

NEW YORK STATE CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.
-Branch of the National
H.B. Thompson Middle School
President and Co-President: Jen Poitrimol and Karen Ostrick
June 16, 2022

The meeting will come to order, at 7:54pm with a quorum present. An attendance will be taken by sign in sheet. Please make sure you sign the sheet on the tables.

I. Approve minutes from the last meeting: We had distributed the minutes from our last PTA meeting in May for review. Does anyone of comments, changes, or questions? Since there are no comments/changes, minutes stand as approved. Thank you.

III. Treasurer's PTA Funds Report as of 5/20/2022: Submitted Miranda Tang

Opening Balance, 4/22/2022	\$ 54,441.16
Income/Deposits	\$567.07
Expense/Cash Disbursements	<u>(2,864.97)</u>
Checking Balance	\$ 52,143.26
Saving Balance as of 3/31/22	<u>6,243.97</u>
TOTAL Cash on Hand as of 5/20/2022	\$ 58,387.23

IV. Correspondence: Kirsten Zollo – N/A

V. President's Report- Jen Poitrimol & Karen Ostrick

Welcome to the final PTSA meeting of the 2021-22 school year.

We wanted to start with a Thank You to the Executive Board for all they have done this year and their work in their respective committees. Special thanks to our VP Jennifer Abraham who worked hard on a fund-raising effort during this strange year as well as her contribution on the 8th grade committee, while being president at the High School. Another special thank you to our VP Dana Kralstein who has managed our membership needs, member hub and directory spot for the last few years as well – we couldn't have done without you. Another thank you is to VP Liz Wolkoff – who is staying with us next year, who worked tirelessly all year to stay one step ahead during this ever-changing year and bring the arts in education programs to a new level with in-person and virtual assemblies and presentations to the children.

Another important thank you to Miranda Tang and Jessica Peredo for every month keeping us updated with your critical roles in the PTSA and we are sad to see you leave us.

Thank you for our wonderful PTA co-president, Jennifer Poitrimol for all you have done. Your guidance and leadership are what we needed during a difficult year that we were able to navigate with all the restrictions that were put in front of us and still have a great school.

And thank you to all our members and parents for supporting the PTSA with our fundraising this year. A special thank you to those families who donated to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. We were able to provide a delicious, fun and memorable event for our staff. Also a special thank you to our Luncheon committee, run by Adrienne Ashkin and Shira Zatcoff for their efforts in coordinating everything.

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- Jen Abraham, Deanna Marmor, Allison Berch.

We wanted to express our thanks to Frantoni's who hosted our dining fundraiser. In addition to donating 10% of all purchases made, they made a donation to our PTA of \$200. We also wanted to congratulate our alumni scholarship award winners, Rachel Meiselas and Rohan Ghotra.

After our 8th grade committee report, we will be taking a vote to support the proposed budget for the upcoming school year 2022-2023. We will also take a vote of confidence to allow the co-presidents Karen Ostrick and Tara Ginsburg and the executive board to do any work and adjust as needed over the summer. Then, we will present it to our members at the September meeting to be voted on and finalized for the 2022-23 school year.

Please remember in order to vote you must be a current PTSA member.

Also, as a reminder, you can sign up for the 2022-23 school year now – by selecting it in the drop-down menu for the school year. * Don't forget about our family bundle option, which is discounted and includes membership for 2 adults and 1 child.

Jen – Just a few more final words.... I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years here as President. Although the pandemic definitely introduced challenges, I was lucky to share the presidency with great women – Jen Abraham and Karen. They helped make these challenges easier and I'm so happy I didn't have to go it alone.

To the executive board and parent volunteers, thank you for your support during all of our events and flexibility when we weren't sure what was happening or how we would do it, but it all turned out successful.

To Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Naraine and Ms. Waters, thank you to each of you for being a true partner with us in trying to always do what's best for our children. Sharing

ideas on how to get things back to as normal a process as possible created a wonderful and rewarding experience for our children.

I am happy to have another two years here. But to my fellow 8th grade families, congratulations and I'll see you on Tuesday to celebrate our kids moving up and look forward to working with you next year at the high school.

VI. Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Naraine and Ms. Waters

Mr. Bonanno – June is a very busy month for us with moving up, board meetings, retirements and other news. Mrs. Song had a baby boy, named Alexander. We unfortunately also had some bad news. Ms. Cassella and Ms. Chambers lost their mother, while Ms. Boyce lost her father and Ms. Waters lost her father-in-law.

The algebra regents took place today and scores look good so far. The Earth science regents is tomorrow, but their practical scores looked good thus far. Syosset has adopted the "do no harm" strategy of it not impacting the final grade if it lowers the grade. It will still be on transcripts, but will have no impact on their final grade. Apologies for the delay in the email, there were some technical difficulties when sending it. Goal for report cards is next Friday – Grade book will be open as grades are posted.

Tuesday moving up ceremony – 3:00 pm and any delays due to weather will be a Monday night decision whether to move it to Friday.

Adventureland was great for the 6th graders. By now, Mr. Harrigan is an expert on Adventureland – next year will be private because they will have the opportunity well in advance to reserve the date.

