



General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Good morning, everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

I. Approve minutes - November 2024

We distributed the minutes via email from our last PTA meeting in November for review. Does anyone have comments, changes, or questions? If not, minutes stand as approved. Thank you. - approved

II. Treasurer's Report – Sunita Hansraj

Opening Balance (10/21/24)	\$ 62,783.71
Income/Deposits	\$ 3,833.23
Expense/Cash Disbursements	\$ 12,598.08
<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>\$ 54,018.86</u>
Saving Balance as of 12/27/24	\$ 6,251.86
<u>TOTAL Cash on Hand as of 12/22/23</u>	<u>\$ 60,270.72</u>

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Tara Ginsberg. Thank you Tara.

III. President's Report - Nina Grieco

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year.

December was a very busy and successful month for the PTSA. Starting with our Holiday Boutique. Thank you Inna and Jen for chairing and for everyone who volunteered during the boutique. We also had our gift card fundraiser, thank you Krista for chairing. Hollyrock came in for 8th grade a few days before the break and the kids had a blast.



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We are always so thankful for our HBT administration for all that they do for us. The HBT PTSA arranged our annual holiday luncheon to give thanks for a wonderful 2024.

Nominations! It's that time of year again. We are looking to all our amazing parents to fill our board for next year. The email went out yesterday, please speak to Krista with any questions you may have regarding the various positions and what these positions entail if you are not familiar with them. Also, please review our Bylaws and Procedures which are located on our website for all details regarding these positions as well.

We are starting to work on our HBT awards committee, if you are interested, please come speak to me after the meeting.

Before the principal's report I just wanted to take a minute to thank our Recording Secretary, Jaime Daggett who will be moving. Thank you so much for everything you have done this year. Good luck on your move.

Principal's Report (Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Narine and Ms. Waters)

Mr Bonanno:

- Thanked the PTSA for the holiday lunch
- Ms Perrone filled in for Ms Verre at the meeting
- Next PTSA meeting will be held in the library
- Half of the 8th graders currently at the highschool for a tour, other half going next week - went to learn about electives and hear about programs
- Next week there will be a virtual meeting on 8th to 9th grade transition given by middle school, will be recorded (1/16)
- Starting tomorrow counselors will begin to speak to all 8th grade classes about the process, recommendations being put in
- Multicultural coming up on 1/24 periods 4,5,6 - volunteers can come at 9 to setup
- Upcoming concerts - 7th grade 1/22 and 6th grade 1/30
- Annual reviews are being done if your child has an IEP
- Expanding use of Naviance in 8th grade

Mr Narraine

- Computer based testing will be given to all grades (last year only one grade)



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- 1/24 will test network to make sure call students can be on at once, period 2 all students will take sample test
- Advantages to computer based testing - can zoom in and make things bigger, better for children with services (calculator, reader, etc)

Mr Harrigan

- Library now open Monday - Thursday afterschool. Can go do homework and 8th graders and a math teacher is there to help until 3:40.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. BOE - Inna Choi / Tara Ginsberg

Superintendent's Report

- Sending out a survey later this week, help narrow down what a future mascot will be
- Syosset will continue to have one traditional snow day, but have the options for remote days
- Transition Presentation- 8th to 9th grade- shifts can have an impact in social and academics. Updates have been made (posted on the website)
 - 5th to 6th- Facilitates regular communications, invitation to parent orientation, 5th grade students tour the Middle School building in the Spring. In August, they can attend another tour with their schedule and participate in fun icebreaker activities.
 - 8th to 9th- Updates that have been made-
 - In- District Field Trip- 8th Graders will visit the HS to learn about the 9th Grade elective opportunities while meeting with current high school students (January 7, 9, 14, & 15)
 - 9th Grade- Specific Curriculum Guide- Review of the orientation and 9th Grade Curriculum Guide
 - Elective Flexibility- 9th Grade Peer Education classes move from a full year course to an alternate day course increasing elective choice and flexibility
 - Naviance Expansion- 8th Grade Students will use Naviance (currently only used in HS) to develop skills awareness that will promote inform program choices.
 - School Food Services- Facilities projects- ease congestions for more food prep in elementary schools. Now we can think in the long term.
 - Food Presentation- Posted on the district. Overall discussion based on different food service options in house versus not in house. More details posted.

