

IHHS PTSO Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Beverly MacKay, Superintendent:

- Introduction and welcome. Please use the resources to answer your questions. Beginning with your child's teacher, supervisors and guidance department. Principal and asst principals also available.
- Get involved, it is very important in the high school
- District is stressing wellness. We live in a high stress area and our student have many expectations on them. Help your kids with how to deal with stress.

Jane Castor. President RIH BOE:

- welcome from Board of Education
- The teacher contract has settled, it is a 5 year contract that will run through 6/30/21

Dr. Greg Vacca, Principal:

- Thank you for coming out tonight
- Positive feeling among staff with new contract
- Mold in the few rooms was fully cleaned and inspected very quickly
- Home bleachers have been constantly worked on , very hopeful to be done in time for this Friday's home game. Even though they were not ready in time for first game they were glad team was able to play on home field and visitor bleachers were used.
- Horticulture class will help with landscape plan when bleachers are complete.
- The district has a wellness goal and Kate Robinson from Guidance has an option 2 weekly wellness and mindfulness class for seniors. The class has 25 seniors. Great effort from guidance department, there has been great response for Wellness Wednesday.
- Working with staff on what it means to teach in a 21st century classroom, we need to focus on human values and skills (creativity, imagination, emotion, and ethics)
- 9/21 Pep rally, 9th period. Unveiling new mascot, Bald Eagle.
- 10/11 8th grade open house
- Thank you to PTSO for support of Back to School Night
- 10/18 UP Open House at Ramapo
- College Night at Ramapo on 10/3
- Quarterly exams will be 11/5-11/7. Some classes may have a project instead of an exam and that would be due one week earlier.

Michael Marano, District Director of Student Personnel Services:

- PTSO Meeting are a great forum to ask questions of the administration
- My role is to oversee guidance and child study team
- Grades and GPA's are cumulative beginning with freshman year, running tab at bottom of report cards.

Daniel Sutherland, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Articulation:

- A lot of information on RIH.org website under academics tab
 - o Program of studies for '18-19, description/ credits for every course offered
 - o GPA worksheet
 - o Option 2 program for seniors
 - o Credit for coursework taken over summer for classes not offered in district
 - o Dual Enrollment for college credit
 - o Subject area supervisor contact info
 - o District Assessment schedule (exams and projects)
 - o End of month it will be updated for PARCC and 11th grade science assessment

- Test score presentation (PARCC, AP, SAT, ACT) at 10/8 BOE meeting

Samantha Janiszak, Class of 2022 Advisor:

- Fundraising for proms, looking for class moms

PTSO Business

Carita Shelkin, Recording secretary:

- Approval of June 5, 2018 minutes: Elizabeth Benducci, 2nd Theresa Barry

Dianne Poppe, Corresponding Secretary:

- Thank you from Beverly MacKay for Back to school luncheon
- Thank you from economy shop for support
- 30+ thank yous from scholarship recipients

Connie Fong, Treasurer:

- Prior school year ending balance that has extra funds
- Proposed budget for this school year is in line with last year
- Motion for approval of 2018-2019 budget: Amy Soto, 2nd Mary Loprete

Jayne O'Neill, 2nd Vice President:

- BTSN raffle was a big hit, raised \$1195 over last years \$175

Lisa Ambrose & Helen Bonzulak, Co-Presidents:

- 9/22 free vision screenings at FL day event hosted by FL teachers
- Greatly appreciate any volunteer help
- Kerry Barney 1st VP looking to staff and shadow many committees, reach out to sign up
- We would like to partner with guidance for more wellness initiatives
- Looking for Class of 2022 Parent coordinators for Project Graduation

Committees Chairs:

Elizabeth Benducci, PAA, PAC, PTSO Membership:

- There are 4 organizations that you can join, all can be joined from PTSO website
- 4 years of membership needed to receive scholarships from PTSO, PAA, PAC
- PAA includes band, drama, dance, choir, orchestra, monthly meetings, give scholarships, fund district trips, new mics
- PAA is selling Shoprite cards
- PAC is the Parent Athletic Committee, supporting student athletes. Gave out 10 / \$1000 scholarships, donated gym chairs, weight room equipment, helped with boy's locker room upgrade
- PAC is the bank for athletic team fundraising

Andrea Levy, Flow Follies:

- \$30,250 distributed in 2018 for scholarships to 37 students in both schools
- Must be member at least senior year to receive scholarships
- If you are part of FF and member for 4 years you are eligible for \$2500 scholarship
- Parents, students, community members and educators from FLOW are involved in writing, staffing, back stage, ticket sales, ad journals and more for show
- Now includes kids choir for elementary school students
- Freshman can purchase 4 year membership upfront before 12/31, and you can purchase a catch up membership for past 4 years
- 50/50 on sale now for drawing in March
- October 27 Halloween fundraiser at Elks, details to follow

Amy Soto, Economy Shop:

- Actively seeking student volunteers for Tues/Thurs eve shifts and Sat, store cannot open if shifts are not covered
- Based in Wyckoff the economy shop gave \$7500 to IH last year, it is the largest fundraiser
- Hours are T-F 9:30-3, Sat 10-1

Class Coordinators:

- Teacher advisors fundraise for prom
- Parents coordinators fund raise for Project Graduation
- Class of 2019 needs volunteers for fashion show end of March, Holiday Boutique 11/17 11-4, Senior parking spot raffle, selling lawn signs and car magnets
- Class of 2021 has 2 fundraisers, IH Blankets for \$45, Pure Vida IH colors bracelets
- Please buy from all fundraisers not just your own class
- Catalyst Prep SAT Bootcamp Sept 29-30 for Oct 6 SAT

PTSO facebook page is closing and directing everyone to go to IH parents page.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM.

Dates to Remember:

9/24 BOE Regular meeting Ramapo HS 8:00 pm

10/6 SAT Indian Hills 7:45 AM

10/13 PSAT Indian Hills 7:45 AM, Halloween Party Portobello 7 PM

10/16 PTSO Meeting BOE Conference room 9:30 AM