Retirements: Mr. Macnamara (20 yrs), Ms. Clines, Ms. Maggio, Mr. Crogn, Dr. LaMelza and Mr. Salzman. Mr. Cardillo will consult up to 75 days.

New Teachers: Hired a bunch of new teachers, so all positions are now filled. French teacher is Ms. Laisney, who used to teach at the elementary school.

Advisory next year will be back to normal. Schedules will be released the weekend before. Mr. Harrigan is best at dealing with schedules, so if parents will call us with issues, please be kind. 7th grader made a new logo and we are super excited for next year. "HBT hearts beat together"

Thank you to all the parents and to our vice principals who are 3 remarkable people who love your children. Thank you for the luncheon, it was amazing. Also, thank you to Mrs. Poitrimol for a great two years. Our partnership has been great.

Mr. Harrigan - Congratulations to Mr. Bonanno on his tenure and our success is dependent on our teamwork and great leadership. DC trip next year and some key dates: 7/1 – deadline to commit. Payments needed on 7/1, 8/1, and fully paid by 9/1. We expect 70% or more of kids to join.

Mr. Naraine – It was an honor to receive the award at the luncheon and it was such an honor and something I will always remember. Thanks to Kevin for bringing my family. It was really special. Moving here was one of the best decisions I have made. A committee of graders spent the entire day grading the regents and will continue into Tuesday. The total score goes to the state and must

IX. Special Orders

A. Awards Committee

Jen Abraham, Tara Ginsburg, Liz Wolkoff, Nina Grieco – Thank you so much for all your hard work, please take it away!

Awards for teachers/staff were given during the teacher/staff appreciation luncheon. Mr. Naraine received the lifetime achievement award. The following teams were awarded the community service award: Arrival and Dismissal Staff, Custodians, Clerical, Contract Tracing, Security and Mental Health Team. Specific names for each team will be attached at the end of these minutes.

Deanna Marmor and Allison Berch received recognition for their efforts over the years and were graduating out.

Jen Abraham received special mention for leading volunteer efforts over her years here at HBT.

Jen Poitrimol received The Honorary Life Award.

X. Dates to Remember – Karen Ostrick

June 17 - Grades 6 & 7 - Half-Day of School; Gr 8 - Science Test takers only

June 20 - Schools Closed - Juneteenth

June 21 - Grades 6 & 7 - Half-Day of School; Gr 8 - Geometry Test Takers only (am) & Moving Up Ceremony at 3pm

June 22-23 - Full day of school for all students

June 24 - No classes - Enjoy Your Summer! Grade 8 - Rain Date for Moving Up Ceremony

Meeting is adjourned at 8:44pm.

Thank you everyone. Have a wonderful summer! See you in September.

Recorded by Kirsten Zollo, for Jessica Peredo, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Jennifer Poitrimol	Jen Abraham	Shira Zatcoff
Karen Ostrick	Miranda Tang	Rosanne Ruppel
Mr. Bonanno	Liz Wolkoff	April Sontag
Mr. Harrigan	Jessica Goldberg	Kirsten Zollo
Mr. Naraine	Danielle Kurtzer	Vicky Pan
Tara Ginsburg	Sharmin Panjvani	
Xu Zhang	Linda DiGeronimo	

Arrival and Dismissal Staff	Custodians	Clerical	Contact Tracing	Security	Mental Health Team
<p><i>Teachers and TAS:</i></p> <p>Alison Abeles Maryann Cassella Susan Classen Mary Jo Clines Dylan Cornelia Doreen D'Alessandro Darlene Darress Deborah Ferrante Debra Gazzola Alexandra Gerin Christina Gjodesen Adam Grecco Krista Hachadoorian Ian Incremona Laurie Katz Michael LaRusso Kimberly Leidner Jennifer Lowe James Malanowski Anna Mason Paul McNamara Vincent Monaco Jaclyn Mullady Michael Murray Justine Pereira Tracey Provvisiero Ann Rich Christa Spano Jennifer Sullivan</p> <p><i>Half Year:</i> Nicole Mammolito</p>	<p>Dom Napoli (Head) Brian Bridgwood</p> <p>Franco Rama Jeff Lilien Michael Ortega</p> <p>Evening staff Harvey Engelman (Asst. Head) Laura Koziatek James Penesky Linda Rama</p>	<p>Secretaries:</p> <p>Donna Costanzo Karen Franzese Stacey Karas Jackie Lann Nancy Nyreen Eileen Pich Ann Rich Emily Zehnder</p> <p>Clerical Monitors:</p> <p>Stacey Frangas Adrienne LaScala</p>	<p>Maureen Henshaw Administrative Team Marie Villi (monitor in nurse's office assists with everything else in office)</p>	<p>Frank DeMaria Gina Tucker Jack Sinatra</p> <p>Evening- Ed Dzierzasky</p>	<p>Joey Waters Christian Harrigan Paul Naraine Laura DeGennaro Jennifer Eastman Melody Chan Deborah Faust James McAleer Allison Mills Carroll Nick Breslin (guidance sub)</p>

Marisa Occelli Kristin Peterson Anne Pross <i>ALL SECURITY AND DAY CUSTODIAL STAFF</i>					
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