

ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, October 25, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Charron Wright
Becky Gerig
Rachel Anderson
Abby Howe
Mindy Bryan
Rachael Barry
Beth Anderson
Jen White
Mr. Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM

Approved meeting minutes: Charron Wright motioned to approve and Abby Howe seconded.

MISC:

Abby Howe suggesting that the App Club work on an app that will show all holidays on the calendar. HSE underground is a website that shows periods on gray and blue days.
HSEschedule.app.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rachel Anderson and Charron Wright-

- CheddarUp - \$225 to transfer in 2023 donations link (donations are recent)
- PSAT Snacks - \$860.96
- Beautification (pumpkins) added to planters/grounds - \$36
- Concessions Buy-Back from HSE XC Liger Mile - \$423.48 will be paid to Cross Country team
- i-Pad Dongles - \$365.83, PTO paid already
- quill.org - \$900 (pay HSE High School, account #555), Rachel Anderson has that check to write
- Communications & Media Art Requisition - \$4,980.57, Rachael Anderson sent a check for this
- Unified Performing Arts Club - \$1,250, Rachel Anderson left a check for them for last month

Current accounts:

Checking \$6,629.89
Savings \$104,779.04

Tech Soup has Quick Books online for \$90 for one year when it is normally \$200 per month. Is a year subscription. Rachel Anderson would like to move forward with this to make transitions easier.

Rachel Anderson is requesting new envelopes with a double window be purchased so she is not having to reimburse herself. She would like a box of 500.

Everything is paid out except Chick-fil-a. All payouts are paid to the teams, this includes all Fall payouts.

Rachel is going to take out the sandwich cost for the Liger Mile payment.

Denise Retzner, who works for Fishers Parks and Rec, asked if Royal Pride will buy left over concessions they did not use, so that receipt is included.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Simmons-

Football playoffs starts next Friday, taking on Homestead at Homestead. Volleyball advanced at regionals so playing Harrison at Homestead on Saturday. The tennis doubles team advanced to state and play today at Park Tudor. The Cheer team won the first ever Hoosier Cheer Coaches Association competition. Band will be performing at ISSMA tomorrow at Ben Davis. Fall break was busy at HSEHS.

Some students have been invited to display their art at the new Fishers Art Council building. A reception will be held November 8 from 6-8PM.

Next year's Freshman will have a new structure called the Freshman Academy. The goal is to create a more aligned and relevant experience for high school students. They have learned that many students are still undecided about their post-graduation plans and this can cost them extended years of college or finding college was not meant for them. The goal is to make sure students have a better idea of what they want to do after graduation. 66% of students graduate college in 4 years and 85% of students graduate college in 6 years. There will be a Freshman Seminar which will help students with college and career testing and planning.

Based on the work HSE Schools did with Ford NGL, the high schools will move towards offering Networks for students to join. Networks will be designed to give students work-based learning

experiences and offer career information and experiences. These networks will allow the students to have an opportunity to explore areas of interests. HSE will have 7 Networks and FHS will have 8 Networks because they are considering the IB (International Baccalaureate) Program to be a separate Network. The 7 Networks will include Agriculture and Natural Resources, Business and Administration, Engineering, Arts and Communication, Public Service, Medical Sciences, and Industry and Innovation. Students will be able to move from one Network to another easily, as needed. These networks revolves around creating opportunities for students to know where their paths will take them in the future. We want to offer the students relevant experiences that align with their interests. The Ford Next Gen work really laid the groundwork for the innovation of the Networks. Trying to secure the Fishers Event Center for Fall 2025 calling it a Network Fair with the community businesses and all Freshman would participate. This will be a “guaranteed experience” for all freshmen. HSEHS and FHS have regularly scheduled collaboration meetings in order for both High Schools to have similar experiences. Gave the parents in the meeting a handout with some FAQs. This will be released to the public in January.

Parent night for 8th graders and the Course Fair will be in January. Networks will be presented during that time.

HSEHS is focusing on “Being the best we can be”. We want to maximize our potential and this is a theme across all leadership.

FHS Principal, Jason Urban, is now moving into a role at Central Office. Kyle Goodwin, current Associate Principal at FHS, will step into the Interim Principal role.

Rachael Barry asking if the new diploma has had edits that the colleges requested and Mr. Simmons stated that those changes have been made, but the diploma is not yet set in stone yet. The new diploma requirements have to be approved (by the State) by December.

The Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation approved 8 grants from HSE teachers. They were here yesterday to deliver/announce. There were 14 teachers that received grants because some were co-applicants. It was a wide range of grant recipients from Ag, Media Network, Exceptional Learners and Etymology.

