

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING MINUTES

## FRIDAY, April 18, 2025

### **ATTENDEES:**

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Jennifer Low  
Abby Howe  
Mindy Bryan  
Rachael Barry  
Tamara Bove  
Beth Anderson  
Ms. Brown  
Mr. Guenin

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM

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Approved meeting minutes: Abby Howe motioned to approve Mindy Bryan seconded.

### **MISC:**

Charron -

Asked Mr. Guenin to invite the class officers to the May meeting so PTO can give them their yearly checks.

PTO asked to reimburse the Paula Manchess that purchased gift cards for HOSA chaperones. Charron will work with Bailey Meyer to reimburse Paula.

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

Charron Wright -

- Received payment from Athletics from Mudsock B/G Basketball Game at Fishers Event Center for \$2,000, noted this was very generous of Athletics
- Mock Trial Requisition paid - \$2,800
- Esports Requisition paid - \$4,550
- Lunch and Learn (PTO provided cookie trays and drinks) - \$128.02
- Beautification for more flowers and pots- \$140.89

- Need to write a \$3,000 check for Royal Rumble - have it to give to Bailey Meyer today
- T&T Sales and Promotions (cups for Staff Appreciation Week) - \$913.82
- Graduation Meal/Staff Incentives will need to be discussed (\$1000 budgeted for a meal)
- Digital Editions for printing of the Orb will need to be paid- \$750, consider adding as a budget line item
- Gift cards were purchased for National Assistant Principals week - (8) gift cards for \$25 each from Homemade - \$200
- In looking at overall budget, gifts to HSE and course books printing have increased so we will need to adjust that in our budget for next year
- Charron encouraged Ms. Brown and Mr. Geunin to promote to the teachers that PTO offers funding via requisitions. She believes the staff is not always aware of this process and the staff is busy so they don't always remember to fill these out. Discussed option of putting a link in the staff newsletter each week.

Current accounts:

Checking \$4, 434.45

Savings \$113,938.71

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Geunin

Day of Service is next Friday. We have teachers bringing classes from TCE and FCE in the morning. NHS students will go to the schools and escort them over here. While here, teachers at HSE have put together lessons and activities and the HSE HS students will help with these lessons. Forensic class will dig through dirt and learn the systems of that, there is also math origami and color by numbers classes. FCI students come in the afternoon. Teachers signed up for this event. Hoping it does not rain for the students walking over. TCE has about 98 students coming. We have officers to help them cross the street. We also are sending HSEHS students over to these elementary and intermediate schools to work on projects at those schools. Our students are doing beautification projects, library work and reading to students at the other schools. Many teachers have put a lot of hard work into this. PTO can assist with funding if there is a need for any of these projects. Charron suggested having these teachers submit for reimbursement since there isn't time for PTO to order and pay for materials in time.

Ms. Brown-

We had our honorarium inductions for National Art Honor Society, Foreign Language Societies, Computer Science Society, Math Honor Society, etc. They had their names read and certificates and cords were given to the seniors. HOSA held their statewide convention. We brought 55

students to the convention that was held at the Marriott. There are 7 offices held by students for HOSA in the state. HSEHS has 3 of those offices. 2 HSEHS students qualified for nationals. This is only the 3rd year that HSE has had HOSA. Check out HSE.HOSA on Instagram for more details. 4/23 orchestra and bands performing at the Palladium. Tickets are \$25. Our percussion ensemble won 8<sup>th</sup> in the country in their division. Our JV color guard won first in their division. It has been a strong year in performing arts.

Chipotle Nationals was successful. They had several students that stayed to watch. There were many upgrades to the building made, including the Royal Den and signage. Rachel Barry reports this will be here for 1 more year since it was a 3 year contract and the first year was at Brownsburg. Charron reported that many attendees complimented the school building. Ms. Brown reported that the students and the athletics organization was complimented by several people that attended the event. Our media students got to work with ESPN, which was quite an experiential learning opportunity for them.

