

**BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION****MINUTES OF MEETING****11/3/09****ATTENDANCE**

Chris Barton, Karin Wetherill, Laurie Lennon, Joe Hurley, Kristin Rojas, Janice Primiano, Ruth Fain, Mary Mainella, Mark Mainella, Keri Cronin, Susan Coogan, Mary Murphy, Kathy Sanford, Elaina Lucas, Debbie Rota, Lynn Caesar, Lisa Browning, Meg Ramsden, Tracy Hoyt, Mary Ellen Patton, Joanne Judge, Julie Mahoney, Paula DeSisto, Wendy Zucker

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by co-president Chris Barton

**Minutes**

October minutes were approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

Paula DeSisto reported an opening balance for October of \$8299.92 with a membership deposit of \$5,195.00 and an expenditure of \$198.23 for the library. This leaves us with a current balance of \$15,017.35.

**Guest Speakers: Joe Hurley: Professional Learning Communities (PLC)**

Joe presented a power point overview of the PLC. He reported that the Common Planning Time which was instituted this year is a part of the PLC and is going very well so far.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****School Committee**

Debbie Rota reported that she attended the last school committee meeting. Joe Hurley gave a presentation on the new High School website. During the open forum a parent complained about the senior project. There was also some discussion about school safety. A parent complained about the unlocked doors to the schools and the easy access into the schools.

Debbie also encouraged everyone to attend school committee meetings and shared the information that the next meeting on 11/5 would address food allergies and growing gardens at schools as well as a presentation from the Bay Team.

**Membership**

Kathy Sanford reported that 31 more families joined the Parent's Association for a total of 365 families. December Highlights will include a list of all new members who have joined since November.

**Directory**

Joanne Judge reported that the directory is ready and over 100 people have opted for the paper free version. They expect it to be at the printer this week.

### **Bay Team**

Wendy Zucker reported that there are two upcoming events that the Bay Team is sponsoring. The first is on 11/24 and is about internet and cell phone safety. The second is on 12/18 and is a visit to the ACI by students enrolled in the Government Class. Parents who are interested in visiting should contact Kathy Sullivan. There was some general discussion about what a positive experience this visit is for students and for parents.

Wendy also reported that on 12/23 at 7PM there will be a healing ceremony at the White Church.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Principal's Report**

Joe Hurley reported that the Homecoming Dance had an attendance of over 600 students. There were no problems with the breathalyzer and no positive readings. Student ID cards will be issued this week. At the next dance there will be a computer with each student's picture on it so that chaperones can positively identify students.

Calendar update: Dodgeball tournament was taking place at the High School at the time of the meeting; 11/4 is a professional development day; 11/5 is a CPT morning and students are strongly encouraged to be there no later than 8:45.

PBGR: Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. The PBGR board will visit BHS on 12/1/09. A piece of this is the ILP (Individual Learning Plans) that will be online and will incorporate the 4 year plan for each student. The idea behind the ILP is that two times each academic year an adult will sit with each student and review their ILP to make sure that the student is on track. The goal is to have this up and running by 12/1/09.

H1N1 Update: The number of absences had declined. Last week there was a 10% absenteeism rate and this week it was down to 3.5%.

Sports: There will be a mandatory meeting for students playing a winter sport and one parent on 11/5 for students who are playing a sport for the first time this year; congratulations to the field hockey team; free physicals will be given on 11/10.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.