

NEW YORK STATE CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.

-Branch of the National

H.B. Thompson Middle School

Presidents: Jen Abraham & Jen Poitrimol

June 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM via Zoom by Jen Abraham and Jen Poitrimol.

**I. Approve minutes from the last meeting:** No changes or comments to the minutes that have been distributed. The May 2021 meeting minutes approved.

**II. President's Report-** Jen Poitrimol

- Thank you to the Executive Board for all they have done this year and their work in their respective committees.
- Special thanks to our first VP Christine Moran who worked hard on a fund-raising efforts during this pandemic as well as her contribution on the committee.
- Another special thank you to our third VP Lucille Polidoro who worked tirelessly all year to stay one step ahead during the pandemic and bring the arts and education to a new level with virtual assemblies and presentations to the children.
- Thank you for Miranda and Jessy for every month keeping us updated with your roles in the PTSA.
- Thank you for our wonderful PTA president Jennifer Abraham for all you have done. Your leadership is what we needed during this pandemic.
- Congratulations to Mr. Chipetine and Ms. Leitstein on their retirement. And Thank you to all our member and parents for supporting the PTSA with our fundraising this year.
- Special thanks to those Executive members and committee members who will be graduating HBT this year. We wish you the best in the high school- Christine Moran, Sonya Bohn, Lauren Goff, Pam Swerdloff, RoseMarie Hardina, Maria McDermott, Tina Aguanno and Jaime Shenkman. Forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.
- Lastly, thank you to our administration for the entirely efforts all year long during the pandemic. It's been wonderful to have our children in school all year and then coordinating those with the virtual and sometimes quarantine. It was unbelievable. We truly appreciate your effort.
- After our committee report, we will be taking a vote to support the proposed budget for the upcoming school year 2021-2022. We will also take a vote a confidence to allow the co-president and the executive board to do any work and make adjustments as needed over the summer. Then, we will present it to our members at September meeting to be voted on and finalize for the school year. We will do a poll at the end; in order to vote you have to be a PTSA member to be counted.
- **III. Treasurer's PTA Funds Report** as of 6/17/2021: (Miranda Tang)

The current checking balance \$41,023.45

The current savings balance: \$6,240.80

The total PTA Funds: \$47,264.25

#### IV. Correspondence: n/a

#### V. Principal's Report

- Welcome and thank you everyone for your participation.
- Today was a great day at school, our yearbook signing where for the first time the whole 8<sup>th</sup> grade was able to get together outside with the changes with the mask requirement they were able to have a choice.
- It was wonderful and moving to see all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders together for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast. We were able to see all the virtual kids with the in-person kids. It was moving. They are troopers. We can wait for all to be together.
- Thank you for everyone who helped in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast. It was a wonderful morning.
- We made an adjustment for the moving up ceremony. We will have two ceremonies 9:30AM and 12:30PM. It's on Thursday.
- Next week for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have a spirit day. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will have annual kickball on Wednesday. They will be leaving at 10:15 on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Thank you for your service and congratulations on your retirement Mr. Chipetine. Mr. Chipetine's replacement was named in the board meeting on Monday. Her name is Joey Waters, she will be coming from Cold Spring Harbor.
- I want to congratulate and thank you Mrs. Abraham for all your hard work. It was comfortable and easy to work with you.
- Looking forward to work with the new president and co-president.
- Finally, it's been a remarkable year. It's been worth it, we are proud that we stayed open and have every kid that wanted to come back in the building. It came with a lot of adjustment and lot of flexibility by parents, teachers and kids. I think is something that all of us in the building will look back with pride that we were a school that was able to open with some co-pilot and virtual meeting and all the 2020 things that went on. We think it was an accomplishment. It was really because the kids were amazing. The kids were helpful and so good and really work with us. Thank you, parents, for your patience and for all the lines in morning and afternoon for the arrival and pick up.
- I want to acknowledge Ms. Maureen, she was able to help everyone with contact tracing. It was really helpful to have her around. Also, thank you for all your hard work Mrs. Sullivan.
- Next Year: we are planning for fairly close to normal. If you heard Dr. Rogers in the Board Meeting, they are still some couple things that are not confirmed. We are planning at 3 feet for classrooms so we can get everybody back in there and also the kids moving around a little bit more. The biggest thing is probably still at lunch. We will probably have 6 feet (we will need guidance) but the word hybrid (classroom and cafeteria) keeps popping in my head. From our perspective it's okay because 300 kids in the cafeteria is not necessarily ideal for a lot of kids, we will probably have a future where kids might have option in different places in the future.
- Lockers will be back in some format. We will work through that. We will send information as soon as we know over the summer.
- It's been an honor to work with everyone. It has been humbling for all of us because we tested and found out things about ourselves and the building that we never knew. There is no place I rather do it. Thank you and have a wonderful and safe summer.

## VI. Committee Reports

### a. 8th Grade Graduation Committee- Christine Moran

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation celebration took place this morning and the students had a great time gathering together outdoors and signing yearbooks.
- Each graduate received a gift from PTSA to bring home as a memoir.
- Congratulations to all the graduates! Best of luck in the high school

## VII. New Business

- Awards:** Congratulations to everyone who received an award. We appreciate everyone's effort for your hard work and cooperation.
- Tonight, we want to give a special thank you to our retirees, our PTSA wants to extend our gratitude for all your many years of dedication to our children and wish you all the best in retirement. In each of your name, the PTSA has made a donation to the Syosset Scholarship Funds.
- Votes: Proposed Budget & Vote of Confidence  
-Votes were approved.
- Announce Audit Committee Members: thank you to Liz Wolkoff, Rose Marie Hardina and Maria McDermott for volunteering
- Installation- Executive Board, new officers – Thank you everyone for your commitment.

## VIII. Dates to Remember

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School  
Happy Summer!!!!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm  
Jessica Peredo, Recording Secretary

### Attendees:

Jennifer Poitrimol	Erica Sutter	Maureen
Jennifer Abraham	Dana Kuropatkin	Maria McDermott
Kevin Bonanno	Gabby Platz	Michelle Verre
Rose Marie Hardina	James Carroll	Miranda Tang
Allison Berch	Jemal Graham	Mrs. B
Andy	Jesscia Peredo	Nina Grieco
Christian Harrigan	Karen Ostrick	Pam Bahiri
Christine Moran	Katy Mandell	Rabin Park
Dana Kralstein	Kirsten Zollo	Rosanne Ruppel
Debbie Brutsch	Leslie Yardeni	Rose Marie Hardina
Deborah Faust	Linda DiGeronimo	Sara Denig
Debbie Crehan	Liz Wolkoff	Tina Guanno
Donna		Shira Zatcoff

