



**HHHS PTSO Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2024  
Conference Room, Hilton Head Island High School**

**Attendance:** Elizabeth Ott, Jessica Howard, Kelly Ruckno, Ellen Simmons, Courtney Worl, Audrey Clayton, Dawn Washington, Leslie Shaw

**Welcome, Sign In, and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jessica Howard at 12:38pm.

**President's Report, Jessica Howard:**

1. **Approval of meeting minutes from 11/12/2024:** Meeting minutes from November need to be edited, so we will approve those minutes at our next monthly meeting. Courtney made a motion to approve holding off on approval of November minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor to approve November's meeting minutes at our next monthly meeting.
2. **HHHS Movie night:** Student advisory council had planned movie night for 12/6/2024, but ran into several obstacles, including inclement weather. The movie night has been rescheduled for January in conjunction with a home basketball game. It will possibly be held in the VPAC, but using the baseball field is not out of the question. Student advisory council previously requested \$300 worth of snacks from PTSO. PTSO will use \$600 of funds to donate towards this event in January, since it will benefit the entire school. If the initial movie night goes over well, PTSO may vote to provide more financial assistance (up to \$1000) in future years.
3. **Yearbook donations:** Mrs. Schoelkopf, yearbook advisor, has requested a donation of yearbooks from the PTSO. PTSO will donate 12 yearbooks total (2 books are for the foreign exchange students, and the other 10 books will be given to students chosen by Mrs. Mary Megan and Mrs. Lopez based on student need). Historically PTSO has paid a discounted cost (similar to what teachers and staff pay) for these yearbooks. Jessica will inquire with Mrs. Schoelkopf regarding cost, but members present agreed that we can proceed with the purchase and donation of yearbooks as requested.

4. **January meeting:** A formal meeting of the PTSO will not be held in January, but we will need PTSO volunteers to be at school to help hand out schedules on 1/8/2025. We will also need volunteers to come in on 1/7/2025 to hang signs in the cafeteria and set up tables for the first day back after Winter Break.
5. **SIC and BCSD BOE meetings:** At a recent HHIHS School Improvement Council meeting, it was noted that Beaufort County School District Board of Education member Ingrid Boatright had expressed concern about low input and participation in BOE meetings from parents in the Hilton Head school cluster. Mr Schidrich agreed that the HHI schools should advertise the BOE meetings, especially since BOE meetings are occasionally being held in the media center at Hilton Head Island Middle School.
6. **Custodian Appreciation:** A request was made by Dr. Gray and Mrs. Dobbelaere for donations towards "Seahawk Santa" in honor of Custodian Appreciation. They are asking for items that can be easily split between 11 people. The PTSO will donate (11) \$25 WalMart gift cards, as well as pairs of Bombas socks.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Seahawk Support Circle, Audrey Clayton and Kelly Ruckno:** We have received the list of 85 families that will receive holiday bags from SSC on Sunday 12/15/24. Many donations have been sent to the school, but Tina Rohr has agreed to go shopping for items that are needed to complete the holiday bags. Audrey will make sure that 20 gift cards are given to Ms. Festa to use throughout the year for families in need. Walmart gift cards are currently 172 - will give 2 of those gift cards to Mary Megan for Counselor Appreciation Week in February. 85 cards are needed for holiday gift bags; 11 for janitors; 2 for counselors. The rest will be given to Ms. Festa to use throughout the year.
2. **Hospitality, Lissy Rawl and Leslie Shaw:** Teachers ugly sweater lunch is being presented tomorrow. A box lunch from Chick fil A is being provided by PTSO for all teachers/staff. The total is \$538.98 for 65 box lunches from Chick fil A and 14 salads that are being made by Lissy. The hospitality committee will be here to help. PTSO can also put out ornaments and Bombas socks at lunch. The teacher cookie exchange is scheduled for 12/18/24 after school. The PTSO will ask for volunteers to help with set up prior to the cookie exchange. PTSO will continue to contribute to the monthly pizza lunch for teachers that Nina (HHIHS Bookkeeper) runs. PTSO provided water for the 150 students that attended EOC night.
3. **School Store and VP Fundraising, Courtney Worl:** School store raised \$861.95 in net sales from November to December, with 21 items sold. The cost of the Gildan short sleeved shirts is increasing from \$10 to \$12, beginning January 8, 2025. The Tidal Wave fundraiser has been tabled for now due to its complicated procedures. The PTSO is hosting a fundraiser with Crumbl Cookies in Shelter Cove next Thursday, 12/19/24. PTSO will receive 10% of profit for the entire day of sales. Cactus Street Cantina also offers this kind of fundraiser and Courtney will look into this. She will also create the online sign up coordinating volunteers for handing out schedules on 1/8/25.
4. **Treasurer, Ellen Simmons:** PTSO has funds left in the Bargain Box grant fund. Once these monies are used we will then move on to using SCC funds and then regular funds. We have completed the necessary paperwork for the \$8000 Bargain Box grant.

Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm