

KHS Home and School Association Meeting Minutes

Oct. 9, 2012

Meeting opened @ 7:35 p.m. in the old cafeteria.

Administrator's Report presented by Dr. Merckling:

- There were 10 students, with each class represented, that were accepted into the 2012 Morris County Honors Choir. The students will perform in a concert at Randolph High School on Nov. 2 @ 8:00pm.
- There were 10 commended students accepted into the 2013 National Merit Program. There have not been so many from KHS since 1980.
- Spirit Week will take place the week of Oct. 22.
- Mary Pitts asked about the Content Lab and suggested it be called an "Extra Help" Lab instead so it will be more clear to students and parents. Dr. Merckling said it didn't start yet and it will take place after school. There will be Math 2 days a week and Writing 1 day a week. Kristen De Leo suggested that they find various teachers to work these Labs since they are paid positions.

Kristen De Leo introduced Acting Superintendent Diane DiGiuseppe:

- Mrs. DiGiuseppe started her 5th year with the district. She was offered a 1 year interim position once Mr. Opiekun retired in May. Her position will be reevaluated after the year. Mrs. DiGiuseppe was formerly the Director of Curriculum.
- The new website is up and running for most providers. Parents will receive an authorization code to Power School. Power School will be found under the Home button. You will be able to combine accounts if you have more than 1 child in Power School. The calendar will be district-wide. HSA will have their own calendar and flyers can be posted there. It will be linked also to "School Notices." The HSA can still send notices thru E-News.
- In January, there will be live phone calls for alerts. Textcaster will not be used once this new alert system starts. The recording will keep track of calls answered and make call backs if they were not answered.
- 24 iPads were purchased by the district. The exact usage of the iPads has not been determined yet. They may be used only for in-school purposes so more kids will have access to them. They would not be allowed home. Teachers have not been trained on them yet. The District will ask the teachers to submit a proposal on how they think the iPads should be used. There is no wireless infrastructure in Kiel or StonyBrook and PRM has limited coverage. KHS is the best school to function wirelessly.
- Some of the parents in attendance stated that the Pay-to-Play fee for parking is extreme, esp. if your child is not involved in a sport or other activity. Mrs. DiGiuseppe will bring that comment to the attention of the Board of Ed. However, the money from Pay-to-

Play is already in the budget and allotted. If that money is given back, they would have to find that money somewhere else.

- If signature sheets are not completed and sent to the office, you will not be given your Power School account. The sheets were due in Sept.

Secretary's Report from Sept. 2012 meeting was reviewed by Mary Anne Gorman:

A motion to accept the report was made by Laurie Johnson, seconded by Mary Pitts.

Treasurer's Report presented by Alicia deTorres:

- There is a balance of about \$37,785.00. There was about \$1,000 in disbursements in the last 30 days.
- The income from the Membership Dues is about \$10,000. This is about the same amt as last year.
- Alicia suggested writing up a description of where the money from Dues goes.

Lorraine DeMaio made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Debbie Maloney.

Project Graduation Update presented by Lorraine DeMaio:

- 60 students are registered for Project Graduation @ \$75 ea. There are 167 students in the class.
- It will cost \$6,000 for the (surprise) venue.
- Projection Graduation will be represented @ K-Fest on the rescheduled day of Sun., Oct. 21 @ Lake Rickabear. If the Oct. 19 order deadline can be extended, they will be taking orders for pies from Ashley Farms, as a fundraiser. If possible, they may sell @ Spirit Week Dances also. The orders will be delivered by Thanksgiving.
- A suggestion was made for next year's Project Graduation registration process. The registration process should offer different fees for HSA members, non-HSA member and a 3rd fee for students that will not be attending PG.
- The 1st meeting is Wed., Oct. 10 @ 7.

Membership Dues Update presented by Paula Williams and Carol Wiedemann:

- Out of approx. 572 families, about 342 families have paid and about 208 have not paid (roughly: 50 seniors, 67 juniors, 70 sophomores and 55 freshman). \$10,000 has been collected in dues.
- The Student Directories will be delivered tomorrow in Block C to the oldest in each family. There are some extra directories for sale on a first come, first served basis.
- The deadline for senior scholarship eligibility was extended to Oct. 1 so seniors that want to pay dues, can do so to be eligible for an HSA scholarship. (Seniors can apply for the HSA scholarships only if their families are paid members.)

Fashion Show presented by Jennie Huber:

- The Fashion Show takes place on Thurs., Nov. 15, 2012.
- Donations of basket items are needed along with baskets to put the donations in. Please solicit to places that you patronize.

- Sing ups for student and teacher models will take place October 11 & 12. JoAnn Beiermeister will set up tables during lunches.
- Jennie will display advertising signs around town.
- The Raffle Ticket books will be mailed the beginning of October.
- Mrs. Sappio has agreed to let the Fashion Show set up advertising during the Spirit Week Dances and she will make an announcement at the Dances.

President's Update presented by Kristen DeLeo:

- Club Advisors will be informed by Mr. Rosenberg that @ the Nov. 13 HSA meeting we will be asking clubs to present requests for funds.
- There are 2 open positions for Carnival co-chair. Also, the Student Directory position is open for next year.
- We are looking for 8 parents to volunteer to collect admission fees during the 2 nights of the Spirit Week Dances, 4 for each night.

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The next HSA meeting is Tues., Nov. 13 @ 7:30 in the old café.

Meeting ended at 8:55pm with a motion from Mary Anne Gorman and seconded by Carol Wiedemann.

Attendees: Diane DiGiuseppe, Dr. Merkling, Kristen DeLeo, Mary Anne Gorman, Kathleen Donovan, Carol Wiedemann, Paula Williams, Debbie Maloney, Jennie Huber, Lori Cohen, Alicia deTorres, Lorraine DeMaio, Laurie Johnson, Mary Pitts.