



Hilton Head Island High School
HHI Seahawks PTSO, Inc.
May 14, 2024

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

Attendance: Kelly Ruckno, Tina Rohr, Lissy Rawl, Jessica Howard, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Elizabeth Ott, Ellen Simmons, Audrey Clayton, Steven Schidrich

Principal's Report- *Steven Schidrich*

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: Thank you for a great week last week. Everyone loved it. We gave one of the extra gift cards to Chad Cox. In the future, Mr Schidrich should use the info provided by the Hospitality Committee to compose his Sunday email, as it should have all the vendors and accurate details.

Back to School Date: The new calendar for 2024-25 has an earlier start date and a shorter summer. Therefore, tentative dates are as follows:

- Teachers return to school on 7/31. They will have Professional Development at Bluffton HS.
- Freshman Orientation on 8/2 and will combine Back to School Registration for Freshmen ONLY.
- Back to School Registration for grades 10-12 on 8/5.
- PTSO hosts lunch for full staff on Tuesday, 8/6. Thinking about doing a Fiesta Fresh taco bar again. Audrey will inquire. PTSO representatives will be present to sell Discount Cards that day also.
- First day of school is Wednesday, 8/7.

Staffing: Mr Schidrich has been whittling away at the vacancies. He's in negotiations with someone to fill the ROTC opening. He has filled one of the two ELA openings. He hired two Math teachers, and by shuffling Mr Scalise from ELA to Math, he has covered all 3 Math openings. Still working on finding people for the Strings/Orchestra, Spanish, Physics, and the other ELA position.

Previously, due to the loss of ESSER Funds from the District, he had been told that he would have to give up either the Interventionalist (Mrs Lee) or the Instructional Coach (Mrs Hartman) position. Mrs White (the IBDP Coordinator) was going to absorb the lost position, but District won't allow that. Fortunately District has conceded the importance of both and they are going to allow us to keep both positions. The main goal for the Interventionalist is to help HHIHS achieve a graduation rate of 89-90%.

Proposed School Renewal Plan (SRP): A handout was distributed. At the District level, they have a District "Strategic" Plan (DSP). We need to modify our SRP to be more directly in line with the DSP. Some goals are no longer valid or the way they were measured no longer exists, so there is room for adjustment of the 5-year goals. We will need to motivate teachers toward the goals:

- Student Achievement- The initial goal would be to increase the graduation rate to 92% by the year 2029. The data for this year is still pending though, so if our numbers are really good this year, the goal may adjust up to 93% instead.
- Teacher Satisfaction- Would like to have a Teacher Retention Rate of 90% by the year 2029.
- IBDP- The five-year SRP needs to include more information about the IB Diploma Program, with emphasis on the IBDP and the AP program success rates.
- School Climate- Based on the results of the satisfaction surveys from teachers and students. This rating is made up of (1) Percentage that is satisfied with the learning environment, (2) Percentage satisfied with the physical environment, and (3) Percentage satisfied with school-home relations.

Parking: Feedback has been good. Dr Rodriguez shared an email from a parent stating that parking is now better than it had been in the past. Having people in the parking lot to direct cars has helped a lot. Still having some issues:

- At the Middle School, students are not crossing the street in the designated spot, and parents often speed as they rush to drop off or pick up their MS students. This could be a potential hazard. Considering installing some speed bumps, but would have to find some funding first.
- Elementary teachers initially were not happy about giving up their spots, but they seem to be adjusting.
- Also elementary students cannot be dropped off at school before 8:15 because there is no assigned staff member to be responsible for them. Doing so would result in a fine to the parents. So many just sit in their cars and wait, and this could lead to blocking traffic.
- Need more Visitor parking spots.
- The construction at the Middle School should be finished by 12/24. Then we can access the “Swamp Lot” for more student parking spots.
- Trying to preserve a good relationship with Island Rec.

Miscellaneous:

School Choice: Someone asked if we have gotten any School Choice students. Mr Schidrich is not aware of any yet. We have the ability to accommodate a total of 20 students: 10 for IBDP, 5 for Project Lead the Way (PLTW), and 5 for Hospitality.

