



NEW YORK STATE CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.
-Branch of the National
H.B. Thompson Middle School
President and Co-President: Tara Ginsburg & Melissa Capie
June 13, 2024

Good evening everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 7:49 pm with a quorum present (14 members - Section 4 of Article 11). Attendance will be taken by sign in sheet - please make sure you sign in.

I. Approve minutes from the May 2024 meeting:

We had distributed the minutes via email from our last PTA meeting in May for review. Does anyone have comments, changes, or questions? **None.** If not, minutes stand as approved. Thank you.

II. Treasurer's PTA Funds Report: Danielle Kurtzer: As of 5/22/2024:

Opening Balance, 4/23/2024	\$ 61,521.90
Income/Deposits	973.79
<u>Expense/Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>3,755.00</u>
Checking Balance	\$ 58,740.69
<u>Saving Balance as of 5/30/2024</u>	<u>\$ 6,249.79</u>
TOTAL Cash on Hand as of 5/22/2024	\$ 64,990.48

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

III. Principal's Report:

Mr. Bonanno – Welcome to the last meeting and it was an eventful day here. It started with the 8th grade trip to Great Adventure. A bus driver wasn't feeling well, so we made sure to replace him and it resulted in a delay of about 20 minutes. Even with the delay, we were still in the Great Adventure parking lot before it opened (which was great, so they didn't have to wait in the bus). Kids were awesome, very adventurous. Mr. Bonanno was a last minute addition and the orange shirts were a hit – kids were compliant and very easy to see (thanks to our PTSA). Back here at the building, we had a power outage – our staff managed with constant communication with Dr. Curry and thankful it didn't last too long. We were in constant contact with the District and with transportation (buses stayed for an hour in case it lasted any longer and had to move kids for lunch (no power in kitchen, etc.)). We are prepared with evacuation drills, so we weren't worried.

Tomorrow – We will be having a fundraiser with Dippin’ Dots to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Ms. Katz has a lot of family affected by this – she lost one son to cystic fibrosis and her daughter also has it. \$5 cash to purchase to raise money for the foundation at the end of the school day.

Upcoming Year-end Schedule:

Monday, 6/17 – closed for Eid al-Adha

Tuesday, 6/18 – the “moving” Moving up ceremony – Appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding. Time change due to outside weather and the concern for an outdoor start time at 2:30 – The forecast is 91 degrees on Tuesday, but it will thankfully be a lot cooler at 9am.

Field Day – 6th grade kickball event

Wednesday, 6/19 – no school for “Juneteenth”

Thurs, 6/20 – Earth Science Regents (PM only for 6th and 7th graders)

Fri, 6/21 – Regular day of school for everyone except for those taking Geometry Regents

Mon & Tuesday – regular days

Last Wed 6/26 – 6th grade only

Parent Question – How long is the graduation ceremony expected to last? **Answer** - Hoping for an hour, may be a little over.

IV. **President’s Report- Tara Ginsburg / Melissa Capie**

Why did the teacher jump into the pool?

He wanted to TEST the water...hahaha

Welcome to the final PTSA meeting of the 23-24 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 VPs for helping with it all this year. Nina Grieco and Karen Ostrick, it was a real team effort working together.

Another important thank you to Danielle Kurtzer and Jennifer Poitrimol for every month keeping us updated with your critical roles in the PTSA.

And of course, we cannot forget our 8th grade committee chairs, Nina Grieco & Karen Ostrick, along with the rest of the committee members, Jen Poitrimol, Xu Zhang, Min An, Flora Tessi and Pam Bahiri.

Lastly, thank you to our administration, Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Harrigan, Ms. Waters and Mr. Naraine for another great school year.

We also wanted to congratulate our alumni scholarship award winners, James Masson and Lisul Elvitigala, Congratulations!

After our 8th grade committee report, we will be taking a vote to support the proposed budget for the upcoming school year 24-25. We will also take a vote of confidence to allow the president Nina Grieco 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 2024-25 school year.

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

Thank you to Melissa Capie from Tara Ginsburg – I got a co-president, but also a friend. We are true partners – you have the warmest of hearts and a “chill” personality.

V. **Correspondence: April Sontag:**

Lifetime Achievement Thank You: Lindsey Warren

From: "Lindsey K. Warren" <lwarren@syossetschools.org>
Date: May 21, 2024 at 7:01:53AM EDT
To: taranginsburg@gmail.com
Subject: PTSA Award, Thank you!

Dear Mrs. Ginsburg and the HBT PTSA,

I am deeply honored and grateful to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the PTSA. This recognition means the world to be and serves as a testament to the collaborative efforts and support of our wonderful school community. I was very grateful to share in the joy with my family and colleagues, thank you for including them as well and for making the event beautiful.

Over the years, working with dedicated parents, passionate teachers, and inspiring students has been incredibly rewarding. Thank you for the honoring the work we do. I look forward to continuing together and contributing to the ongoing success of our students and school community.