Asking if parents had questions about the Innovation Network/Charter School. Rachael Barry asking why there is a need for this charter school. Mr. Simmons reported that 74% actually attend college after graduation at HSE, but 87% declare they are going. That does not divide out who goes into the military. 81 students signed up for cosmetology at JEL and Prestige Beauty School but only 40 were placed. HSE would need a bond due to the expense for HSE to create a career center themselves. Charron was part of a focus group that was asked to review the application from Opportunity Education (OE) and provide feedback. She took notes and shared

some key facts. Only grades 9-12 would attend the Innovation Network School, implementation would occur during the 2026-2027 school year, and the School Board has to approve the Innovation Network School. Charter Schools have Charter Law and are competition to public schools. Innovation Network Schools have more accountability to the district. There will be a Board over this partnership that is appointed by OE. The Superintendent of HSE Schools will sit on that board. OE is the organization behind the Innovation Network School. OE will fund the facility and programming. They are willing to make a \$20-\$40M investment in our community for this school. They have not identified what the networks will be. Per Mr. Simmons, HSE Schools is the authorizer of the Innovation Network School. The name of the school is proposed to be Fishers Prep. Beth Anderson stated that she felt this project was moving too quickly without much preparation and thought. Charron reported that from her meeting, Central Office explained that we do lose students due to behavior issues or because there are students that do not thrive in high schools our size. The Innovation Network School could offer a place for students in our district that are looking for something other than our two large high schools. 125 students are projected to attend the Innovation Network School the 1st year, with up to 500 students total by 2028. HSE Schools would lose \$3.4M in student ADM. There are some opportunities for HSE School to make money from the Innovation Network School if we contract food services and transportation to the Innovation Network School. There is also a component of The Innovation Network School that is a Network Pathways Academy, which will be similar to J. Everett Light and The Pursuit Institute, which offer CTE (trade) programs for students. Our students could attend the Network Pathways Academy for several period of the day, but still be an HSE or FHS student. In those cases, the student ADM money stays with HSE Schools. The Pursuit Institute is still used by surrounding schools, but there are just not many students who participate. Mr. Simmons encouraged parents to attend in person or watch board meetings online in order to be informed. The board will need to vote on the school by winter break.

REQUISITIONS:

None

CONCESSIONS:

Rachael Barry-

It was a hectic Fall season. Communication has been poor. We had 3 football games with low attendance which has affected income. \$700 invoice to Athletics for hospitality.

Girl's Basketball game on Oct 31st. Rachael will not work that night. Charron asking if Cathy Vanhoesen, a parent on the team, will run the stand.

Girl's Lacrosse will work football if we make sectionals.

STAFF APPRECIATION:

Becky Gerig-

September staff appreciation event was not successful due to combined events by the admin team with breakfast provided and the Bearded Bagel food truck for an admin tailgate event. Becky and Mrs. Collins discussed collaborating in order to avoid sharing events on the same day.

We passed out Heidelberg pretzels on October 24th. 185 staff requested a pretzel. 5 staff specifically signed up to decline a pretzel and one staff wrote a comment, "no, but pie would be nice." We had 5 carts this year, but 2 volunteers did not show. We were able to deliver all the pretzels within an hour and 15 minutes with 8 volunteers. We heard good feedback from many teachers and Angie Miles calls this the Famous Pretzel Day!

November - planning on a coffee bar. Calling School House 7 and MOTW for quotes. The school would like this on Nov 22 from 7:30-9:30am.

December - planning on Pearl Street lunch. Waiting on school to confirm this and to determine best date and time.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Pumpkins added

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Collins has requested that we pay for 80 cookies pops for the bus drivers
- Will be delivered on Friday November 22nd
- We will pay Latrece Murdock/her company, waiting on an invoice
- Planners for next year; renew by 11/1 to receive a 4% discount
- SAC (Superintendent's Advisory Council) meeting is next week
- Mrs. Collins asked if anyone wanted to go to Top Golf with her to look into possibilities for end of year teacher event
- There are leftover PSAT snacks for Staff Appreciation to use (about 25 bags of Lay's potato chips, about 100 bags of Ruffles Cheddar & Sour Cream chips, and about 150 bags of Cheez-its)

Next meeting Nov 22th

Meetings for the year:
Nov 22, 2024
Dec 13, 2024
Jan 17, 2025
Feb 21, 2025
March 21, 2025
April 18, 2025
May 9, 2025 – new date

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.