Review of Minutes from September 17, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes – 1st – Pia; 2nd - Sharon

Treasurer – Correction made to the budget to reflect that $700 for the Staff Luncheon is donations from the parents. Expenses - $3,100 for Bag Bingo of which $1,500 is for petty cash the night of bag bingo; Back to School Teacher Breakfast expense was added. Income - $25 donation. Transfer of $99 from Post Prom bank account to the Home and School account for the cost of the accounting program.

Whippet Warehouse – Pia met with the entrepreneurship students during 8th period to explain policy in regard to the High School Logos on what is allowed and State and Federal Laws. It was explained if they choose to create a new Logo, it must be approved first and there is a $30-$40 digitalization set-up fee as opposed to using SPS Graphics (the HSA’s spirit wear manufacturer). Pia asked some fundamental questions like where is the money kept between deposits, will the ledger be provided to the treasurer. The WW student representative sent a thank you email and to apologize for not being able to make it to tonight’s meeting. In the email, they were asking if the Home and School is able to assist with the purchase of more inventory for sales. They would like to add seasonal inventory like hats with pom-poms. The WW would like to put together a raffle basket for the bag bingo and might open the night of bag bingo for sales. Mr. Barker stated the WW online store had 200 “hits” the first weekend and had sales that are packaged and left at the office for pick-up.

Bag Bingo – October 19, 2019. The event is coming along with 199 tickets sold so far. New this time is the 50/50 and the consolation prizes when there is a tie per audience request. In need of volunteers. The NHS will have four volunteers, however students under the age of 18 cannot assist with anything related to “gambling” per District regulation. There will be a Square available for credit card transactions. Pia will devise a list of rules and policies for future bag bingos.

Post Prom – The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2019 at 7pm in the library. Planning is underway and more volunteers to help plan are needed. The Post Prom Fundraising Committee is exploring on having a Bag Bingo in March. The goal is to replace the senior phone bank due to dwindling donations.

SAT/ACT – The Home and School is hosting a SAT practice exam on November 16, 2019, 9am to 12:30 pm, at DHSW with Revolution Prep. The cost is $10 per student and will be available for STEM, East and West students (25 students each). The students will do a practice test and will receive the results within a half hour if they download the app. They then can schedule a FREE result review with someone from Revolution Prep at another time. Revolution Prep has a web site with free practice tests and free parental information about SAT’s and ACT’s. They also offer packages for homework help. So far there are 17 students enrolled from West, 7 from East and 11 from Stem.

Board Report – Pia DiSanto Reports there are five Board positions open this year. The Board is reviewing the field trip approval system. The township will put in a flashing cross walk sign from the school to Royal Farms for the safety of the students. An Eagle Scout from STEM is doing a Gaga Ball Pit for an elementary school. The facilities department will inspect the pit. The attendance and early dismissal policy is being reviewed as well.

Wellness Committee – Ten sub committees were formed after the results from the Roundtable survey. Parents, administration and staff are encouraged to participate. Pia DiSanto will head the Parent Education Sub-Committee. There is a FB page for healthy school start times for parents to join. Other committees are: School Staffing; Staff Support; Student Data Tracker; Student Education and Curriculum; Technology and Anti-Vaping.
CTC – The CTC has changed its focus. It is looking to train people to work with different groups. They want to collect programs that are going on in the area to find future speakers. The following training sessions are open to community members:

**Footprint for Life** which work with second and third graders, November 4 from 8am – 4pm.

**Say it Straight** which work with grades 3-8, a three-day session training on October 28, 29 & 30.

**Hype** is a student leadership program implemented in the school setting focused on grades 6-12. Student leaders identify and input social and peer issues, campaigns and activities, promote and inform positive choices working on activities to help reduce drug abuse, overdose, mental health struggles and suicide, advocate for better resources to support the youth community. This is a way to help kids be engaged and help. HYPE stands for Healthy, Youth, Positive, Energy.

Board Positions Open - The HSA announced there will be Board vacancies for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to any of the current board members at the emails listed on the bottom of the agenda.

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**Principal Report** – Dr. Barker

PSAT’s – 750 students took the PSAT’s. Results will be released in mid-December.

QPR – The freshmen were recently trained in the QPR program on October 8, 2019.

The Academic Team had their first competition and scored 155 points. They are ranked in the top in the country.

Parent Teacher Conferences – November 26 – Day and Evening selections instead of two days. Last year over 1,000 conferences were scheduled. They fill up quickly.

Homecoming – 1,174 students attended. This year, the Marine recruiter asked if he can assist throughout the school year. He was there to help with the check-in process. The new program used to process student and guest registration worked very well. The parents received a text once their child was signed in.

Sharon, the HSA President brought to Mr. Barker’s attention that the HSA wanted to focus on hosting a guest speaker in regard to mental health. However, the District already has sessions on Mental Health Awareness Programs scheduled throughout the school year. She would like guidance on the direction of mental health speakers. Mr. Barker suggested on reaching out to Olivia Houston and Matt McFadden, the Intervention Specialists.

Next meeting: November 17, 2019 in the Library at 7pm.