Yearbooks for SSC: Mrs Garmon is out on Maternity Leave. Mrs Lopez/Mrs Hernandez have a list of the kids in need. They can see which ones are Seniors and offer them a yearbook. The PTSO paid for 10 extra yearbooks for the SSC and one for the exchange student.

Teacher Attendance: This year, teachers are chipping in a bit more to help cover the classes of co-workers who are out sick. In the past, the PTSO funded a “Perfect Attendance Award” for teachers who were present the whole year. Steve will look into whether or not there are any winners this year. HR found a way to pay teachers for this coverage, which was great because last year, it cost the District \$3.5 million to cover it.

School Store Report- *Rebecca Mastrorocco*

Not much going on as the year winds down.

Fifteen teachers/staff have redeemed their free t-shirt coupons so far. We will have Mrs Morgan send a reminder email since the deadline is May 31.

(Rebecca had to leave the meeting.)

President’s Report –*Kelly Ruckno*

Teacher/Staff Support: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week was a success.

- Mon- Bagels, donuts, coffee, juice.
- Tues- Giuseppe’s hot lunch.
- Wed- Gourmet popsicles from Palmetto Pops.
- Thurs- Goodie bags of SERG gift card and VIP card, t-shirt voucher, free coffee gift card from Corner Perk, CRAB group gift card; also a parent donated lunch.
- Fri- Cinco de Mayo lunch, supplemented with Fiesta Fresh tacos.

Celebrated Principal’s Day with lunch and Nurse’s Day with a dessert.

Also gave monetary awards to Teacher of the Year (Mr Willard) and Staff Member of the Year (Ms Cortese).

Each one received a check for \$500.

Student Support:

- Purchased Senior yard signs (280 signs).
- Provided a bike and lock to a student in need.
- Provided a backpack with supplies, toiletries, clothing, and snacks to another student in need.
- Purchased 11 yearbooks for graduating students in need and one exchange student.

Hospitality Committee: We are in need of 2 co-chairs to take over for next year. Tina has been keeping notes in a spreadsheet. The biggest thing is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Besides that, events include Open House x2, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and certain specific Appreciation Days for other staff that we celebrate as dictated by District. Lissy Rawls agreed to be one of the co-chairs. She will think on it over the next week to see if she can come up with a partner chairperson. Then they can recruit members for the committee.

Bargain Box Grant: The application for the 2025 calendar year grant is due by June 1st. We are still missing the State of SC Charitable Entities documentation. Ellen will follow up on getting that. Audrey still needs to update the wording and add new case details. Ellen will send Audrey a copy of the Bargain Box report for 2023. Then Kelly needs to sign it and submit.

Discount Cards: We are in need of someone to take over the Discount Cards. This entails contacting existing businesses to make sure they still want to remain on the card. Very rarely, it may involve contacting a new business. Tina usually confirms all participants by either email or text, so it is a pretty easy process. She is planning to do it again for the next edition, but would like to copy the new chairperson on emails so it will make for an easy transition the following year. Audrey is currently willing to do the design portion of the card, but this will be her last year. Jessica suggested a friend who has a rising 9th grader. She will contact her and ask.

Elections for the 2024-25 School Year: The slate of nominations for officers for next year includes

- President- Jessica Howard
- Vice-Presidents- Courtney Worl and Kelly Ruckno
- Secretary- Elizabeth Ott
- Treasurer- Tammy Novak

There were no other nominations or write-ins. A vote was called for; all were unanimously in favor. There was no opposition. The slate was passed as presented. Congratulations to the new Board members!

PTSO Bylaws: Tina reviewed the recommendations from Jan and created one document with the existing Bylaws. There are some other issues that she feels need to be discussed before any amendments are finalized. Tina will resend the recommendations to Kelly, who will come up with a meeting date in June for the Board to hash out the details. Once the Board comes to an agreement on the issues, we will circulate the proposed updated Bylaws to the PTSO members. Then we will call for a vote at least 14 days after circulating them (in July).

Treasurer's Report– *Ellen Simmons*
Bank balance was circulated.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kelly, seconded by Ellen. Meeting adjourned, 2:04 p.m.

Calendar:

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

Tina Rohr, PTSO Secretary, 5/31/24