



HHS PTO
Unofficial Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2011



I. Call to Order

President Terri Pfister called to order the regular meeting of the Highland High School PTO at 9:03 am on Monday October 10, 2011, in the Guidance Room.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Terri Pfister, Annette Wissel, Debbie Mall, Carol Baker, Heather Murray, Sharon McFadden, Lori Bowers, Karen Heichel, Wendy LaFayette, Kelley Welch, and Principal Dana Addis (Names acquired from sign-in sheet).

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 2011 meeting were read by Debbie Mall. A motion was made by Sharon McFadden to approve the September Minutes and Karen Heichel second it.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Heather Murray reviewed the September's 2011 Treasurer's Report for Lori Schwarz. A motion was made by Lori Bowers to approve the Treasurer's Report and Carol Baker second it.

(For a copy of the Treasure's Report contact Lori Schwarz laschwarz@zoominternet.net)

V. Principal's Report

- October is a big testing month for High School Students. Sophomores & Juniors take the PSAT, and Juniors & Seniors will take the OGT. Also, on October 22nd, The National ACT test will be given at Highland High School.
- **Two Complete Cleveland Clinic Internship**
Congratulations to Highland High School seniors Calvin Rhodes and Matthew Pedersen who recently completed a nine-week Summer Internship Program at the Cleveland Clinic for more information go to - <http://www.highlandschools.org/schools/high-school>
- Eight Highland High School students had the unique opportunity this year of performing with professional musicians in the Cleveland Orchestra's Youth Chorus. To read more about it go to http://www.cleveland.com/medina/index.ssf/2011/10/eight_highland_students_join_o.html
- High School Peer Leaders just completed the 6th grade camp program. We are very proud of this program and to see the interaction between youth's and their Peer Leaders is amazing. We are looking forward to a great year as they begin their training and working with Elementary and Middle School students.
- Spirit week was amazing! This school exemplifies what it means to have school spirit. The students were "creative and passionate" about their class colors. Their excitement & enthusiasm through the halls was intense. The students respectfully maintained their composure through out the school day until the pep-assembly. All 1100 students gathered and sang the alma mater simply amazing....and then went on to cheer for their class.

- Homecoming - 20 staff members volunteered to chaperone at the Homecoming Dance. No event is without it's flaws, but this event went well. There were some minor issues about "dancing techniques" but between brief announcements by the DJ and chaperone intervention it was maintainable.

Highland High School has a dress code policy. Certain allowances may be designated for special occasions such as Homecoming, spirit days or other events that are pre-approved. It is through this policy we would remind both parents and students to refer to, when attending a school function.

- OTES/OPES : The OTES (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System) and the OPES (Ohio Principal Evaluation) is the Ohio Department of Education's newest standardized evaluation tools. Right now, the evaluation pieces are being piloted in various districts throughout the state of Ohio, and Highland is one of those.
- We are currently forming a committee to research the following for our district:
 - 7pt vs. 10pt Grading Scale
 - The "plus - minus" system, (*i.e.*; A+ C-)
 - Weighted Grades, are they doing what they need to be doing for our students.

The following were requests/concerns that were brought up at the meeting for the Principal:

- Can the "Announcements" be put back on the website?
- Is there a way for the Armstrong Cable subscribers to access the Highland Channel 22 station on Time Warner?
- Is it possible to get a light at the entrance/exit gate to the stadium at the Middle School?

VI. Old Business/New Business

- Heather Murray reported on the Krispy Kreme® Donut Sales: Both September 23rd and October 7th sales were terrific. A huge thank you to the PTO volunteers who helped sell as well as the students who canvassed the crowds and the bleachers. We sold out both times!!!! The last sale will be Friday October 21st. If you would like to volunteer contact Heather Murray heather3d@aol.com .

Heather noted that there are *many* vendors as you enter the stadium. It would be helpful if next year we had a banner that noted "HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTO". This could also be used at any venue that we fundraise or are representing at.

- Mass Email: Terry Pfister reported for Lori Schwarz about the status of our mass email contacts. Terry will check with Dawn Marzano, Directory of Communications, and get an update.
- Hospitality: Heather Murray reported on the 2nd Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated and helped with set-up/clean-up. The food was great and the teachers really appreciated it.

Conference Night #3 will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and will be a "holiday dinner" theme complete with ham/turkey and all the fixings. She still has some volunteers to call on for donations who have not yet donated, but if there is something you wish to bake/donate or volunteer, please contact Heather heather3d@aol.com .

Reminder: dishes/crocks/utensils/bags can be picked up in the main office of the HS.

- Senior Class Memorial Donation: It was agreed at the last meeting the HHS PTO would donate \$300. Terry was given the check and she will deliver it to Mrs. Rain.

- Fundraiser: Lori Bowers spoke on behalf of the "Magic Memory Picture" fundraising option that was brought to the PTO by the "Friends" company. There is no order limit so this can be done several times during the school year and be promoted at various venues, like sports events, band/choir events and banquets. It was discussed that November/December will be the initial promotion/sale and we will see what the response is. Lori will get brochures from the company and have an update at the next meeting.

Annette Wissel was approached with another fundraising idea through Buehlers. Buehler's will provide your organization with 500 shopping spree tickets, which you sell for any denomination you choose, then you choose a drawing date. The shopping spree will be 90 seconds – your organization is liable for the groceries obtained by the winning shopper (usually \$300 – \$500) and your organization keeps the rest of the profit. The winning shopper can pick any two of one item. The contest excludes tobacco and alcohol products. One participant only per shopping spree. Annette will research this and give an update at the November meeting.

- Sunshine: A card was sent to Mrs. Lee congratulating her on the birth of her baby boy.

VII. Adjournment

At 10:04am Heather Murray motioned that the meeting be adjourned and it was second by Sharon McFadden.

******The next meeting will be November 14th @ 9:00am ******

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Mall, Secretary