

PHSO

Parents Helping Students Organization 2009-2010
Minutes, January 20, 2010

1. The meeting was opened by co-Presidents Georgette Wilson and Ann Larson.
2. Secretary's Report - corrected and approved.
 - a. Secretary was directed to forward minutes to be posted on PHSO website
3. Treasurer's Report - submitted and approved.
4. Old Business
 - a. Conversation with College Freshmen –There were eight (8) freshmen in attendance. Mr. Monahan stayed throughout. Seniors felt it was helpful to them. Topics covered were; Financial Assistance, Scheduling, and School Selection. Seminar took place during the day in conjunction with the Guidance Department.
 - b. School Improvement Team – First half of meeting focused on school wide rubrics. Some interesting topics addresses were:
 - Vertical Articulation* – Trying to align departments in High School with those in Middle and Elementary schools. Freshman math students this year are doing much better this year.
 - Advisory* – Committee of teachers in conjunction with Mr. Monahan are looking to streamline the way Advisory is run making it more uniform.
 - Drop Out Prevention Committee* – Reviewing data to determine which classes may have factored into drop out rate.
 - c. PHSO Bylaws – Anne Burns is hoping to meet with volunteers on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30pm. A rough draft will be emailed out prior to the meeting.
 - d. Other Old Business –
 - Homework Vacation Policy* – Looking for clarification as to whether or not this policy was officially adopted by PHS. Policy states that if a major assignment is given out it must be assigned one week prior to vacation and due one week after vacation.
 - Need for more PHSO Members* – Mary Fran Bauschpies has put together a letter to be distributed in an effort to draw in new members.
5. New Business
 - a. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Conversations with College Freshmen-Barbara Russell-Willett
See Item 4a.
 - ii. Substance Awareness Night- Liz Morley
Georgette will contact Liz to finalize when this will take place.
 - iii. Book Awards-Sue Burghouwt
Sue has a list of volunteers. Most jobs require some knowledge of computers. Possible budget for Book Awards is \$1K for books plus

expenses. The librarian will determine a “wish list” of books and teachers may pick from that list. Teachers will complete a form and that information will be used to create book plates and book marks. There will be a meeting on Wednesday night, February 8th

Suggestion: Make sure students are arranged in correct order to receive awards to help Book Awards run more smoothly.

- iv. Senior Project-JoAnn Santos (looking for a co-chair)
Take place on May 26th and May 27th and will run the same as last year.
 - v. PHSO Scholarship: Anne Burns
Anne Burns working Mike Monahan submitted a draft application. A notice will go out on the listserv encouraging ALL students to apply. Students will apply through the Guidance Department and PHSO in conjunction with Mr. Monahan will narrow down the top three.
 - vi. Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast-Susan Lewis and Doranne Borges
Nothing to report at this time.
6. Remaining PHSO Meetings for 2009-2010, PHS Faculty Lounge-Door #13, 6:30 p.m.
 - a. Monday, February 8, 2010 @ 7pm (for Book Awards only)
 - b. Wednesday, March 17, 2010 (Georgette Wilson will be in Taiwan; Ann Larson will facilitate)
 - c. Wednesday, May 19, 2010
 7. Georgette Wilson Adjourned the Meeting with thanks to all participants for a successful meeting.