

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018 - 7:00pm – Media Center/Library

I. Welcome- Melissa Giacoio

II. Administration Report– Mr. Gary Suda

- a. Sound Of Music play- according to many people in the school and the community, this was one of the best plays ever at KHS. Mr. Suda received a thank-you note from a local senior citizen letting him know how grateful she was for the play and how amazing it was.
- b. The mid-winter concert will be held 3/15.
- c. Student walk-out will be held 3/15 at KHS & PRM. This is a great learning experience for the students. This was started by the students when they came to the administration asking to do this. They are adamant about being in charge and handling this. This was not advertised to the public or to the media for safety reasons. Kinnelon PD will be there.
- d. ELA & PARCC exams will be coming up. Math testing will be done last in order to give students more instruction time. There will be a delayed opening for seniors.
- e. Senior Service- will take place 5/14-6/15. This gives students with a GPA of 3.0 & higher the opportunity to volunteer in the community. They can volunteer in the schools or at a business like an internship. They are exempt from Final Exams. They will keep a journal.
- f. During Delayed Openings there is a delay in taking attendance to give students a little extra time to get to class without being counted late.

III. Superintendent- Mrs. DiGiuseppe

- a. Spring Break will now be from 3/30-4/4. Two extra days had to be added for 4/5 & 4/6 for snow days.
- b. Governor Murphy gave his first budget address which contained budget increases for schools. As of yet, not sure what it will be for Kinnelon.
- c. The calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is in progress.

IV. Project Graduation

- a. To date there are 111 students signed up.
- b. Louisa Colaiacovo is in charge of getting volunteers.
- c. Community Sponsors- Lynn Less is working on this to target past contributors. Increased the sponsorship amount to \$550, \$250, \$100. The sponsors will be listed on the t-shirt given to the Seniors.
- d. Busses have been booked.
- e. Students will change at the venue in order to save time and get on busses quicker.

V. Dinner to Go- Louisa Colaiacovo/Dana Torsiello

- a. Dinner this month at Cypress- 46 dinners were sold.
- b. April 25 dinner will be with Taste of Reality

VII. Every 15 Minutes

- a. HSA will contribute \$1,500 towards this program.
- b. This will be held 4/12 & 4/13.
- c. Mr. Shivas & Ms. Wysocki are in charge of this and in the process of getting ready.

VIII. Intergenerational Prom

- a. This will be held on 4/24 at 4-7pm at the KHS new gym.
- b. Local seniors are welcome- must RSVP by 4/13.
- c. HSA to provide DJ/MC and the decorations.
- d. Cedar Crest would like Mr. Suda to do a commercial to get the seniors to come to the prom.

IX. Baccalaureate Reception

- a. Event will take place on 6/20 at 7pm in the KHS auditorium.
- b. Mrs. Ellington is in charge of this event.
- c. Louisa Colaiaacovo is coordinating reception.
- d. In process of creating a photo montage.
- e. HSA will provide refreshments after the event.

X. Scholarships- Michele Bjornson

- a. Applications available on line & due to guidance by 3/23

XI. Yard Signs

- a. 75 ordered to date.
- b. Will be distributed mid-May. Possibly set up pick up outside the auditorium.

XII. Fashion Show

- a. The date is set for 11/14/18.
- b. Chairs are needed for this event.

XIII. Other

- a. Trying to come up an on-line platform for payment. Need a volunteer to guide through this process. Would really appreciate someone that has experience with this.
- b. Kinnelon Education Foundation- the foundation is working again. Two of their VP's will attend our next meeting on 4/11.
- c. Grants- there are still a few grants that need to be paid. Waiting for the remainder of teachers to do this. Mr. Suda will send a reminder.
- d. Planners- Mr. Suda will check with Focus Groups to determine if students are really using them or want them.
- e. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is 5/8.

XIV. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Wednesday April 11 at 7:00pm
- b. Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00pm- this is the Turnover Meeting

Next Meeting April 11 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Melissa Giacoio, Gerda Haines, Amy Ferrera, Mary Ramsden, Lynn Less, Gary Suda, Diane DiGiuseppe, Maria Lazazzera, Dana Jacko, Bill Gromann, Dana Jacko, Louis Colaiacovo.