

IHHS PTSO Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Attendance:

On file

Beverly MacKay, Superintendent:

- Welcome and introduction of Sadie Quinlan RIH BOE rep.
- Both open houses were held. On 10/11 IH held its open house, prospective students and families were welcomed with the Braves band playing. We were very proud to have many students be a part of the evening. They wanted to be there to talk of their experiences at IH.
- We had a canine sweep on 9/25. We have them 1-2 times per year. They reinforce the districts zero tolerance to drugs on campus. Both high schools had a clean sweep.

Dr. Greg Vacca, Principal:

- Thank you to PTSO for help with Open House
- Middle of marking period already, many subjects have their quarterly projects due and quarterly exams in the other subjects will be coming up. Now is time to reach out to teachers if you have questions as end of marking period is nearing.
- Focus Area:
Differentiated Instruction – adding more options to show learning through instruction and different formats for presentations.
Inter-disciplinary Learning – Natural connections between subjects, transfer of skills among subjects. Pointing out this philosophy heightens retention.
- Wellness: Combat vaping, through discipline and in health classes. Wellness class had visit from NY Giants Nate Solder and he had Q&A with students. Programs to reduce stress and anxiety that come as natural response to the student's pressures.
- Upcoming: 10/17 District financial aid night, 10/18 UP Open House at Ramapo, 11/1 College Night, 11/5 Quarterly exams begin

Student Council Officers, Harrison Chen and Luca Morgante:

- Goal for the year is to increase school spirit, they have introduced the spirit character for first time. He will be attending many school events. They plan to have Winter and Spring pep rallies.
- Class representatives and Freshman class officers have been chosen
- Blood drive on 10/18
- First coffeehouse is on 10/30 from 7-9 PM. Hope to have at least 3 throughout the year.
- Powderpuff is 10/30, there are 13 teams
- Hot Dog costume competition, teachers are raising money in their classrooms, teacher who raises the most will have to wear hot dog costume
- Want to work with Ramapo and increase cooperation between the two schools.

Jennifer Dinan & Lauren Smalley, Class of 2021 Advisor:

- Spearheading prom planning, prom venue shopping in November
- Just had ravioli sale and hope to have 2 more February and May, want to continue cider donut sale with vendor who has taken over the business
- Class is selling "Squishies"

- Working on fortune cookie sale and design is being finalized for apparel sale

Courtney McDonough & Jutta Marateo-Gonzalez, Class of 2020 advisors:

- Kicked off apparel sale, open to whole school, fleeces and wind breakers
- Scripts giftcard sale running now
- Bake sale Wed 10/24
- Jr Prom has been booked at The Grove
- Prom will be at the Venetian
- Jr class students have been volunteering at snackstand, PAC will share proceeds

Kate Robinson, Supervisor of Guidance:

- Dual enrollment paperwork has been sent to all who are eligible, currently 13 courses offered through Bergen Community College
- Volunteer Fair being held today
- Financial aid night and Junior class college night open to all who want information.
- Teaching Fundamentals of Wellness, 1st semester has 25 students, meet Tuesdays 9th period, they have created the wellness room and other teachers have used it and it can be used for meetings.
- Introduced Dr. Tom Kersting who is an integral part of the guidance department. Councils the mental and emotional needs of students. He runs the Intervention Referral Service, Heroes and Cool Kids, and is the Anti-bullying specialist.

Richard Burton, Health, P.E. & Arts District Supervisor:

- Working to put updates in his departments on Twitter
- Adding new challenges to the 1 ½ mile Mountain Biking loop
- Upper level ropes course has been renovated
- PE department wants activities that students will enjoy and encourage them to be more active, no more PE “tests” of the past
- Working on plans to upgrade fitness center, removing some old heavy equipment with turf style area for newer agility activities, better for gym teachers to use in class
- Purchased new dumbbells with IH logo.
- Art department is up to 8 teachers in the district, many new classes including Digital Photography 1 & 2 and Digital Animation 1& 2.
- Art is displayed in BOE office, Gallery and art wing, hoping to enter more state art shows

PTSO Business

Carita Shelkin, Recording secretary:

- Connie Fong made motion to correct “class of 2020 advisor” to Class of 2022” in 9/20/18 minutes
- Motion to approve 9/20/18 minutes Mary Loprete, Seconded Kerry Barney

Dianne Poppe, Corresponding Secretary:

- Nothing to report

Connie Fong, Treasurer:

- Treasurer’s report through 10/15/18, fund raising going well. BTSN parking raffle and Summer fundraiser are ahead of last year. Still open for contributions and membership is still open

- Motion to approve Treasurer's report Mary Loprete, seconded Alla Safir-Krause

Kerry Barney, 1st Vice President:

- No report
- Gave President's report on behalf of Lisa Ambrose:
- PTSO is partnering with Wellness initiative
- Pushing all to take part in fundraisers not just the ones offered by their class
- Nurses office is now offering variety of toiletries to anyone if needed
- Economy shop needs a President, many officers leaving after this year, looking for people to shadow them and be ready for next year

Committees Chairs

Amy Soto, Economy Shop:

- Week of Dec 4-8 is Indian Hills week at Economy Shop, trying to boost volunteers from each school for specific weeks. Spots open for that week to volunteer

Amy Soto, Class of 2019 Coordinator:

- Holiday Boutique 11/17
- Project Graduation payments due
- Parking spot raffle ongoing
- Fashion Show booked at Macalulos

Andrea Levy, Flow Follies:

- October 27 Halloween fundraiser at Elks
- October 25 Volunteer open house for show

Meeting adjourned 10:53 AM.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 10/16 – Pizza Love and Meyer's giveback night

Sat & Sun 10/20 & 21 – 9am-1pm ACT Bootcamp at Ramapo for 10/27 ACT

Friday 10/26 – Final home football game, Senior night

Saturday 11/17 – Holiday Boutique at IH

Tuesday 11/20 – PTSO Meeting 9:30 AM

Monday 11/26 – "Hang Up & Drive" by Jacy Good for all Juniors and Seniors at IH (8:30am) and Ramapo (1:00pm)

Indian Hills High School
Parent Teacher Student Organization
2018-2019 Budget vs Actual
9/1/2018 - 10/15/2018

	Actual YTD	Annual Budget	(Under)/Over Budget
Revenue			
Amazon Smile	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)
Catalyst Prep		1,200	(1,200)
Economy Shop		5,500	(5,500)
Parking Spot Raffle (BTS night)	1,195	1,100	95
PTSO Membership	9,745	11,500	(1,755)
Senior Lawn Signs		1,300	(1,300)
Stop n Shop A+		800	(800)
Summer Fundraiser	3,625	3,500	125
Winter Wonderland Fundraiser		2,500	(2,500)
Total Revenue	14,565	27,600	(13,035)
Expenditures			
Administrative Expenses	612	1,890	(1,278)
Beautification	107	1,150	(1,043)
Flow Follies Program Ad		200	(200)
Freshman Transition & Orientation		1,000	(1,000)
Class Gifts	500	4,000	(3,500)
Miscellaneous Gifts		300	(300)
Principal's Discretionary Fund		500	(500)
Holiday Festival		1,750	(1,750)
Hospitality	871	5,025	(4,154)
Insurance/License/Registration Fees		285	(285)
Scholarships		9,000	(9,000)
Teacher Grants		2,500	(2,500)
Total Expenditures	2,090	27,600	(25,510)
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 12,475	\$ -	\$ 12,475