

**High Tech High Mesa Parent Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM**

WELCOME and ZOOM meeting norms

The meeting came to order at 9:07 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. President Report - Sharon Mayer

- a. April PA meeting minutes approved via email by the executive board.
- b. PA Board Elections: The PA is taking nominations for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to the executive board and other committee jobs, filling the positions of a Sports Booster and a PA Webmaster is important.
- c. Teacher Appreciation: Amazon gift cards were sent to teachers this morning. Maureen Pierce created an online message board for the HTHM teachers and staff. All HTHM families and students are encouraged to post. The link was in the weekly newsletter.

- 2. Treasurer Report - Lisa Meuser:** The HTHM PA cash balance is \$4,589.43. The only expenditure since the last report was \$151.23 for Thunderball ticket refunds. Outgoing expenses not shown on the report are Teacher Appreciation gifts totaling \$640. This expense will be reflected on the next treasurer's report.

3. Senate Report - Emma B.: Senate is working on making videos for teacher appreciation. Emma asked parents to remind their students to participate. There is a committee that is creating flyers for positive messages in neighborhoods. Community outreach is working on reaching out to senior homes, teachers and nurses with positive messaging.

4. Director's Report - Brett Peterson

a. Virtual Thunder Round (link to form on PA website)

b. Distance Learning: Module 1 is wrapping up. Module 2 is in the planning stages and will be planned during staff days May 11-12. Brett is encouraging teachers to continue with what is working and to experiment with distance learning to build their skill sets in case HTHM either stays at distance learning or must return to it at some future point. State education leadership is discussing ending school early and regrouping with an early fall start due to lack of equity in distance learning and lack of student engagement. HTHM attendance rates are stable. HTH will send out an email communicating the organizations plans.

c. 2020-2021 School Year: Brett is working on next school year with budgeting, planning, hiring, etc. Only 3 positions to fill: Humanities, Spanish and Ed Specialist. If parents want to participate in the initial hiring interviews, please reach out.

5. Director of College Advising Report - Chris White: Chris expressed thanks on behalf of HTHM for the snacks the PA provided for the PSAT testing.

SCOIR: Chris encouraged all parents to register with a SCOIR account. It is the place where parents can observe student college/career interest and research, as well as PSAT scores. College and career information will be communicated through SCOIR.

One on One Zoom Meetings: Chris is scheduling one on one Zoom meetings with sophomore families to discuss PSAT scores, goal setting for GPAs and SAT scores. Office hours are listed in the distance learning portal.

College Fair: College fair attendance is virtual this year and there is a live chat to college admissions information. As more HTHM students attend, HTHM's visibility to colleges increases.

6. ASB Report - Chamille: ASB Spirit Week is the third week in May. Bingo challenges are being sent out to students. Please encourage students to participate and remind them that they can win prizes. More student connections are being planned including a movie night/scavenger hunt in the coming weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Attendees:

Amy Bridges

Elizabeth Carey

Marie Castillo

Julie Hansen

Sharon Mayer

Deb Konstanzer

Loren Hererra

Ilana Shupper

Lisa Cramer

Danielle Micahelis Castillo

Lisa Popovich

Heidi Modrusan

Lynn Nelles

Elise Rollinson

Kim Knox

Maureen Pierce

Geoff Walton

Lisa Meuser

Valerie Canino

Kevin Olenick

Samantha Olenick

HTHM Student Senate Representative Emma Blancett

HTHM Director Brett Peterson

HTHM Dean of Students Chamille Dixon

HTHM School Leadership Resident Jacqueline Pratt-Tuke

HTHM Director of College Advisory Chris White