Thank you, I was so suprised 😊
Lindsey Warren, NBCT
Syosset Schools

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Thank you retirement from HBT: Stacey Karras

Dear PTA family-

As I finish my career in
Syosset at HBT, I wanted
to thank everyone, past & present,
that helped make HBT so special.

I'm honored to have been
a part of the team and having
Mr. Bonanno as our leader.

Wishing everyone a good
continuation in ending this
school year -

Thank you for the beautiful orchid
Take care, Love, Stacey Karras

Thank you for multicultural week: Mr. Bonanno

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February 2, 2024

To Our HBT PTSA
HBThompson MS



Dear Tara and Melissa,

Thank you for all your help and involvement with our annual Multicultural Week. The experience of the students and staff sharing the different cultures made everyone feel a sense of community again.

I know what a busy schedule you both have and your devotion to our students is much appreciated. The expo was a huge part of our Multicultural Week. What a success it was!

On behalf of the entire administrative staff, I thank you for all you did. I feel fortunate to work with you as parents first, and then as PTA!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KB', written over a white background.

Kevin Bonanno, Principal
Harry B. Thompson Middle School

KB:sk

Scholarship Fund Thank You: Stephanie Avidon

The Syosset Scholarship Fund, Inc.

February 28, 2024

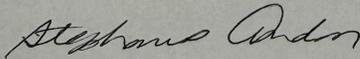
H.B. Thompson PTSA
98 Ann Drive
Syosset, NY 11791

Dear HBT PTA:

On behalf of the Syosset Scholarship Fund Administrators and the Syosset High School seniors, who will be the beneficiaries of a PTA-STA Scholarship, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100 to the Syosset Scholarship Fund, Inc.

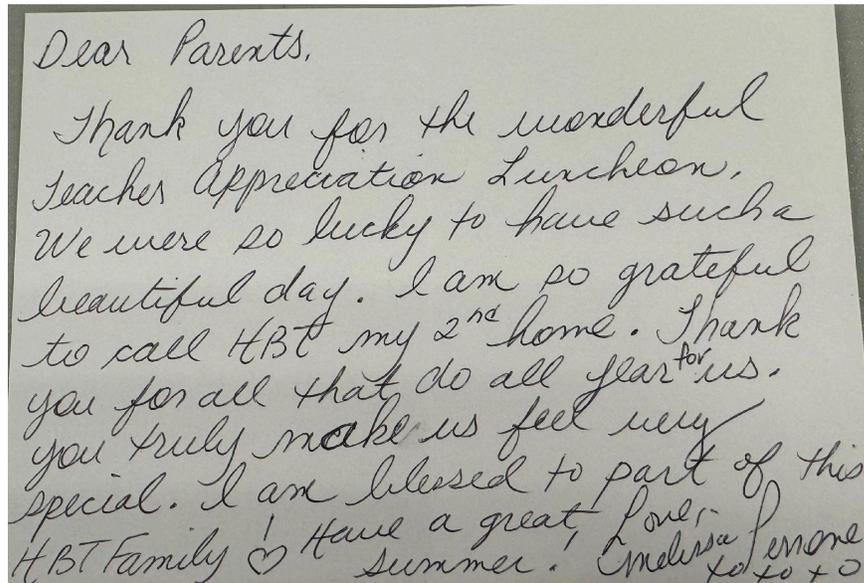
Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



Stephanie Avidon
President

Staff Rec Thank You's:



Dear Parents,
Thank you for the wonderful
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
We were so lucky to have such a
beautiful day. I am so grateful
to call HBT my 2nd home. Thank
you for all that do all year ^{for} us.
You truly make us feel very
special. I am blessed to part of this
HBT Family! Have a great, love-
summer! Melissa Fenore
xo xo xo

To The HBT PTSA,

I just want to thank you all for the most beautiful & thoughtful luncheon.

Thank you for the award ... words can't even express my gratitude for this meaningful gesture!

With love,

May, 2024

Melody (Chinghan)

HBT PTSA Team,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Staff Recognition luncheon. Your thoughtfulness and hard work made the event truly special. We are grateful for your dedication and the wonderful support you provide to our school community!

Warm regards,
Samantha Musto
Wellness Center counselor
😊

Dear HBT PTA,

Thank you for another Amazing staff appreciation lunch.

I know there is a lot of work involved in the planning + it does not go unnoticed! We appreciate all of our PTA members!

♥ Ms. Verre

Dear
HBT PTA,

As a new staff member at HBT,
I have been blown away by the
strong sense of community, which all
of you help to foster. Thank you for
putting together a beautiful event
to celebrate this community with
the staff lunch and awards this
week. All of your efforts are truly
appreciated.

- Jaclyn Rodriguez
School Psychologist

Dear PTA,

Thank you so much
for the delicious lunch
and gift. The staff
enjoyed it and we
appreciate
all you
do.

