

Minutes November 6, 2024 meeting 7:45 pm

Good Evening everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at _____7:52__ p.m. with a quorum present (*majority of the board - 14 members - Section 4 of Article 11*). An attendance will be taken by sign in sheet. Please make sure you sign the sheet on the tables.

1. Approval of minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance 09/21/2024: \$54,888.64

Income/Deposits: \$10,164.68

Expense/Cash Disbursements: \$2,269.61

Checking Balance (10/30/24): \$61,497.34

Savings Balance as of 9/30/2024: \$6,251.86

Total Cash on Hand as of 10/30/2024: \$67,749.20

All Balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Su Hu. Thank you, Su Hu.

3. President's Report

Welcome everyone, and thank you for coming to our last meeting for 2024. Please make sure you join us for our first meeting next year on January 8th at 10 a.m.

I wanted to give a special thank you to our 6th grade committee chairs, Hina and

Saba, who did an incredible job. The kids had a great time, thank you for helping the administration make this a special event.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our fundraisers so far, we have the gift card fundraiser going on right now. It is a great opportunity to buy Visa gift cards with no fees, Krista will be sharing more information with you in a few minutes.

The annual holiday boutique is coming up in the beginning of December. The students love it and it is a great way for them to shop during their lunch period for their friends and family. More details to come from Inna and Jen.

As many of you know, from time to time, we need to vote at our PTSA meetings. In order to vote we will need a quorum of 14 members. Please remember that you may only vote if you have a PTSA membership for this school year. When we conduct a vote, a motion will be made. If the motion is coming out of committee it will not need a second.

This month we will be voting on our Nominations committee members.

4. **Principal's Report - Mr. Bonanno** (Mr. Harriagan / Mr. Narine / Ms. Waters) - library open next week, Veterans coming in for assembly.

5. **Standing Committee Reports**

a. **BOE Reporter- Inna and Tara**

-Public Hearing- Policy #5300 Code of Character, Conduct and Support

-Public Conduct on School Property- Freedom of Speech was change to
-Audience to the Public Regarding Code of Character, conduct and Support

BOE Discussed- Reason for the change- protected speech and what is not protected speech, using as the supreme court defines it. Making the Code of Conduct more user friendly.

- -Superintendent Report
 - Mascot Selection Process
 - Fall/Winter:
 - Create Mascot selection committee
 - Committee meets to prepare a survey with the community

- Conduct thought exchange community survey
 - Winter/Spring 2025
 - Committee reviews survey results
 - Public comment period on proposed mascot options
 - committee narrows options on public feedback
 - Email from the district will be going out to notify the community about this process
- Regionalization Concerns- Presentation presented
 - Developments and Next Steps
 - Regulations VS Statutes
 - Emergency VS Ordinary Regulations
 - The Powers and Duties of School Boards are contained in statute, they cannot be removed by regulation
 - No new authority for district superintendent (BOCES Superintendent)
 - No forced mergers
 - No required participation
 - Today's Regents Meeting in Albany: Regent Roger Tilles, asked for amendments to the regulation that would clarify that no districts would be required to participate against their will. No Regrets spoke in opposition to Regents Tilles suggestion.
 - The current Emergency Regulation cannot be permanently adopted until January, Board of Regents meeting.
 - BOE all agreed to task Dr Rogers with sending a letter to the Board of Regents to refine the regulatory language to clarify that there will be no compulsory participation of Districts and no loss of local control.

b. Curriculum Enrichment - Tara

Weatherman- John Marshall came in on 10/31 (8th grade)

HollyRock is next (8th grade)

c. Fundraising update - Jeremy

Chipotle in December

d. Gift Cards - Krista

The Raise Right gift card sale is currently underway. If you are going to be purchasing gift cards for gifts for friends and family, please consider purchasing them from our fundraiser. HBTPTSA receives a percentage of each sale which allows us to continue running the programs and events we do for the children.

Orders must be placed by December 2nd. Cards will be available for pick up some time around December 15. Cards must be purchased using a credit card or as a withdrawal from your bank account. We will not be accepting checks as payment. All sales are final and please be careful

when choosing e-gift cards and physical cards. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Harris at giftcard@hbtptsa.org

e. Holiday Boutique - Inna and Jen

The HBT Holiday Boutique will take place Thurs-Fri, December 5-6, during students' lunch periods in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. Cash and credit cards will be accepted as well as a new option to prepay a set amount on misschocolate.com (any unused balance is refunded). Prices of items will range from 75 cents to \$16. Your child will feel good supporting the PTSA and ensuring no family member, aunt, or uncle goes without a gift this holiday season.

f. Spiritwear - Irina

Sale Date: now - Dec 10th. 25% off sitewide, guaranteed to arrive by 12/23.

g. SEPTA - Wendy

h. Reflections - Sarah

i. Parent Resource Group - Krista

Unfortunately the workshop on Executive Functioning was canceled because the presenter was ill but it will be rescheduled for the Spring. As soon as we have a new date, we will let you know.

The next workshop will be held on Monday, November 25 at 7:30 presented by Eric Hussain. The topic is Cultural Foundation. We all have a story. "Laying a strong culture foundation around mental health and wellness, ensuring everyone feels like they are on the same team"

Monday, November 25th @7:30 pm

Please register in advance to receive a Zoom link by 11/22.

6. New Business

a. Nominating Committee Vote

We will now take a vote on the nominations committee. All those in favor please raise your hand. Opposed? The motion is passed.

1. Jaime Dagget (Exec)
2. Krista Harris (Exec)
3. Sarah Lin (Exec)

4. Julia Mintz (General)
5. Jamie Lund (General)
6. Dana Holzer (Alternate General)

7. Dates to Remember (No meeting in December)

11/11 No School

11/12 Tech Free Tuesday

11/20 SEPTA meeting 7:45 South Grove

11/27-11/29 No School

12/3 SEPTA Resource Fair 7:30 p.m. HBT

12/9 Board of Ed Meeting 8 p.m.

12/10 Chipotle Fundraiser

12/16-12/20 HBT Spirit Week

12/23-1/1 No School

1/6 Board of Ed meeting 8 p.m.

1/8 HBT PTSA meeting 10 a.m.

Thank you everyone! Hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

The meeting is adjourned at: _____ 8:11 _____