

**Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2016 - 7:30pm KHS Library/Media Center**

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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. Very smooth start to school year. Only few days but back into rhythm. Everyone settled in.
- b. New faculty and staff...new assistant Kristin Nieto. Office has shifted/moved. A few new faces...would like to invite new teachers and supervisors to upcoming KHS HSA meetings.
- c. Unit Lunch – 52 minutes...kids easing into. Tables rolled out into gym. Road bump – planned on having food kiosks in gym – ready to go soon. Taking some getting used to – students trying to position themselves. All students receiving science labs now – only AP classes last year. Exciting to see.
- d. Mid terms and finals removed for this school year. Looked at 1000 mid terms and finals from last year. 83% of midterm scores were below mp average. 70% went down 10%. End of marking period testing rolled into the finals. Stress and anxiety with so much testing. Talked to kids that graduated and went to college and they gave feedback on midterms and finals. Gained about 7-8 days with removing. 37 days ACT, SAT, PSAT, etc. of testing if taking all tests over the 180 day school year. Minority of teachers wanted to stay with mid terms and finals. This is a pilot program and will take a look. Working on instilling equity and equal access...B+ is a B+ no matter what teacher a student has for the same subject. Moving towards accomplishing.
  - i. Question from parent: How long is the pilot? Will monitor this year and see if teachers can create rigorous assessments along with PAARC and ACT and SAT. Want to see what it shows. Chatham has adopted this and has kept it going for many years. Trend across the schools.
- e. School Forms online – need to be completed – health, media release, etc. please complete.
- f. At recent faculty meeting – discuss usage of phone and devices by students in school...rules to follow...listed in the Student Handbook. Students can bring laptop, devices, most important is student teacher interaction and will continue to promote that real relationship.
- g. Flash flood affected new gym floor – trying to identify problem and repair the floor. Gym closed until further notice. Spirit week options – talking with Mrs. Sappio for different solutions.
- h. Back to School – September 29<sup>th</sup>
- i. Back to School Newsletter – happy about Newsweek and NJ Monthly. Strategic Planning Meeting – October 27<sup>th</sup>. 47 RSVPs to date. Expecting 60-100 people to attend.

**III. Membership**

- a. \$2600 collected to date – October 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for directory. HSA Dues must be paid to apply for the KHS HSA Scholarship. Please submit membership forms and dues as soon as possible.

**IV. Fashion Show**

- a. Scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The theme if the annual fundraiser is "Road Trip" – we welcome business and family donations for the basket auction - can also promote services or business by contributing to the goody

bags (150 max) Bernadine Ferrari is working on donations and baskets - mailing went out to local businesses.

- c. Ticket Sales – form online – also went home in the end of summer HSA mailing. \$20 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors.
- d. Need baskets, donations, etc.
- e. Will offer a discounted ticket price for teachers.
- f. Will need volunteers for the night of (50/50, food set-up and staff, raffle tickets sales, etc.) and also help to transport baskets to the HS the day of. Please let us know if you are interested.

**V. Bake Sale**

- a. September 29<sup>th</sup> - at Back to School Night – kids assist and run it. Reminders will be sent out to volunteer bakers and also to all parents asking for baked goods and/or contributions. All proceeds support our children.

**VI. Spirit Wear** – form on the website. Adding pictures to website...2 options for graphics. Sell at Back to School, Football and Volleyball.

**VII. Dinner to Go** – working on the plan and will have details at the next meeting.

**VIII. Test Prep** – Kaplan testing – link online – \$10 each test. Kids can take the test that day.

- a. SAT is Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> SAT and ACT is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Can get score same day. 25 kids signed up to date. October 1<sup>st</sup> date – PRM will host practice on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IX. Other**

- a. **Senior Driving** – September 14<sup>th</sup> to see program that has Kinnelon PD and Manufacturers Insurance – must attend to be able to park on campus. Juniors are the following week. Senior Night Thursday with Mrs. Charles at 6:30pm.
- b. **Project Graduation Form Online** – registration and permission slip. Incentive \$75 before January 1<sup>st</sup> and then \$100 after. Online ticket sales – link included – can order online. Will resend the forms out to all senior parents.
- c. **Senior Cruise** – October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Class Advisors** - Freshman Advisor – Ms. Finke, Sophomore – Mr. DelPiano, Junior Ms. Gulla and Senior Mr. Penola. The KHS Student Handbook has been updated and is on the website. Please take a look at all of the information contained in the handbook. Includes mission, faculty, policies, calendars, etc.
- e. **Intergenerational Prom** – early 2017.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Next Meeting – October 11th

In attendance: Gary Suda, Diane DiGiuseppe, Paula Williams, Melissa Giacoio, Barbara Burns, Erika Remsen, Joan Molee, Kathleen Cauz, Terry Calabrese, Karen Hoffman, Patti Morris, Robert Herrington, Gail Guetzov, Bill Gromann, Denise Hatch, Carol Grove, Louisa Colaiacovo, Bernadine Ferrari