

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

I. **Welcome**

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

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

- a. Weekly Newsletter – hope you have been receiving. Please let me know if you haven't. Have received 600 green medical forms. In process of updating. People need to check junk mail and "accept" school messenger e-blast. Email sudag@kinnelon.org with correct email address. Database should be updating nightly. If there is additional info you would like included in the weekly newsletter please send by Wednesday so it can be included in the weekly letter to parents.
- b. PSAT – to be administered tomorrow – 9th and 10th graders. Also, the Supervisor of the Morris County Prosecutor's office will be here speaking to freshman and the Kinnelon Police will also be here to talk about cyber bullying/consequences/actions and what happens across the county. Part of week of Respect and Safety week...leading into Spirit Week.
- c. Amazing we are in 6th week of school...everything is settling and parents have received comments/grades in PowerSchool. Asking every teacher to have at least one grade per week and a comment. All seems to be flowing.
- d. Back to School Night a success...Bake Sale...Dinner on the Go...Spiritwear.
- e. Spirit Week – next week. Teachers a bit concerned...need to keep students going academically...continue to do what they have to do...will be assessing Spirit Week this year. Has been a part of spirit weeks in other schools and will see how it all goes and that it is reasonable – providing a healthy balance for all...doesn't want to change all but there is a lot going on. Assembly every day ... night events...changing of schedules. Will let us know - teachers are concerned - have to maintain the rigor of the courses and cannot have the school "shut down" because of this week...will assess and meet and see what is reasonable after Spirit Week is complete.
- f. Communication – have received great feedback from all about communication.

III. **Secretary** – Melissa Giacoio

- a. Executive Board List and Minutes are posted on website.
- b. Minutes will be posted within a week after the scheduled KSHSA Meeting.
- c. Introduced Olga Gilhooley from KAMELOT regarding this year's programming.

IV. **KAMELOT**

- a. Olga Gilhooley – speaking on behalf of Danielle Wysocki Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) at KHS...it is the 2 year anniversary of Every 15 Minutes...juniors and seniors participate...a long ramp up planning process. So many things were learned...really did see so many people representing and coming together with the kids. Everyone volunteering their services and the parents too.
- b. Every 15 Minutes – intended to drive home the impact of drunk, wreckless, driving and distracted driving...kids needs to consider the consequences. Far beyond how it impacts

us...helping kids understand how it affects everyone - you, family, friends and community. Widens their scope and makes them understand the affect.

- i. In the 1990's – every 15 minutes there was a person impacted by drunk driving or vehicular situation. Not sure of exact statistics now. Program is a tremendous undertaking...2 years ago Danielle achieved program through grants and donations...KAMELOT and others. Going back to see what was spent...@\$3000 2 years ago. Program materials, tshirts, food, ads, thanks you's, etc. KAMELOT can fund \$1500 for this 2016 program. KAMELOT also funds Safety Bug, Project Graduation. Danielle would like to go back to a driving safety group for a grant...no external funds...needs funding from the community... turn to the HSA. Unbelievable community and volunteers support, fire, police, emergency room...through people's connections it is so impactful to the kids.
 - ii. How are kids chosen? 30-40 students were involved...need to ask Danielle and will let us know. Believe that there were general sign ups and then administrators selected.
 1. Parents participate also and an emotional commitment...not an easy thing. Powerful and impactful.
 2. On You Tube.
 - iii. Motion to approve by funding of \$1500 for the Every 15 Minutes Program approved by KSHSA seconded by Denise Hatch.
- c. 411 – Joe Abruzzi – Monday, October 26th - "The 411 On Drugs". Program for parents – high school and middle school. Info on the website. Well respected and informative program.

V. **Treasurer Report** – Elaine Hamill

- a. Balance of 10/12 - \$60,486.

Motion to approve by Joan Molee seconded by Denise Hatch

VI. **Business**

- a. Student Directory – Alicia deTorres – Katy Schrope has sent to printer – should be in by 11/1. Will pick what day they go home to the students.
- b. Membership – Joan Molee working with Paula on KSHSA Membership. 293 families...more continue to come in.
- c. Test Prep – Patti Morris – Saturday, 9/19 SAT Practice, Saturday – 45 kids...received results yesterday via email from Kaplan, SAT Practice 1/30 – 54 to date...(new SAT format) , Saturday, 11/14 ACT Practice – 53 kids to date. Scores in about 3 weeks after test. Kaplan test prep format.
- d. Spirit Wear - October 19th deadline...\$600 to date. More merchandise at home probably make close to \$1000. Contact Patti Morris.
- e. Project Graduation – Bernadine Ferrari/Lori Cohen – registration and checks coming in. Working on secure location and getting contract signed. Things will fall into place and have some volunteers...will put word out about volunteers.
- f. Dinner to Go - Bernadine or Lori. Deadline to order is this Friday – next Wednesday, October 28th is pick up. In front of the school...possibility to do another one...different local caterers as time goes on. Profit back is about \$10. Per order.
- g. Bake Sale – Back to school a bit low – made \$263 from the sale.

- h. Fashion Show – Kim Fatzer and Erica Remsen – November 18th/ Models need a bio and a contract. Forms available in the office.
 - i. Raffle Tickets – sent out last week. Send to school/Elaine Hamill. 2 packets of 5...\$40 of tickets - \$4 each.
 - ii. Models – wearing their own dresses and also going to some stores. Places are set and Erica and Kim working with senior girls. Models names to Alicia...from Paula.
 - 1. Boys to wear tuxes.
 - 2. Teachers will also be participating.
- i. Fashion Show Donations – Barbara Burns – donations coming in. Please continue to collect donations.
- j. Fashion Show Baskets – Bernadine Ferrari and Lori Cohen – have 60 baskets and lots of supper sweeps – around 20...should have about 100 baskets. Baskets can go to Bernadine and Lori. All going well.
- k. Fashion Show Program Advertising – Alicia DeTorres – going well.
- l. Fashion Show Tickets – coming in – about 35 so far. Let's talk it up and get the word out there.
- m. Carnival – Juan has offered to help again, along with Terry Lewis and all others☺. Looking at dates...possible...but not sure yet. Need to talk to carnival company, school and BOE before finalizing. Memorial Day weekend is later this year...will let everyone know what is decided.

Motion to approve by Elaine Hamill and seconded by Alicia deTorres.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Next meeting November 10th.

In attendance: Gary Suda, Paula Williams, Elaine Hamill, Alicia deTorres, Melissa Giacoio, Joan Molee, Kathy Velischek, Denise Hatch, Charlene Polomski, Terry Lewis, Cheryl Chiuchiolo, Mary Ramsden, Olga Gilhooley, Lynn Less, Patti Morris, Terry Calabrese, Bernadine Ferrari.