

# Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

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## I. **Welcome**

- a. Meeting commenced at 7:35pm with a welcome by Paula Williams.

## II. **Administrator's Report** – Gary Suda/Diane DiGiuseppe

- a. Cheerleaders at NBA/Philadelphia – great performance. Everyone was so excited – terrific experience.
- b. Mock Trial – going well.
- c. Region I Honors Choir and Honors Band - selected students participated in regional concerts.
- d. NJ Association Student Council Award for Spirit Week.
- e. DECA – has been successful – working hard with students.
- f. 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation – at PRM – spoke to students/presentation- coming to the HS to help their transition.
- g. Mid – Terms – comparing grades.
- h. HIB – Emotional stress and anxiety
- i. Random Drug Testing – have tested more frequently this year. Have received some hits and are working with community and KAMELOT to work with students in a positive way during these 4 years. Constantly watching to make sure our kids are safe.
- j. Teacher of the Year – Ms. Bagarozza – Teacher and Education/Teaching Professional – Mr. Buesser. Nomination forms were given to faculty and staff, comes from within and then nominations are reviewed and based on rubric and scores determine the winner. 3 teachers are entered into a county round...per Ms. DiGiuseppe.
- k. 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period – PAARC dates after AP Testing – first few weeks of May.
  - i. Course selections are coming.
  - ii. Would like to not have barriers to courses...would like to challenge students...open gates to the kids...more rigorous courses. Working with team and supervisors...align the students and raise the bar.
  - iii. Thinking of changing mid-terms...on the board...perhaps eliminate and not penalize their semester grades.
  - iv. Colleges are more project oriented – not mid-term and final...colleges moving away from. End of course test – 3 years of English and 3 years of Math...in works to eliminate the mid-term and finals. Many HS moving towards quarterlies...not a few days of testing...benefits of changing.
- l. Unit Lunch – mid day – 2 cafeterias and one other location. Looking at making this happen for the new school year...science teachers can also use this longer time for a lab. Students can use this extended time to use as they wish – media center, meetings, study, clubs, music lessons, etc. Will be presented to staff and food service, finance, etc. 57-58 minutes of class with new lunch block.
- m. PAARC will count in what year? 2019 or 2021? Double-checking report from state. Students will have to qualify to graduate...they have to satisfy one of several criteria. Students that do well can opt to send to colleges – colleges have agreed to waive any non-credit bearing course (1-4). College and career ready – meet or exceed expectations. Students can elect to include PAARC on their college transcript...use in a positive way.

- n. Creating Strategies to get the kids ready for the testing... pep rallies etc.
- o. Can seniors leave for lunch? No, only within campus...not comfortable with safety of having kids leave school and coming back...too many in car. Have been doing well.
- p. Teachers and Students on Mid Term committee. No parents as of yet.
- q. Considerations in College Explorations – 2/17 at 7pm at KHS.
- r. Messenger Update Letters went home and are to be returned to the schools with edits. Trial and error. Process will take a bit – about 30% will need to be changed.

III. **Secretary** – Melissa Giacoio

- a. Copies of Proposed 2016-2017 School Calendar are available and Board of Ed Meeting Schedule.
- b. Minutes will be posted within a week after the scheduled KSHSA Meeting.
- c. Already working to find new parents for KHS positions for the 2016-2017 School Year. We will be hosting a springtime get together for all and more details will follow. Please let us know if you are interested in helping next year – with your current position or even with a new position.
  - i. Email was sent to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade – junior year parents yesterday – thank you to Mr. Suda and Mr. Mongon for sending for us.
  - ii. Have already received a few email from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and HS parents that are interested in helping next year.
- d. Motion to approve by Louisa Colaiacovo and seconded by Luci Masherelli.

IV. **Treasurer Report** – Elaine Hamill

- a. Balance of \$77,813.65
- b. Motion to approve by Natalie Koutsokoumnis and seconded by Erika Remsen.

