

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING MINUTES

## FRIDAY, March 21, 2025

### **ATTENDEES:**

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Jennifer Low  
Abby Howe  
Mindy Bryan  
Rachael Barry  
Tamara Bove  
Christel Pardo  
Beth Anderson  
Mr. Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

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Approved meeting minutes: Charron Wright motioned to approve; Beth Anderson seconded.

### **MISC:**

Charron Wright -

HSEF Legacy Celebration was well attended. Charron and Becky felt it was a great event and shared highlights. The Foundation asked for feedback. Our PTO baskets did not win. 1<sup>st</sup> Place FCI - two golf foursomes; 2nd Place FHS - custom bourbon barrel top, (3) bottles of whisky, \$75 gift card to Moody's Butcher Shop, some spirit wear; 3rd Place CRE - (8) restaurant gift cards.

Royal Pride PTO logo and letterhead from David Young. Charron needs to follow-up on this. We need to get quotes for custom tablecloths; HSE is transitioning to a new BSN Rep.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Charron Wright -

Payment from Athletics for Mudsock B/G basketball Game at Fishers Event Center - \$2,000 - We have not received this yet.

- Senior Signing Day check - paid \$3,000
- SAT Snacks - \$556.98

- Flowers/plants for pots in CCA, Athletic and Main Entrances - \$130.15
- Graduation Meal/Staff Incentives - need a lot of staff to help with graduation by riding buses with the students and various other needs, admin is asking for PTO to help incentivize and/or feed staff that volunteer

Abby asked about concessions purchases. Rachael Barry explained that it was to purchase supplies for spring athletic events. For instance, Chick Fil A asks for their payment for the season up front.

Current account balances:

Checking \$2, 407.52

Savings \$104,352.60

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Simmons -

Registration dates for next year are July 30 and 31.

Charron asked if teachers need support in purchasing items for Choice Day/Day of Service - Mr. Simmons will ask staff if they need PTO financial support for any activities. The students have been working on problem solving what Choice Day should look like that could also combine a Day of Service aspect. Over 300 elementary, intermediate and junior high students will be coming to HSEHS at different times during the day to work on some lessons/activities with our high school students. Students will come from Fall Creek Elementary, Fall Creek Intermediate, Fall Creek Junior High, and Thorpe Creek Elementary. It will be great to have future Royals in the building.

Services for Mason Alexander are next Tuesday, March 25, 2025

There was some concern that HSEHS would need to have an e-learning day if there were enough teachers that wanted to attend the services, but they found they will not have to use an e-learning day next Tuesday after all. Rachael Barry made hot chocolate, that Royal Pride PTO donated, during the balloon release. Rachael Barry will take water and Powerade (paid for by Royal Pride PTO) for the Pitt football team and staff that will be attending the services.

Men's and Women's ESPN Chipotle Nationals (basketball) will be held at HSEHS on Wednesday 4/2 in the evening and Thursday 4/3 starting at 2PM. April 3rd is a Pathways day. Freshman and sophomores will be allowed to have release time on 4/3. All students must leave from Door 18. Student can attend the games for free, but must re-enter the school through Door 10. This is a nationally televised event. Our school will be displayed on a national level. There will be no

access from the gym to other areas of the school. If a student stays at school the buses will still be transporting them at 3pm. The gym area will be blocked off. There will also be games Friday and Saturday 4/4 and 4/5. Gatorade will be here to do promotional shots with some of the players.

Prom is April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

David Young reached out to Mr. Simmons asking for financial help to print the Senior and Royal Rumble editions of the Orb. The cost for those two print editions will be \$1,500. Mr. Simmons is asking if Royal Pride would be willing to split the cost with him. Charron motioned to approve a payment of \$750 to cover the printed editions of the Orb; Mindy Bryan seconded. All in favor. PTO will take this money from HSE Gifts budget line item, but if this is needed in the future PTO will add it to the annual budget.