The HBT
Staff

VI. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Board of Education – Inna Choi

Typical Mascot Selection Process

- Use school colors, relevant to community, timeless final selection process once chosen how designs for artwork will be selected

Facilities Bond Proposal

- We are the fastest growing District in Nassau County over past 10 years at 9.5% while County has gone down 4.5%

- Proposition 1 Recs – includes HBT vestibule, track w/ grass infield, building security enhancements
- Proposition 2 Potential Additional – includes HBT track artificial turf upgrade
- Draft Phase 3 Bond Referendum Schedule
 - Finalize scope of work – June to Aug
 - Issue Intent for Lead Agency – June to Sept
 - SEQRA/BOE Meeting/Resolution adopting bond referendum – July to Oct
 - Earliest Bond Referendum Vote Date – Sept to Nov

May 13 BOE Meeting

- The BOE announced they opted in for the TOB Bus Stop-Arm Enforcement Program. They anticipate the program becoming operational, June 1st. Cars must stop in both directions, Tickets will be \$250 for the first offense and can increase subsequent tickets. Please note the district does not receive any revenue from the program, it is based on the student's safety.
- Also, very exciting for the Syosset School District, 24 teachers and four administrators were granted tenure.
- Dr. Rogers gave an update on Facilities
 - H2M discusses the process on how they make the priority list
 - Improving safety and infrastructure; ADA upgrades; End of useful life
 - Walk thru each building to determine what is necessary

B. 8th Grade Committee – Nina Grieco

There is still time to preorder flowers and teddy bears for your graduate up until the night before. They will also be selling onsite that day (inventory is limited). Our cameraman will be there at graduation as well for photos. We had a great yearbook signing lunch for the 8th graders. They loved the food and Ralph's ices! Thank you to the 8th grade committee for all your help. Also, every 8th grader got a T-shirt and drawstring bag from the PTA. The moving up ceremony is Tuesday June 18th at 9:00am

Parent Question – Will the graduation be streamed if held outside? **Answer** – Yes, it is still being set up and planned to be streamed.

C. Cultural Unity – Xu Zhang

The Syosset community got together to have a celebration of culture showcase on May 30th. There were 8 submissions from HBT and 17 students participated this year including the dragon

dance team. We loved seeing and hearing all of our talented artists and their wonderful work that was inspired by culture.

We hope that our students will continue to be inspired by culture throughout the year and also consider participating in next year's showcase.

D. School Supplies – Irina Sedighi (Read by Tara Ginsburg)

The school supplies are available for all students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade with lots of optional items. As of June 12th we have sold 107 kits. We have 2 more weeks until the end of the sale. Please remember this is a *fundraiser* as well as an effortless way to get your school supplies.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

1. Votes: Proposed Budget & Vote of Confidence

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 this year. As Co-Presidents, we can only vote together as one vote. Traditionally presidents do not vote unless there is a need to break a vote that is tied.

When we conduct a vote, a motion will be made. If the motion is coming out of committee it will not need a second.

The *budget committee chair* moves to put it to vote “*2024-25 Proposed Budget and Confidence to Carry On during the summer months*”. Since it is coming out of the committee it does not need a second. Is there any discussion? **None**

We will proceed with a vote. We will vote by a show of hands. All those in favor of the proposed budget and confidence to carry on business during the summer months, please raise your hands. **Unanimous** All those opposed. **None**. Abstained? **None**

The motion has passed, the Proposed Budget is adopted.

2. Announce Audit Committee Members:

Thank you to Vicky Pan, Sherri Smith, Monica Wang and Sarah Lin – The audit will take place once the books are closed after June and the committee will present their findings in the fall.

3. Installation of Officers:

We would like to turn it over to Mr. Bonanno to install our 2024 - 25 Executive Committee.

Thanked outgoing officers & welcomed new board, with installation.

IX. Dates to Remember – Melissa Capie

Please keep an eye on our dates to remember in our weekly updates, Facebook and Instagram for any additional date changes between now and our next meeting.

June 17 - School Closed

June 18 - 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

June 19 - School Closed

June 25 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for 7th and 8th graders!

June 26 – *Last day of school for 6th graders.*

July 8 - Board of Education Meeting, 8pm SW

Have an amazing summer and see you in the fall!!

If there is no further business (***None***), the meeting will stand adjourned.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:16 pm

Recorded by Jennifer Poitrimol, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Tara Ginsburg	Jennifer Poitrimol	Dana Holzer
Melissa Capie	Nina Grieco	Cindy Ho
Mr. Bonanno	Brian Grieco	April Sontag
Mr. Naraine	Inna Choi	Karen Ostrick
Ms. Waters	Sunita Hansray	Beatrice Yung
Michelle Verre		

Jennifer Poitrimol

Recording Secretary