

Highland Regional High School

Home of the Tartans



Highland HSC

Minutes for September 12, 2023, Meeting

People in attendance - D. Huber (President), R. Liddell (Vice President), K. Nestor (Treasurer), A. Santos (Secretary), R. Varga (Principal), D. Beaver (VP 9th Grade), R. Christy (Teacher Liaison), V. Dorazio (Student Rep. Senior Class), K. Punch (President class of 25'), G. Burruezo, A. Thomas, L. Roznowski, E. Picot, M. DeMarco, Y. Diaz, C. Tenorio, C. Weaver, M. DiVentura.

The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:03pm

Principal's Report – Mr. Varga

- 1) **Changes in Building:** Upon your arrival in September, you will notice changes that were made to enhance the working and learning environment for everyone. Some of the changes that were completed or are in the process of being completed are listed below:
 - **Painting – new paint throughout the building and classrooms**
 - **Gym resurfaced with new organizational striping to support the newly relocated side baskets.**
 - **G Wing is fully supported with air conditioning.**
 - Working on the lower half of F hallway and D hallway.
 - **Complete renovation of F112-F114 for the Dance studio**
 - Old dance room has been fitted to support a Health class.
 - Changing area off of the new Dance studio (Summer 2024)
 - **New flooring within A105, E103, E106, and E107**
 - **New classroom to support Ms. Fudala's efforts with more students, A201**
 - **New Tech classroom to support Digital Film and ESports (LMC Classroom)**
 - **Parking lot construction (Fall 2023)**
 - **Sound quality testing completed in Auditorium (Noise-canceling project Summer/Fall 2023)**
 - **Two new LED marquees**
- 2) **Future Projects to Look Out For**
 - Facelift in the AUX gym
 - Classroom construction within the LMC
 - Update within the TV studio
 - Cafeteria
- 3) **IDs**
 - All student IDs must be worn, but all IDs are now color coordinated per grade level and students can wear their own lanyards.

4) Cell phones

- Cell phones are no longer allowed to be visible during classroom time, unless instructed by the teacher that they are allowed.

5) Smart Pass

- Using smart pass has been a success and seems to be working well with the community of students to restrict the use of certain bathrooms, as well as tracking students whereabouts within the building.

6) Tartan Time

- The Tartan Time format has been revamped to allow students to access only certain classrooms and locales throughout the building for lunch and enrichment.

VP's Report - Mr. Beaver (Title I Parent Liaison & Coordinator)

- What services are covered under Title I?
 - Any student help needed in academics (Math, English, Science, History) are provided through tutoring during and after school.
 - Tutoring services are utilized for academic improvement plans & RTI.
 - Students do not need to have poor grades to ask for additional help.
 - Visit District Webpage [HERE](#) for more information

R. Christy (Teacher Liaison) Report

- Commending administration for a great job in starting the school year strong enforcing current policies in place.
- Teachers reviewing summer assignments.
- BTS Night - **Thursday, October 5th** - Hybrid model with live performances by the A Cappella group, Band and the Dance Team.
- Friday, October 6th - HALF DAY
 - Soph & Jr.'s will be taking the PSAT.
 - Seniors will look at graduation plans.

V. Dorazo (Student Council- Class of 2024) Report

- 9/13 - Dress down day for Staff → will support the Foundation for Epilepsy
- Homecoming Game on October 13th and Homecoming Dance on October 14th
 - Tickets for Homecoming Dance will be sold from 9/20 → 9/27 - \$20 per ticket

K. Punch (Student Council - Class of 2025) Report

- Events are being hosted for the student body to enjoy which will help fundraise for the class of 2025 to offset costs for events (proms, senior trip, etc.)

Treasurer's Report – K. Nestor

- Began school year with \$6,424.68
- Expenses - \$376 (Additional Spirit Wear)
- Income \$1,701.95 (Membership Drive, Freshman Orientation, Spirit Wear)
- Balance- \$7,750.63

- o Fundraisers will be occurring to help raise funds for the Scholarship Fund, giving back to the school (i.e. - Thanking teachers and staff).

President's Report – D. Huber

- Texas Roadhouse Fundraising Event → **Wednesday, November 8th**. Dine in or eat out, but you must present the flier or show them on your phone for the school to earn a percentage of the cost.
- If you have any ideas for fundraising opportunities, please reach out to the HSC. Any opportunities we find will be beneficial.
- We are still currently in our Membership Drive to obtain new members for the HSC. Please reach out to anyone you know to encourage them to join.
- We are searching for someone to represent the HSC as the Social Justice/ Community Engagement Representative. If you or anyone you know are interested, please reach out to the HSC.

Parent Questions/Discussions

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59pm

Mark Your Calendar: UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

September 25th - School Closed

September 28th - BOE Meeting: 6pm at Highland (Media Center)

October 5th - Back to School Night

October 6th - Students ½ day; PSAT testing (Teacher/Staff Development)

October 9th - School Closed for students (Teacher/Staff Development)

October 26th - BOE Meeting: 6pm at Timber Creek (Media Center)

October's HSC Meeting will be held ***in-person and virtually via Zoom***

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Thank you for making a difference by supporting the efforts of the HSC!