

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

I. Welcome

- a. Meeting commenced at 7:35pm with a welcome by the new KSHSA President, Paula Williams.
- b. Introduced Executive Board – Alicia deTorres/Vice President/Disbursements, Elaine Hamill/Treasurer and Melissa Giacoio/Secretary.

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

- a. Diane introduced new KHS Principal, Gary Suda.
- b. Mr. Suda – happy to come to Kinnelon and is committed to serve Kinnelon and the community so the students are in a safe nurturing environment to reach their academic personal achievement.
 - i. Maintain foundation that has been developed and raise the bar higher. Everything comes back to the students and the community and what we need.
 - ii. Impressed with students – very special to have them introduce themselves and go out of their way to meet him.
 - iii. Has gotten a good feel for school since July. Powerschool, trying to tweak and make sure there is equal access to the curriculum and that your child gets a fair balance of what is going on in the classrooms.
 - iiii. Has been working with Paula – where we are going and where we are coming from.
 - v. Weekly letter – parents on school messenger list have been receiving - everyone will receive letter once it is all up to speed. School Messenger – system in place – emergency list – working on it. Textcaster will be obsolete shortly.
 - vi. House administrative structure – created a structure – for issues outside of a counselor students will meet with Mr. Shivas (9th grade and 11th grade students) and

10th and 12th grade students will meet with Mr. Rosenberg 10th. Child will go to that administrator.

vii. Questions /Comments

1. Parents like the newsletter from principal – great information.
2. Thank you for the 9-11 tribute – very important for us to remember us on an annual basis.
3. Student Council elections – working with Mrs. Sappio and advisors – September 24th elections and September 25th class meetings, process in works - nominations worked out by end of September. Should know who represents each class.
4. Some upcoming changes in procedures, relaxed cell phone procedure, no hall passes, Senior Service Program – volunteer service at end of school year...give back to community...3.0 GPA, less than 10 absences, 20 day program of giving back. More details to come.
5. Volunteering – STEM program – will meet with Natalie Koutsokoumnis to talk about STEM program and volunteer opportunities for our students.

III. Secretary – Melissa Giacoio

- a. Updating forms and Executive Board List. Will be posted on website shortly.
- b. Working on updating information and sharing information with the community (ie Messenger/Textcaster, etc).

III. Treasurer Report – Elaine Hamill

- a. Report Income and expenses from last year. September 2014-August 2015.
 - i. Income from carnival \$18,367.25.
 - ii. Checking balance – \$46,804.33.
- b. No carnival this year – need new volunteers. Can we send and try to appeal to run carnival as a team?

- i. Ideas - send out a textcaster to community letting them know about the carnival and ask parents to step up and help with the carnival.

Motion to approve by Joan Molee seconded by Katy Schrope.

V. Business

- a. Student Directory – Alicia deTorres - Katy Schrope to let Alicia know deadlines for advertising directory. Needs some more ads – please support and share information with friends.
 - i. Business cards are acceptable for ¼ and ½ page ads. Email electronic art (pdf or jpeg) to Alicia@metro-pi.com. ¼ page \$40., ½ page \$75, full page \$125.
- b. Bake Sale – Bernadine Ferrari - please bake – tables set up by auditorium – September 30th. Please consider monetary donations also.
- c. Membership – Joan Molee working with Paula on KSHSA Membership. Will also accept membership payments at Back to School night.
- d. Test Prep – Patti Morris – Saturday, 9/19 SAT Practice, Saturday, 1/30 SAT Practice (new SAT format) , Saturday, 11/14 ACT Practice – scores in about 3 weeks after test. Kaplan test prep format.
- e. Project Graduation – Bernadine Ferrari/Lori Cohen - graduates bussed to surprise location 10:30pm – 4am, and then bussed back to school. Fundraisers, solicit support from local merchants, HSA, town mailing. \$75 per student...includes all activities at event - dj, photobooth, magician, food, etc. Seniors last time together...have received great emails and feedback from the event. Fun for the kids. Chaperones needed...application online. Contact Bernadine or Lori.
- f. Fundraising Volunteers – new fundraisers –anyone who wants to help and come up with something new please contact Paula.
 - i. Idea – solicit local restaurant – “sell” meals. 4 people for a \$ and then KHS HSA receives a profit. Katy Schrope to find out info more info.

- ii. Get the HS Kids involved – Battle of the Bands – idea to be discussed further.
- g. Fashion Show – Kim Fatzer and Erica Remsen – November 18th. Need someone to coordinate fashions for the fashion show. 2-3 parents for each grade – have a few people and need more. Need to go to the retailers, Berkshire/Bob's, go with the kids to pick clothes out and maybe have boys wear their own suits and get some tuxes this year. Hard to get so many tuxedos. Trying to get teachers involved this year.
- h. Fashion Show Donations – Barbara Burns – donations coming in. Have received Disney passes, YMCA and gift cards. Please continue to collect donations.
- i. Fashion Show Baskets – Bernadine Ferrari and Lori Cohen – need baskets and containers. Need new items too.
- j. Fashion Show Program Advertising – Alicia DeTorres – need ads and will continue to sell program advertising.
- k. Fashion Show Tickets – coming in – about 20 so far.
- l. Other
 - i. Activities Fair – would it be possible to have something like this at the beginning of school year – so kids know what is going on and available at school. Used to something like this at lunch. – Katy Schrope suggested – Mr. Suda and Ms. DiGuiuseppe will look into.
 - ii. Choosing electives – now based on other students opinions, is there any way to expose the students to the electives? Is there some way to promote these electives to the students? Mr. Suda will look into. Possible push in by lead teachers in each department.
 - iii. Syllabus – being created and will be posted online – due from each teacher by 9/22. Mr. Suda has requested...should be online soon for all teachers.
 - iiii. Snack Shack – by gym – run by Student Council – need a new microwave...anyone have to donate? If students would like they can request a student grant – to be presented by students at HSA meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Next meeting October 13th.

In attendance: Gary Suda, Diane DiGiuseppe, Paula Williams, Elaine Hamill, Alicia deTorres, Melissa Giacoio, Karen Hoffman, Joan Molee, Kathy Velischek, Luci Masherelli, Cindy Angelica, Barbara Burns, Denise Hatch, Charlene Polomski, Katy Schrope, Glynne Gross, Debbie Campo, Patti Morris, Natalie Koutsokoumnis, Erika Remsen, Kim Fatzer, Sandra Stubbs, Kathy Paulikowski, Lori Cohen, Lynn Less, Cheryl Chiuchiolo, Debbie Pitt, Bernadine Ferrari, Gilda Lee.