

## Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017 - 7:00pm – Media Center/Library

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### I. Welcome- Melissa Giacoio

- a. Introductions of the new board members.
- b. Back to School mailing sent to 550 families including Seniors.

### II. Administration Report– Mr. Gary Suda

- a. The new school year has started smoothly.
- b. New group of teachers have been hired and some of which have left their tenured positions at various other schools.
- c. A gift from the Mayor is new Security Officer Caputo. He will rotate throughout the Kinnelon schools. Mr. Suda said this is good for the safety and security of the schools.
- d. There was a 9/11 Ceremony in which a vow of silence was observed for the graduates of Kinnelon High School that were lost.
- e. Every 15 Minutes and the Intergenerational Prom will be taking place this year.
- f. There will be a Spirit BBQ at the first home KHS football game. It will take place from 5:00-6:45pm. It will be free to students wearing red, white and blue. It is a way to try and build spirit, especially with the incoming freshman. Talked about opening this up to other the sports teams.
- g. Back to School night will take place on 9/27.
- h. The Drivers Course will be completed this week. Students must attend to receive a parking spot.
- i. Mr. Shivas is the Vice Principal for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and Mr. Rosenberg is the Vice Principal for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- j. There will be a new website called Blackboard in January. Students have received new email addresses through google.

### III. Membership– Joan Molee

- a. Joan has received approximately 160 Membership forms.
- b. Reminder that students/families must be members of the HSA in order to apply for the HSA Scholarships. The HSA will send reminders about this. There is a strict deadline this year.
- c. Will have a table at Back to School night to sign up for memberships.

### IV. Student Directory/Ad Sales- Lynn Less & Katy Schrope

- a. Lynn has been collecting Ad sales for companies to advertise in the directory. There is still availability.
- b. The directory will be merged and printed by November and will be sent home with the students.

- V. Spiritwear– Louisa Colaiacovo & Luci Masherelli**
- All Spiritwear is being sold on-line via Game Day Sports- link will be sent out this week. It will also be posted on Facebook and there will also be a link on the KHS website.
  - The On-Line Store will be open until 10/1.
  - There will be a table with samples of apparel at Back to School Night.
- VI. Bake Sale– Tara Jacobus**
- Will reach out to the Social Outreach Club for student volunteers to help sell the baked goods. There will also be coffee and water for sale.
  - Will be putting a few different tables throughout the school.
- VII. K-Fest- Dana Jacko & Terry Lewis**
- K-Fest will be held beginning on Friday night 10/13 from 6pm to 10pm and on Saturday 10/14 from 12pm to dusk.
  - The town has agreed to cover the costs of the police and the DPW for Friday, HSA will be staffing.
  - Carnival Rides on Friday & Saturday nights.
  - The HSA is responsible for staffing the Gaming Trucks. We need 6 volunteers.
  - Wrist Bands will be sold- HSA will be allowed to make a \$5 profit for each band sold on Friday.
  - There will also be a Battle of the Bands on Friday night. Architekt Music will give away a “Free Recording” prize to the winner.
  - Need judges for the Battle of the Bands. Will reach out to teachers, especially music teachers. Will touch base with Architekt & Jim Freda to discuss.
  - Will sell pumpkins on Saturday- still getting pricing for approximately 100 pumpkins. Would like the students to volunteer to sell the pumpkins.
  - There will be Food Trucks & Fireworks on Saturday night.
  - Will reach out to the different clubs to have a table to sell their own items.
- VIII. Fashion Show Tricky Tray Fundraiser- Gilda Lee & Michele Pallis**
- The theme will be Sea’s The Day. It will be a beach and boardwalk theme.
  - AnneOlogy and Bobs Stores have been secured. In the process of securing Lord & Taylor for evening wear for the Seniors. AnneOlogy will provide a 10% future discount to the models
  - Possibility of the senior boys wearing “beach wear” with “beach props” to get them more involved.
  - Possibility of Gift Card incentives for the models.
  - Discussed getting the different clubs involved with their own booths to sell food items.
  - Will have parent volunteers for each grade to coordinate the models.
  - A volunteer will be at lunch to recruit models.
  - Donations- Bernadine has received gift card donations through the mail and has also been picking them up.
  - There is a letter that all parents can give to merchants and service providers asking them for donations.
  - Need to let Bernadine who and where forms were given to so she can follow up with a thank you note.

- k. Will schedule appointment in the beginning of October to meet with Mr. Suda and Mr. Rosenberg to discuss the staging and to map out the gym for the tables.

**IX. Project Graduation- Dana Jacko & Terry Lewis**

- a. Met with Bernadine and finalized the venue.
- b. Trying to make the event more interactive for the students. Besides the DJ, also an MC to get them more involved.
- c. Will shorten the time by one hour. Received feedback from many previous classes that they felt it was too long.
- d. The goal is to get the students on the bus at KHS by 9pm. Trying to figure out the logistics for this and how to cut out time after the graduation. Possibly having them change their clothes at the venue. Will definitely need a megaphone to coordinate.
- e. Mr. Suda discussed the possibility of mailing the diplomas to cut down the time after the graduation ceremony.
- f. Need a list of the seniors to get all of the information out to them.

**X. Dinner to Go- Louisa Colaiacovo & Dana Torsiello**

- a. Will be using many of the same restaurants as last year; Taste of Reality, Cogman's Creek, House of Thai, Julie Shiel Catering.
- b. Please let Louisa or Dana know of any other recommendations.
- c. There will be 8 Dinner's to Go.
- d. Possibility of a fundraiser at a local restaurant.

**XI. SAT/ACT Test Prep- Patti Morris**

- a. 37 students have signed up
- b. It is a 2 hour combination of SAT and ACT.
- c. The fee is \$10 and the results are quick.
- d. There is another test date on 2/3.

**XI. Grants- Mary Ramsden**

- a. The Grant Applications have been sent to Mr. Suda and he has made all of the teachers aware.
- b. Due date is 10/20.
- c. The HSA will review and grant them. It varies each year.
- d. Last year the HSA awarded between \$7k and \$10k.

**XII. Other Items:**

1. **Scholarships-** There is a committee of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Only Gerda and Lynn will be involved because they don't have senior students. They will be given out at the ceremony this year on 6/13/18.
2. **Pep Rallies-** HSA would like to be part of it for the future so please let us know what we can do.
3. **Senior Composite-** This is an issue because still don't have last years. There seems to be some missing formation and the vendor is not responding. It has been paid for. Will be looking for someone new this year.
4. **Senior Lawn Signs-** There have been 27 sold to date.

5. **Tables for Back to School night-** Mr. Suda will provide us with 5 tables.

Next Meeting October 10 at 7:00pm in the Media Center/Library

In attendance: Melissa Giacoio, Lynn Less, Gerda Haines, Amy Ferrera, Louisa Colaiacovo, Mine Celikkol, Patti Morris, Gary Suda, Lea Mullaney, Kathy Velischek, Michelle Pallis, Gilda Lee, Tara Jacobus, Terry Lewis, Dana Jacko, Joan Molee, Bernadine Ferrari, Carla Gear, Helena Rymarz, Susan Delaney, Maria Lazizzera