B. HBT Multicultural Exposition - Trupti Bahl



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This year, the Expo will take place during Periods 4, 5, and 6 for our students to enjoy and learn about the diverse cultures represented in our community.

Thank you to the families who have already signed up to participate in our Multicultural Exposition! We are still welcoming additional participants! If you'd like to share food, music, art, or other cultural traditions, please complete the Google Form which was sent via email by Friday, January 9th. So far, we have signups representing the following countries:- Syria, Haiti, South Korea, Israel, Poland, India, China, Taiwan, Netherlands, Italy, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Jamaica

The Expo will also feature student presentations and performances!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Mr. Bonanno: kbonanno@syossetschools.org

Ms. Classen: sclassen@syossetschools.org

PTSA President: presidents@hbtpsa.org

(Cultural Unity Chair): Trupti Bahl

We look forward to celebrating the rich cultural diversity of our school community together!

C. Reflections - Sarah Lin

The school district will hold a celebration in South Wood on February 10th for winners who advanced to Nassau County (we have 12 winners out of 29 submissions).

D. Nominating Committee - Krista Harris

Our Nominating Committee is working to help identify and propose our slate of officers for next year. There will be several vacant positions. Our needs will be Co-president, VPs, Secretary, treasurer and council delegates. If you would like to get more involved and help make our children's middle school years more memorable, please let the Nominating Committee know. We sent out the Nominating Form this week. In the meantime, if you have any questions as to the duties, time involved, etc., please feel free to ask Krista Harris (our Nominations Chair) or us at nominations@hbtpsa.org.

For anyone interested in a position or getting more involved with us, please reach out to us (it's never too early or too late to get involved).

E. Parent Resource Group - Krista Harris

The Parent Resource Group has two upcoming events:



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-Thurs., 1/23 Dr. Stephen Dewey will discuss the Effects of Addictive Substances and Behaviors on the Adolescent Brain

-Thurs., 2/27 An Executive Functioning workshop

Both events will be held virtually at 7:30 pm. A flyer with registration information will be sent to each unit prior to the event.

F. Annual District Election & Budget Vote - Sarah Lin (cannot be here)

Upcoming dates: (also in emails from PTSA)

District Budget Information Session #1

Monday, February 10

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

District Budget Information Session #2

Monday, March 10

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Budget Information Session #3

Wednesday, April 23

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Budget Hearing

Monday, May 12

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Annual District Election & Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 20

6:00am – 9:00pm

G. SEPTA - Wendy Chiu

We hosted our 2nd Annual Resource Fair on December 3rd and it was a great success. We had nearly 40 vendors, 1/3 of which were new from last year. We are truly grateful for all of the volunteers and attendees that made it such a successful night and it was great to see so many families make connections with vendors and service providers that could help. We will be updating our Resource Guide for the additional resources submitted by families and staff as well as the vendors/resources who came to the event.



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Our next meeting **will be VIRTUAL** and is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16th at 7:45pm.** The Syosset School District's PPS team will present on the topic on how to prepare for your upcoming CSE meeting. Zoom info will be distributed prior to the meeting.

V. Dates to Remember

Keep an eye on our dates to remember in our weekly updates for additional dates between now and our next meeting.

- January 20 - School Closed
- January 22 - 7th Grade Winter Concert
- January 24 - Multicultural Expo
- January 29 - School Closed
- January 30 - 6th Grade Winter Concert
- February 6 - PTSA Meeting 7:45 p.m.

If there is no further business, the meeting will stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.