

## HPHS PTO MEETING

November 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 by Jody Weinberg, president.

ATTENDANCE: Jody Weinberg, Susan Berk, Carrie Codell, Amy Perlmutter, Beth Conen, Janna Berk, Beth Shapiro Kopin, Brad Swanson, Amy Kaufman, Sarah Liebman, Maria Vega, Robin Nasatir, Caryl Aronson, Alice Peterson, Sheri Warsh, Susan Abrams, Carol Wolfe, Leon Heller, Elizabeth Copeland, Herb Brenner, Lisa Bloom, Kathy Sonenthal, Marla Grossberg, Patrick Boyle, Sharon Stein, Cheryl Seder, Aviva Plummer

II Minutes: Motion made and passed to approve April minutes.

III Principal's report: Brad introduced the guests for the evening: Debbie Finn, math department chair and Alan Wetheimer. Mr. Swanson also gave a quick overview of recent activities at HPHS including the bomb threat and the new hallway rules that have been implemented. More information will be discussed at the next "Lunch with Brad."

IV Presentation on Math Department: Debbie Finn, department chair, discussed the inquiry work process in the department that works to see how to best meet the needs of all students. Additional courses were added which helped to make smaller class sizes. Changes in math lab include an extra teacher in the lab almost the entire day. Questions were answered regarding feedback to kids especially in the area of tests and homework.

V Presentation on Drug and Alcohol Survey: Alan Wertheimer discussed the results of the survey taken last spring at HPHS. Illinois Youth Survey administers this survey. The survey results can be found at:  
[www.dist113.org/hphs/RedesignPages/parents/documents/illinois\\_youth\\_survey.htm](http://www.dist113.org/hphs/RedesignPages/parents/documents/illinois_youth_survey.htm)  
A lengthy discussion followed addressing questions and concerns on how to best resolve the problems that exist.

VI Treasurer's Report: Current budget was presented. Discretionary Funds were distributed. This money is available to any clubs or activities through an application process. A committee reviews and determines amounts to award.

VII Committee Reports:

Various committees shared news including a report from the school board rep.; a thank you from Focus chairs for the generous contributions coming in and is still being accepted. (More information on Focus can be found at:

[www.dist113.org/HPHS/focus.htm](http://www.dist113.org/HPHS/focus.htm))

The Fine Arts committee has their first display in the school gallery located in the student commons. The Parent Education committee is presenting their annual meeting on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be on communicating with your child in a cyber world.

Meeting adjourned at:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 15 at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carrie Codell  
PTO Secretary