



HHHS PTSO Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024
Conference Room, Hilton Head Island High School

Attendance: Elizabeth Ott, Courtney Worl, Audrey Clayton, Tricia Lynch, Jessica Howard, Steve Schidrich, Lissy Rawl, Kelly Ruckno

Welcome, Sign In, and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jessica Howard at 12:39pm.

President's Report, Jessica Howard

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 10/8/2024: Courtney Worl made the motion to approve the minutes, and Kelly Ruckno seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes.
2. Tidal Wave fundraiser: Courtney Worl has looked into participating in this as a passive fundraising idea. This fundraiser would require the PTSO to purchase (100) car wash coupons valued at \$20 for \$5/each (100 x \$5 = \$500 cost to PTSO). Participants will then sell those car wash coupons for \$10/each (100 x \$10 = \$1000, resulting in a \$500 profit for PTSO if all coupons are sold; basically a wash since we paid \$500 to begin with?). There was general confusion about the steps involved in this particular fundraiser and if it would be profitable, so Courtney offered to do a little more research into it, and get back to PTSO with further information before proceeding.

Principal's Report, Steve Schidrich

1. MSAP Grant: The Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant is a \$5M grant that would be shared between 3 schools: IB Elementary, Hilton Head Middle, and Hilton Head High in order to help with continuity of world language, specifically Spanish. A primary goal of this program is to increase minority enrollment in advanced classes and increase IB enrollment. The MSAP grant involves the AVID program, which is a class that teaches students basic skills (taking notes, how to study, etc), and will likely be part of the 9th grade academy. A program manager at the district level will be hired soon and other open positions (coordinator at each school, community liaison, Spanish teacher, AVID teacher and one general education teacher) at the individual schools will be posted this year.
2. School Spirit: The Student Council has proposed having a movie night for students on Friday 12/6/2024. They are asking for assistance with vendors, licensing, as well as

volunteers and financial support. It was suggested that someone from the student council reach out to the district regarding rules/regulations. Island Rec center has screens/speakers that we could possibly borrow, and they could offer some direction as to how to manage such an event. The MORP dance is still on the table, possibly in January. Participation in the upcoming HHI St Patrick's Day Parade is also being discussed.

3. Faculty/Staff vacancies: The newly hired Spanish teacher from Colorado started last Thursday. There are still vacancies for a strings teacher, Spanish, math, two ESOL/MLP, and a media specialist. In 2 weeks Beaufort County School District is holding a job fair for fall college graduates, and we are hoping that this will provide some candidates to fill the open positions.
4. School Report Card: The annual school report card for 2023-24 was released, and Hilton Head High scored a 61 (good). Points are deducted for each student that does not graduate, so it is imperative that our students are properly registered for the correct school. This was not applicable during the Covid-19 pandemic, but is now a relevant part of the school report card. This year, English language learners dropped to below average. Algebra 1 and English 2 end of course scores indicated an increase in academic achievement. There was also a gain in the Biology EOC, but there was a drop in the US History EOC (decreased 10% for passage rate; however, the entire state had decreased scores due to new state standards). Our graduation rate was only down 1% compared to last year. Computer and Career Readiness scores increased. The school climate survey for students, teachers and staff revealed that Hilton Head High is below average in regards to the overall school climate. There are efforts being made to improve understanding of the survey. The school report card is available for all to review on the school's website at <https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI0JnQ9SCZzaWQ9MDcwMTAwMw>

Committee Reports

1. Seahawk Support Circle (SSC), Audrey Clayton: Holiday shopping was usually done by Tina Rohr, who no longer has students at HHIHS. Dawn Washington might be able to help with this effort in Tina's absence. Jessica and Audrey will create an Amazon wish list for items that are needed to fill bags, and this list can be pushed out into the community. All Saints will deliver holiday backpacks to HHIHS on Monday, 12/9/2024. Either the conference room or a space in the media center will be dedicated to housing donations and backpacks prior to 12/2/2024. PTSO will fill the backpacks on Sunday, 12/15/2024, from 1-3pm. The volunteer sign ups for both of these events are available at the PTSO's [signup.com](https://www.signup.com) page. The links to sign up will be posted in the weekly email from Jessica, as well as in Mr. Schidrich's weekly update email.
2. Hospitality, Lissy Rawl: PTSO is providing Publix boxes to teachers tonight during parent/teacher conferences. They are planning to provide another sweet treat for teachers/staff later this month.

The next HHIHS PTSO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 12:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

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