to-be high schoolers. Also consider doing that during the week of 8th grade graduation, which is 6/4.
- Someone suggested to get SGA students to make a video for prospective families who can't make it to Rising 9th Grade Night. That could be problematic because all the hallways look the same.

Treasurer's Report- *Ellen Simmons*

Bank balance was circulated. There has been no significant change. We'll need to start working on the taxes again after June. Ellen recommended that we change our accountant. We've been using June, CPA. However, there was a problem with submitting the non-profit paperwork, despite her questioning them about it prior to the due date. She was told they would take care of it, but then they failed to submit it. We received a certified letter notifying us of the situation and the possibility that we would incur a fine if it wasn't remedied by a certain date. Fortunately, June was able to get it corrected in time, and we avoided the fine. Ellen made a motion to change the accounting firm. Audrey seconded it. Practically speaking, when Tammy Novak becomes treasurer next year, she should be able to monitor this more closely or even just do them herself.

Miscellaneous: Angie Greenfield thanked the PTSO for being willing to help the Theater Department with their upcoming Mamma Mia! production. We had given an initial offering of \$1,000 before finding out that the Theater Department actually has \$34,000 in reserve on their account. Mr Schidrich stated that they need to use those monies before they ask for anything from other sources.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Audrey, seconded by Jessica. Meeting adjourned, 1:44 p.m.

Calendar:

Next SIC meeting: Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Next PTSO meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Tina Rohr, PTSO Secretary, 4/20/24