

High Tech High Mesa Parents Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

WELCOME and ZOOM meeting norms: HTHM PA had a successful first Zoom meeting because of the stay home order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meeting came to order at 9:03 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. President Report - Sharon Mayer

- a. Jan, Feb, March PA meeting minutes approved via email and by Executive HTHM PA Board. They are posted on the PA website.
- b. Cancellation of all fundraising through the school year.
- c. PA Board Elections - all positions are open and HTHM PA is soliciting nominations. In August, the PA will present the slate and the general Parent Association members will vote in September.

2. Treasurer Report - Lisa Meuser: Thunderball ticket sales were the majority of income last month. HTHM PA offered ticket refunds due to the cancellation of the event. Many families have donated the cost of their ticket back to HTHM PA. Bank balance is \$4,639.74. \$1,845 in Thunderball ticket sales. \$42 plush sales (stuffed mammoth). \$150 in expenses for PA for tablecloths and Thunderball expenses.

3. Senate Report - Emma B. - Senate is planning to meet virtually.

The Academic Needs committee is doing a curriculum critique with teachers before distance learning begins.

4. Directors Report - Brett Peterson: Teachers and staff are grateful for being safe, healthy and working. Since our school is 9th and 10th grade HTHM does not have the challenges of addressing the upper grades.

ASB role is building school culture. They have already created an ASB bingo on social media. They will continue to create new ways of virtually creating fun, culture building activities.

School starts distance learning on Monday, April 13. Assignments will be graded and entered into Powerschool as opposed to pass/fail or closing semester along with supplemental work. Distance learning portal will be going out via Marlo so parents/guardians can see the day to day schedule. Teachers will send schedules to students Friday.

Tech distribution has been ongoing. HTHM has distributed sanitized computers to 30 families and plans to distribute to 15 more.

HTHM is aligning with all HTH schools in the norms of distance learning. Brett is confident that this new learning experience will not replace the in person experience but will attempt to approximate it. We are a family at MESA and as a small community, we are in this

together. It won't be perfect and the more we communicate and work together, the better it will be.

a. Virtual Thunder Round (link to form on PA website) - The form is available on the HTHM PA website and will be available for the rest of the day.

b. Q and A: Sharon invited parents to virtually raise their hand with any questions for Chris White or Brett Peterson.

i. Distance learning module official dates are April 13 through May 8. It is unlikely the regular school year will resume. HTHM is planning on Module 1 and anticipating Module 2 May 11 through mid-June. Some requirements including test scores, etc are waived by the state and federal government, yet schools are expected to continue educational experiences.

ii. The school calendar will evolve as state, county and local education officials make decisions. Brett shared a sample schedule for students to follow during distance learning and will share with families by the end of the week. The schedule is staggered over the grades so students can share devices.

5. College Update - Chris White: Chris reported that he is creating some college career check-ins with sophomores and their families. Chris is updating SCOIR and continuing PSAT updates, brain games, UScience, and college and career placement information. The College Board is sending the PSAT scores to HTHM and will be

available in SCOIR. 80% of students have completed brain games which helps with career and college placement ideas, drives major choices and colleges choices. Meetings with families will start next week between 1 & 2 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Families will pre-register.

- 6. New Business:** Heidi Modrusan suggested that the PA create a forum for families to post information about their businesses so that the community can offer support.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Attendees:

Sharon Mayer

Amy Bridges

Elizabeth Carey

Arnold Vitug

Tana Lorah

Kim Knox

Lisa Popovich

Elise Rollinson

Geoffrey Walton

Lisa Meuser

Carolyn Anderson

Lorraine Richards

Josie Wintch

Kevin Olenick

Samantha Olenick

Loren Herrera

Marie Castillo

Deb Konstanzer

Tana Lorah

Nikki Helms

Ravi Garlapati

Jeff Buffington

Cara Buffington

Emma Blancett

Frank Fennessey

Angelite Armento-McWhorter

Ilana Shupper

Sarah Saluta

Heidi Modrusan

Larry Salazar

Lisa Pugliese

Anitha Garlapati

Danielle Michaelis Castillo