Paige Vinson is requesting PTO assistance with drinks and desserts for a teacher Lunch & Learn on March 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to implement best practice strategies. Jets Pizza will be provided. Charron will ask Amy Reade to make cookies and PTO will supply the drinks. Abby is asking if we could use leftover SAT snacks for the teachers this day also.

Maya Makalusky was named Indiana Miss Basketball. This is HSE's 4<sup>th</sup> Indiana Mr./Miss Basketball title winner. Maya was not aware that she won and was surprised during the announcement.

Color Guard and Percussion had their preview showcase 3/20 and did a great job. Mr. Simmons attended. Beth Anderson thanked him for attending. Varsity Guard have state finals this weekend.

JV color guard won their division. State prelims is this weekend.

Percussions competes on 3/22 and 3/29.

HSE is hosting the District Art Fair this weekend. All of our art teachers are also professional artists, which is not common. The Art Fair is Saturday and Sunday from 2-5pm.

Mr. Simmons is asking for volunteers to participate on the Principal Interview Committee for next year's new principal. Mr. Simmons resigned several weeks ago. If interested, email Charron.

## **REQUISITIONS:**

Mock Trial (8 students to attend National Judicial Competition in St. Paul, MN) . Our standard is \$350 per student = \$2,800. Charron motioned to support Mock Trial and Beth Anderson seconded, unanimous vote.

New signage for the indoor concession stand - approved, has been ordered, waiting on invoice from Athletics for \$1,500.

Received Requisition Form for quill.org (approved in September)

### **SENIOR SIGNING DAY:**

PTO created the CheddarUp link for donations and Karen Bush will start posting after Mason's services. PTO will purchase the giveaways and will be reimbursed. Rachael Barry will pop popcorn for this event. PTO is donating the popcorn.

### **CONCESSIONS:**

Rachael Barry -

ESPN Chipotle Nationals Basketball Tournament April 2-5. We need volunteers for this, which is complicated since it is Spring Break.

### **STAFF APPRECIATION:**

Becky Gerig -

CheddarUp for Staff Appreciation Week was posted 3/20/2025.

March - March Madness bracket is now closed and we have over 80 participating. Also put out over \$400 in school supplies in the office/mail room during SAT day and items were all taken within 30 mins to an hour.

April - Prize from March Madness winner will be delivered and school supply donations will be provided again, but placed around the school in as many offices as possible.

May - Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9, planning something for each day - breakfast sandwiches on Monday, Fan Stand and athletics gear give away, Chuy's chips, and pricing out mini Crumbl cookies vs bundtlets from Nothing Bundt Cake. Need to remember that we have WIDA testing snacks left over - little waters 5 cases of 80 count, Ale lunch confirmed.

### **BEAUTIFICATION:**

Charron Wright and Jen Low -

Flowers have been planted in all pots around the school. The islands in the Athletic Lot were mulched by the district. The Royal Den is temporarily closed for renovations. The Athletic

Hallway and Varsity Gym have been painted, getting new signage, and trophy cases cleaned out, etc.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Charron Wright -

SAT snacks

- SAT Snacks - 800 students x 2 snacks each = 1,600 snacks
- Bought the following:
- (8) 45ct. of Goldfish
- (6) 50ct. Cheddar & Sour Cream Ruffles
- (7) 50ct. Ruffles potato chips
- (10) 36ct. Animal Cookies
- (6) 30ct. Veggie Straws
- Had about 290 snacks (chips, Cheez-Its, and Veggie Straws) that were left over from WIDA testing
- How many snacks were left over?

Will need to finalize the 2025-2026 PTO Board for next year. Need the slate of Board members to present at the April meeting.

### **SAC MEETING:**

Next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Royal Pride PTO Meeting is April 18, 2025.**

PTO meeting dates for the remainder of the year:

- May 9, 2025 - \* NEW DATE due to Senior Signing Day

\*All meetings will begin at 9am and will take place in the HSE High School Media Center Conference Room. All meeting dates are on Fridays.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.