Yard sign cap and gown pick up is happening next week. Next week they will discuss more details about the ceremony. Students will come to HSEHS and will stage in the gym, load by rows onto buses, bus them to the Fishers Event Center, then bus them back to HSEHS after graduation. Students will have the option to leave from the Event Center with their family. Graduation practice is required with no exceptions. No students are allowed to drive directly to graduation. Parking can be a challenge and there will be a charge. Graduation tickets will be given to the students at the practice.

One idea about yard signs is to no longer offer to every student and parents can buy them if they want. Will consider making it a fundraiser for the senior class.

Ms. Brown is excited to share that HSEHS SAT scores have gone up. Last year our average score was 1068 and this year it went up to 1088. Students that hit both the math and language arts benchmarks increased from 47.6% in 2024 to 55% in 2025. Students hitting the math benchmark increased from 47.6% in 2024 to 57% in 2025. The math department was intentional about revising assessments and changing classroom practices. Made their tests more SAT compatible. HSEHS identified the “approaching” category of students and the math department created a program for these students for extra help. They had 60 students attend. They have tried this in the past, but did not have as much participation as they did this year. 80% of HSEHS students should be meeting these benchmarks. Carmel had 63% meeting benchmarks. Some of the English teachers targeted grammar to increase SAT success. Ms. Brown was very encouraged to see this growth. Charron mentioned that at the recent Superintendent’s Advisory Council Meeting, Mr. Mapes stated that math scores at the intermediate and junior high are lower than they should be so the intermediate and junior

nights are going to change the schedule to have math every day. Ms. Brown reported that AP Precalculus will be offered next year. There is also an AI committee between both high schools.

Abby Howe asked if attendance can switch to online like FHS. Per Ms. Brown the HSEHS Attendance Office prefers our current system of parents calling in for absences and appointments.

### **REQUISITIONS:**

- New signage for the indoor concession stand - approved, has been ordered, the invoice will be given to Rachael Anderson for \$1,500
- Prom Tickets - The Prom Sponsors are requesting 25 Prom tickets for students that need financial assistance. Tickets are \$55 each; total cost is \$1,375. Charron motioned to approve and Beth Anderson seconded.

### **SENIOR SIGNING DAY:**

- We currently have \$1,110 in CheddarUp

### **SAC MEETING:**

- Innovate 2028 is the district's new 'performance improvement plan. 'It will focus on three areas: enhancing the Exceptional Learners 'experience, communication, finances.
- As of next year, all sophomores through seniors will have the same Assistant Principal, Dean, and Counselor.
- Property tax reduction bills have passed at the State level recently that will directly impact public schools, fire responders, and local infrastructure.
- There are a few remaining transfer spots open within the district.
- See notes below for more details

### **CONCESSIONS:**

Rachael Barry -

- Chipotle Nationals Basketball Tournament concessions grossed roughly \$8,000. We will pay Baseball, Boys Basketball, and Band \$500 each for their help.
- The largest frustration was the unknown factor.
- We will host the event again next year.

### **STAFF APPRECIATION**

Becky -

- Currently we have \$880 in CheddarUp for Staff Appreciation Week.
- Charron will tell Becky there are leftover SAT snacks up for grabs.
- March: Kathy Kleinrichert won the March Madness competition for a \$100 gift card and will also be announced in the staff newsletter
- April: more school supplies for teachers left in workrooms – Becky has not heard feedback on this second round
- May: teacher appreciation week
  - M: McDonald's breakfast sandwiches, fruit, and coffee
  - T: royal Royals Solo cup in mailboxes
  - W: Chuy's chips and salsa
  - R: Crumbl Cookies
  - F: Ale Emporium lunch

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Charron/Jen -

- More flowers were planted in (2) new pots at the Athletic Entrance
- Royal Den is open and looks great!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Principal Interview Committee: Tamara and Charron recapped the process.
- Slate of Board Members for 2025-2026 School Year will be voted on at the May meeting:
  - President - Charron Wright
  - Co-President - OPEN
  - Treasurer - Rachel Anderson
  - Secretary - Undetermined
  - Concessions Chair - Rachael Barry
  - Staff Appreciation Chair - Undetermined
  - Beautification - Charron Wright and Jen Low