V. **KHS Scholarships** – Patti Morris - 11 total at \$1000. each

- a. Merit (5)
- b. Non-Merit (5)
- c. Special Services (1)
  - i. Exceptional Students – have Case Managers hand out
- d. KHS Applications – available shortly and will be due back by March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Essay/Spreadsheet with Details of Awards/Etc. – spread the word through senior class meetings etc.
  - ii. If we don't have an Exceptional Applicant we will not grant.
- e. Scholarships will be awarded at the ceremony and winners will be granted a "Kinnelon High School Home and School Scholarship". All scholarships will be announced and will not be differentiated at the ceremony...only when the committee is scoring and tabulating the results are they "defined" as listed above (ie. Merit, Non Merit, Exceptional).
- f. Motion to approve by Kim Fatzner and seconded by Patti Morris.

VI. **Project Graduation** – Bernadine Ferrari

- a. Underway – fundraisers and coordinating activities.
- b. Dinner to Go – in works.
- c. Select fundraisers on different dates
- d. Forms online – Project Graduation, Yard Sale
- e. 166 seniors total - have received a little over ½.

VII. **Grants** – Applications were submitted and reviewed by Grant Chair – Alicia deTorres and the HSA Executive Board and Principal. The following were reviewed, presented and approved and/or seeking more information.

a. Club/Team

- i. *Athletic Training Room* – Leiter - \$2495 - **APPROVED**
- ii. *Baseball Team* – Stroud - \$500 - **APPROVED**
- iii. *Culinary Club* – Garrahy - \$500 (Life Skills and Culinary Club to use the equipment – very popular club and need of) – **APPROVED**
- iv. *DECA* – Ellington - \$300 - **APPROVED**
- v. *Fitness Center* – Capra - \$598 (floor mats for the fitness center) - **APPROVED**
- vi. *Give Back Club* – Buesser - \$400 (speaker) – **more information – could it reach more students?**
- vii. *Volleyball Team* – Finke - \$957 – **more information needed.**

b. Teacher Grant Requests

- i. *Cataldi* - \$449 – 32gb iPad Air for Spanish Classroom – **more information**
- ii. *Kane* - \$500 – new oven for Life Skills class - **APPROVED**
- iii. *Penola* - \$500 – purchase of books for English classes – **APPROVED**
- iv. *Robbins* - \$200 – 2 Blu-ray DVD players – **APPROVED**

c. Total of all is \$8000+

d. Motion to approve by Denise Hatch and seconded by Cindy Akin.

**VIII. Other**

- a. Prom – June 9<sup>th</sup> – Villa at Mt. Lakes
- b. Intergenerational Prom – with senior citizens from Kinnelon and Cedar Crest – semi formal at KHS – 4:30pm – 8pm with seniors...Look for donations ... video...school photographer...dancing dj food. Mayor, town council, police, etc work the event.
- c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – need to raise funds for freshman teams – Mr. Suda will mention to Mr. Mongon.
- d. Proposed Calendar – comments or questions – let Ms. DiGiuseppe know. She will discuss at work session with the BOE.
- e. Why do we have a 90 minute delay not 2 hour? 2 hours would not give us 4 hours of instruction.
- f. Can parents ever opt out of bussing? Yes, transportation waiver is available and can opt out. Can always opt back in.
- g. Motion to adjourn by Patti Morris and seconded by Natalie Koutsokoumnis.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Next Meeting - March 8<sup>th</sup>.

In attendance: Gary Suda, Diane DiGiuseppe, Paula Williams, Elaine Hamill, Melissa Giacoio, Louisa Colaiacovo, Luci Masherelli, Patti Morris, Bernadine Ferrari, Erika Remsen, Kim Fatzer, Natalie Koutsokoumnis, Terry Calabrese, Denise Hatch, Cheryl Chiuchiolo, Mary Anne Gorman, Danielle Elia, Cindy Akin.

