

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

2/3/10

ATTENDANCE: Karin Wetherill, Chris Barton, Laurie Lennon, Lisa Browning, Stacie McLaughlin, Mary Murphy, Denise Javery, Mary Mainella, Kristin Rojas, Janice Primiano, M.E. Patton, Ruth Fain, Kathy Sanford, Elaina Lucas, Joanne Judge, Anita Chiulli, Kate Brody, Betsy Morrison, Linda Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Students Lauren Browning and Ellen Wetherill announced that they are helping to organize a fundraising dinner for Haiti to be held on February 24th. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 with a goal to raise \$10,000. All food is being donated from local restaurants, and all donations will go to the charity Partners In Health.

Linda Johnson reported that they are looking for more faculty, student and parent involvement with the after prom party. They are soliciting participation at every level and welcome both volunteer and financial help. The focus this year is on “paying it forward”. Patty Schwartz and Ruth Fain are working with parent and graphic artist Mindy Oswald to create an after prom logo to represent this theme. Part of the Pay it Forward slogan is “support After Prom even if you don’t have a senior”. They are hoping to get parents of younger students even more involved than those in the senior class. The raffle committee is looking for two more people to start soliciting in the community. Anyone who is interested can contact Mishell Middleton or can use the barringtonafterprom@gmail.com email address.

Secretary’s Report: The January, 2010 minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: No change to the previous month’s report, aside from one new membership.

Guest Speakers: Carol Gaffney gave a power point presentation about the Citizen’s Scholarship Fund. She encouraged parents to support the CSF either through financial contributions or by volunteering to serve on the board. Applications for scholarships must be in by March 1, 2010. Applicants must qualify financially and then the board reviews academic, extra-curricular and work history. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available through the guidance office.

Toni Corry, from the guidance office also spoke. She reminded parents of seniors that there are lots of scholarship opportunities posted on the school website. She also spoke about the advisory program which meets every other Thursday. Students in 9th and 10th grade are paired up with a faculty member. 11th and 12th graders meet in their homerooms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: There was some discussion of how to get more families to join the Parent’s Association. Membership has leveled off but we would like to find a way to keep parents involved. A suggestion was made to mail the Highlights 2 times a year, once at the beginning of the school year and once in January or February. Another suggestion was to collect all 4 years of membership dues from parents of incoming 9th graders at their 8th grade orientation.

Publicity: Journalism students are planning to write some articles to be published in the Barrington Times.

School Committee: The ILP Plan was presented at the last school committee meeting. Barrington will participate in the Race to the Top application. There was some concern voiced about the school fund formula and the small amount that Barrington receives per student. The next few school committee meetings will be on 2/11, 2/25 and 3/9. This is a difficult budget year both statewide and within our town. The Parent's Association will keep parents on the email list informed of school committee developments.

Nominating: Lynn and Stacie will call all current committee heads to see if they are interested in participating in some way. They will also be visiting the Middle School PTO to talk to let those parents know about our organization.

Bay Team: Stacie reported that the Bay Team holds their main meeting the first Monday of each month at 8:45AM in the library. There is a new marijuana committee. They are planning a breakfast at Atria in March and the topic will be Marijuana and Prescription drugs.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be a Community forum on Monday, February 8th from 7-8PM at the High School Auditorium
- The H1N1 flu clinic will be held from 4-8 Pm on Tuesday, February 9th at the High School.

Principal's Report:

- Joe Hurley reported that John Underwood and Dennis O'Sullivan will be presenting the program "Life of the Athlete" thanks to funding from the Bay Team.
- There are new motivational posters that have been framed and put outside the cafeteria.
- Course Selection Process is going on now. The goal for next year is to move the process back a month to allow Middle School teachers more time for recommendations. They are also changing the School Max data system, probably towards the end of the year.
- NECAP test results are in. Math and writing scores went down, and reading remained high. They have started to analyze the data.
- There will be a dance on Friday 2/5, the "Decades Dance". The students are excited and are selling tickets at lunch.
- The Senior class fundraising dinner will be held on March 4th and will be open to all students.
- The Art Sale is not going well. They are trying to sell 100 pieces of art at \$30 each and have only sold 13 so far.

- NEASC update: The chair can't make the proposed dates. They are waiting to hear who the new chair will be. The visit is scheduled for March 14th.
- The Community School ski trip was a success.

Meeting was adjourned at :