

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

I. **Welcome**

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

II. **Administrator's Report** – Gary Suda

- a. Wrapping up marking period – November 4th – grades are due tomorrow. Grades go live on the 12th.
- b. Categorized grades this year – formative and summative assessments – discussed at Back to School Night.
 - i. Summative – larger, quizzes, tests, projects, lab report
 - ii. Formative – practice assignments, homework, do now, exit slips
- c. Creating grading consistency across all common teachers/courses – categorize and be consistent with all teachers. Collaboration between teachers for 2 common assessments. In some cases teachers made adjustments and as it fits for the department.
 - i. Some students were concerned because in the past homework was graded and worth more. Looking at all classes right now. Consistency to bring equity and equal access to the kids, teachers and curriculum. Many schools looking at it this way to show proficiency. Not affecting kids in the negative way.
- d. Spirit Week – really loved it. So impressed that the students did it all themselves. Minority of teachers did come forth prior to and said they are not for it...others very into it and a part of it. Wished teachers would come out at night. Final day...Friday event – 2 ½ hours – too long – modify for the future. School spirit is very important. Much calmer this year and seemed good.
- e. Harvey – Friday and Saturday – drama.
- f. Fashion Show – November 18th
- g. ACT Practice Test – coming soon.
- h. Mid-Terms – plans to change? Was told there was a committee prior to arrival. Spoke with a few teachers – need to prepare for college and these big tests. Chatham hasn't had mid terms for about 6 years...just finals...very project based. All for a decrease in the student anxiety – has to bring the committee/group back to discuss. Looking at the lunch unit for next year...52 minutes...free flow lunch – Chatham, Sparta, West Essex have this set up. Can have music lessons, labs, extra help, etc. during that time period. A lot of people behind, would need time to transition to this.

III. **Secretary** – Melissa Giacoio

- a. At the 10/13 Meeting - Motion to approve by funding of \$1500 for the 2016 Every 15 Minutes Program.
- b. 411 – Joe Abruzzi – Monday, October 26th – “The 411 On Drugs”. Program for parents – high school and middle school. Well respected and informative program.

IV. **Treasurer Report** – Elaine Hamill

- a. Balance of 11/9/15 - \$66,018.49
- b. Gift – Westerhoff Family - \$250. Donation.

- c. Dinner to go made @\$400
Motion to approve by Joan Molee seconded by Natalie Koutsokoumnis

V. **Business**

- a. Grants – Alicia – January 12th meeting. Revamped grant request forms. Invited teachers to write proposal via application – and club/sports/activity- students speak on their behalf. Last year we granted 7 clubs \$7400. One teacher grant last year. Alicia will get paper work out there for the January 12th meeting.
- b. Fashion Show Ad Book – thanks to Sandy – made good money – no expenses...Sandy donates copies and time. Deadline is tonight at 8pm.
- c. Student Directory – Teachers giving to students on Thursday. Block B teachers. Katy – 475 copies - \$993. Need a graduation reception chair.
- d. Membership – Joan Molee working with Paula on KSHSA Membership. 309 families.
- e. Test Prep – Patti Morris – Saturday, 11/14 ACT Practice – 90 kids to date. Scores in about 3 weeks after test. Kaplan test prep format. May need extra tables/room.
- f. Project Graduation – Bernadine Ferrari/Lori Cohen – registration and checks coming in. Things will fall into place and have some volunteers...will put word out about volunteers.
- g. Fashion Show – Erica Remsen – November 18th/ Models need a bio and a contract. Slowly getting models together...looks good. Coming together.
- h. Raffle Tickets – official deadline is the night of.
- i. Fashion Show Donations – Barbara Burns – donations coming in.
- j. Fashion Show Baskets – Bernadine Ferrari and Lori Cohen
- k. Fashion Show Tickets – coming in – about 100 so far. Let's talk it up and get the word out there. Night of people will buy.

Motion to approve by Patti Morris and seconded by Erika Remsen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting January 12, 2016.

In attendance: Gary Suda, Paula Williams, Elaine Hamill, Alicia deTorres, Melissa Giacoio, Joan Molee, Patti Morris, Bernadine Ferrari, Christine Relovsky, Lori Cohen, Sandra Stubbs, Erika Remsen, Anthony LoCascio, Mary Anne Gorman

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Sign-In
March 8, 2016

KHS Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2016

- I. Welcome** – Paula Williams

- II. Administration Report** – Mr. Suda

- III. Secretary Report** – Melissa Giacoio

- IV. Remaining Grants/Requests** – Alicia deTorres

- V. Scholarship Update**

- VI. Project Graduation**
 - a. Dinner to Go
 - b. Volunteers

- VII. Questions/Comments**

- VIII. Next Meeting – March 8th**