

Meeting opened @ 7:32 p.m. in the KHS Library.

Administrator's Report presented by Mr. Scanlon:

- 11 students are nominees for membership in the National Junior Classical League.
- 11 students were Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Program and 1 student was a semi-finalist.
- Bleachers for the visitor's side would cost about \$25,000 and has been in the budget 3 times & has not passed. It was asked if a portion of the Spiritwear sales have ever been considered to fund the bleachers. The Spiritwear that can be purchased on the school's website is an ongoing fundraiser found under the Athletic Department tab on the school website. It would take a significant amount of money from this fundraiser to fund the bleachers, as it is currently used to fund various activities already.
- The new electronic sign was funded by the HSA, Class of 2013 & 5 student clubs. Adjustments have been made to the electronic sign in order for it to work optimally. The brightness has been tested for daytime and nighttime and so has the flashing and typefaces.
- There are new texting while driving laws and higher fines. Don't drive and text!
- Student Planners were distributed during Physical Ed and Health classes.
- Oct 21-25 is Spirit Week. Admission to the Spirit Week Dances are \$5 adults/\$3 students. The Spirit Week calendar will be on the website tomorrow.
- School Safety Officer Program: There was an option to have a Student Resource Officer in the building. Instead, a program was funded in-district and started the beginning of October. The off-duty officer will be spending 3 hours a day split between each building. It is funded through the Borough and KHS budget. The goal is to have a positive presence in the schools and to breakdown any barriers between students and officers. The best time to have the officer at KHS is between 7-8am, during Drivers Ed classes and during lunchtime. Between 9-10:30 there are Character Ed classes at the other schools. The police wear military pants and polo shirt as their uniform while in the school.
- Kristen De Leo inquired if extra help labs of the more difficult classes would be resumed this school year. The timing for tests and extra help hours don't always coordinate. Mr. Scanlon said that the teachers are always available at least once a week. Students should go for extra help in enough advance of tests. Students can also see other teachers in the same subject. Some teachers are available before the school day starts. National Honor Society members are available as student tutors. Students in need should see their counselors and request a (free) tutoring session.
- The I-Pad program is staying with the current Freshmen class. The school is hoping to open up the network so students that bring their own laptop.
- The HSA-sponsored events and meeting dates will be added to the main calendar on the website.
- PSAT for Juniors and some Sophomores will take place during the morning of Oct. 16. The students will go to 1st block then will be told where to go for the test.
- Monday, Oct. 14 is a half-day for students and an In-Service day for teachers.
- Dr. Merckling's last day is the end of January.
- Mr. Scanlon will recruit teachers for modeling in the Fashion Show.

Secretary's Report from the Sept, 2013 meeting was reviewed by Mary Anne Gorman:

A motion to accept the report was made by Paula Williams, seconded by Laurie Johnson.

Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Elaine Hamill:

- There is \$36,000 in the account.
- There has not been a lot of expenditures so far.

Student Directory presented by Kristen De Leo on behalf of Alicia de Torres and Katy Schrope:

- Alicia is coordinating the ads. Advertising space is still available for the Student Directory pages. Please ask the companies and businesses that you patronize to consider advertising in the Directory.
- Katy is coordinating the Directory. She is waiting on the final count so she can place the order.

Membership Dues update presented by Paula Williams and Carol Weidemann:

- Dues need to be paid by October 1 to secure a Student Directory and for seniors to be eligible for a HSA Scholarship.
- There are 690 students, 567 families in the school.
- 315 families have paid dues. 252 have not paid. The breakdown: Seniors: out of 182 students, 125 paid. Juniors: out of 183, 96 students have paid. Sophomores: out of 162 students, 82 have paid. Freshman: out of 163 students, 91 have paid.
- 39 extra Student Directories have been paid for.
- The teachers will be distribution the Directory in Block A and the day will be announced.

Project Graduation Update presented by Bernadine Ferrari on behalf of her, Karen Park and Linda Graupe:

- The \$75 registration fee for HSA members is due by Jan. 1. If you are not an HSA member, the fee is \$85. After that date the fee is \$100.
- The Bake Sale made a profit of over \$300. Next year, coffee might also be sold at the Bake Sale.
- A possible fundraiser is cakes and pies. They may be sold during Spirit Week, the Fall Drama and at the Fashion Show. The products will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.
- As always, underclassman parents are needed to chaperone Project Graduation.

Fashion Show update presented by Barbara Burns on behalf of Dina Sweeney:

- The Fashion Show is taking place on Wed., Nov. 20 in the KHS Auditorium.
- Donations are still being accepted and are currently more than expected for this time.
- Some changes were made to the raffle and it will be ready for mailing next month. The 1st place prize is a \$500 American Express gift card, the 2nd place prize is a mini-iPad and the 3rd place prize is as \$150 Target gift card.
- The goal is to have all the food donated so parents will not be asked to bring anything.
- The food area may be moved to a different location so it does not conflict with the baskets. More bistro tables than last year will be set up by the food.
- A volunteer is needed to manage the Program booklet.
- A possible fundraiser during the Fashion Show is selling photos taken of the models that night. They would be ready for sale that night.
- Donations of electronics are needed for the Basket prizes.

Carnival Update presented by Kristen De Leo on behalf of Juan Faisca and Beth Polick:

- The mid-May Carnival date which was originally agreed upon with the administration needs to be revisited, as it is not available with the carnival vendor that we have a signed agreement with. The company has reserved the date for KHS on May 29, 30 and 31st, Thursday thru Saturday, as this was our same time frame as last year's event. Mr. Scanlon will be discussing this with Dr. Merckling & Mr. Rosenberg.

- Since that Friday night is Prom and many students park their cars in the Senior parking lot, there will be an issue with parking for Juniors. The Juniors would have to give up their parking privileges and Seniors may have to park in the Municipal parking lot. Permission from the Mayor needs to be granted to use the rec field parking lot across the street from KHS & behind the municipal building. A consensus among the parents in attendance at the HSA meeting was that although it may be inconvenient, it should be manageable since some Juniors may have permission to leave early if they are attending the Prom.

President's Report by Kristen DeLeo:

- Bernadine Ferrari gave an update from her son about the Catalyst SAT Boot Camp. It was not a very successful learning experience for him. The instructions moved too quickly and could not be heard by the students. College students were running the program but did not teach well in their presentation. He felt the best prep may be to learn tricks and tips about the test and not review concepts.

The next HSA meeting is on Tues., Nov. 12 @ 7:30 in the KHS Library. Student clubs/activities will present requests for HSA grants. The deadline for a grant request is Nov. 7.

Meeting ended at 8:48pm with a motion from Elaine Hamill and seconded by Laurie Johnson.

Attendees: Mr. Scanlon, Kristen DeLeo, Elaine Hamill, Laurie Johnson, Mary Anne Gorman, Carol Wiedemann, Paula Williams, Barbara Burns, Bernadine Ferrari, Lina Spreen