

## **KHS Home School Association Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2014**

### **Mr. Reis:**

During this month, the focus is on scheduling, starting with 8<sup>th</sup> graders. On 3/17 teachers will meet as an articulation meeting, regarding placement.

PARCC Testing: Mr. Reis noted there will be 13 hours of required testing on a computer, which will be a new and differentiated readiness assessment. The teachers will be involved with this.

Rotation: There are discussions going on about the possibility of shortening each class by 5 minutes to allow for an extra 30 minute period at the end of the day. This would work really well as a study hall for the students and a communal planning time for teachers to meet. Also for students to meet with teachers, club advisors, etc. Due to the current block scheduling, this isn't possible, since it would add on extra time each day. Finally, the PARCC test will mandate this. The PARCC testing will begin next year for Math. These changes are big and will require much planning and effort.

### **Advisors:**

Many have been asking as to what is being done with class monies? Each grade has an advisor that oversees their funds. Hannah Sappio is the freshman advisor, Mr. Stroud is the sophomore advisor. Mr. Reis advised us that the monies offset yearbook and prom costs. The repeated question was. "Should a class advisor be invited to one of our meetings?" Everyone agreed and Natalie offered to extend the invitation.

### **Project Graduation:**

Bernadine Ferrari gave us an update. Last year the cost was \$26,000. This included costs for the venue, food and entertainment. She strongly urged that better communication is needed to spread the word and have 100% participation. A senior class data base, complete with email addresses would be very beneficial to get the word out to all seniors. The other item she mentioned was having a tab on the school website, strictly for senior class happenings. This is easy to do, and would serve as a central information location for all senior information; graduation, prom, ads, etc.

### **Secretary Report:**

Kristen reviewed February's minutes, motion was approved by Natalie, seconded by Elaine.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Elaine Hamill reviewed the Treasurer report, motion approved by Juan, seconded by Eva.

### **Carnival Update:**

Juan Faisca reported that 7 out of 10 Kinnelon school children did not attend last year's carnival.

He also mentioned the Raffle License will be approved on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

He is still not certain about the food vendor. The proposed food vendor wants complete control over all food, with no outside food brought in or sold at the carnival.

The police department prepared and delivered the contract to Juan. Officer Joe stated the cost is to be determined. There will be 2-3 officers on duty each night.

Volunteers are still needed. Who is in charge of finding volunteers for the carnival? It was mentioned that Cara VanZile had volunteered to help fill that role, but Maryann Hanley said she didn't believe that was confirmed.

Club fundraising at Carnival? No clubs seem interested at this time per Hannah Sappio via Natalie K, however, Natalie Reardon reached out to Kristen earlier in the week to say that Baseball would like to have a booth – her contact information was passed to Juan.

There will be armbands offered for sale for each night of the carnival.

Publicity is still needed. Patti Morris suggested that Juan give her the flyers in a pdf format for the lower school's websites.

Carnival Insurance is still needed. Do we need a separate insurance from the Board of Ed? Is there a separate rider because of fireworks? Juan has a new offer that he needs to show the Board of Ed. Finally, if we have a band, they would be required to have their own insurance.

### **Snack Shack:**

Parents help out each quarter representing each grade.

Usually parents from Student Council or Class Advisors help.

Earnings are generally \$500 per quarter.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Natalie informed us she needs several key volunteers for next year. Fashion Show Chairperson, Project Grad Chairperson, Carnival Chairperson, Senior Awards and Student Directories.

It was also stated that the food & beverages and HSA volunteer that coordinated the Senior Awards Reception was not the best use of HSA funds. The Ceremony and Reception takes place in early June and it is difficult to secure a volunteer and typically, most of the food is wasted.

Motion to fund \$400 for Safety Bug was approved.

**Upcoming dates:**

Mr. Kinnelon 04/02

Film Festival 06/04

Final Exams 06/16, 17 and 18

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

The next HSA meeting will take place at the KHS Library on Tuesday, April 8.

Attendees: Kristen De Leo, Robert Reis (Interim Principal), Elaine Hamill, Juan Faisca, Maryann Hanley, Beth Polick, Eva Gardow, Natalie Koutsakoumonis, Lori Cohen, Bernadine Ferrari, Patti Morris