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Royal Pride PTO logo and letterhead from David Young
- Need to get quotes for custom tablecloths; need to contact new BSN Rep

## Meeting Dates for 2024-2025

- August 23, 2024
- September 20, 2024
- October 25, 2024
- November 22, 2024
- December 13, 2024
- January 17, 2025
- February 21, 2025
- March 21, 2025
- April 18, 2025
  - May 9, 2025 - \* NEW DATE due to Senior Signing Day

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.

## SAC Meeting Notes April 15, 2025

### Innovate 2028 - Dr. Carlotta Coopriider

Dr. Coopriider reviewed the one page document titled HSE Action Plan: Innovate 2028.

Innovate 2028 is a 36-month framework for HSE Schools. It will serve as our roadmap for the next 3 years. It's important to note that this is a "living document". It is designed to be responsive, adaptable, and flexible as things may change over the next 3 years.

Once Innovate 2028 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees, there will be a link to the document on the district's website. There will also be a one-page document and a brochure about Innovate 2028.

Innovate 2028 is more or less the district's Performance Improvement Plan, as well as a more frequent way to report our performance as a district. Mr. Mapes said this plan will force us (a good force, he noted) to present our data publicly. He noted that we need to be better about telling our story.

Innovate 2028 will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 14th. The hope is to adopt Innovate 2028 at the June Board Meeting.

Looking at our academic data, we want to continue our academic excellence and protect our data. We need to know what's impacting our students. The Journey of a Student was used to help build Innovate 2028.

Leaders in specific areas have developed detailed plans, with input from stakeholders, that lie within Innovate 2028.

Areas that were identified as needing improvement:

- Enhance the Exceptional Learners' experience
- Communication
- Financial

### **IREAD-3 - Mr. Mapes**

68% of our current 2nd graders have passed IREAD-3 (a 3rd grade test), which is phenomenal!

92% of our current 3rd graders have passed IREAD-3.

Harrison Parkway Elementary and Southeastern Elementary both had huge gains in IREAD-3 from last year to this year.

### **Academic Performance - Mr. Mapes**

Mr. Mapes noted that math and language arts scores are lower than they should be in intermediate and junior high. One change that is being made to address this is a change in schedules for intermediate and junior high students. They will now have math and language arts every day, not every other day like it currently is.

Mr. Mapes also mentioned that beginning next year, high school students will have the same Assistant Principal, Dean, and Counselor (except for freshman year) all 4 years of high school. This will enable building administrators to get to know their students better. It's believed this will lead to more positive outcomes with academics, attendance, behaviors, etc.

### **Current Legislative Session - Mr. Mapes**

SB1 and HB1001 (property tax reduction bills) have both been approved. We don't yet know the total impact of the reduction, but we are going to lose several million dollars from the state. We will have a reduction in our Operations Budget. A reduction in property taxes does not just affect public schools. It also affects police, fire, and infrastructure for cities and towns.

### **Open Enrollment - Mr. Mapes**

We have accepted 99 students, which will bring in \$587K. There were 129 applicants. 17 students were denied acceptance due to academic or attendance issues. Some other applications were incomplete and were therefore not considered. The deadline has passed, but I believe the window is being extended because we still have space to accept more students.

### **New Diploma - Mr. Mapes**

Mr. Mapes thinks the new diploma program is one of the more positive things Indiana has done for its' students in recent years. Under the new diploma requirements students will be able to earn seals. These seals will be accepted by Purdue. Mr. Mapes specially mentioned Purdue; I'm unsure if the seals will be accepted by other Indiana state colleges and universities. Mr. Mapes explained that an Indiana student who has earned a seal could have an advantage over an out of state applicant. Seals can be earned for what is equivalent to today's Academic Honors Diploma. Seals can also be earned for a trade.