

Highland Regional High School

Home of the Tartans



Highland HSC

Minutes for October 10, 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), C. Huber (Student Council Rep Senior Class), A. Sweeney (NHS President class of 24'), A. Williams, A. Thomas, L. Roznowski, E. Picot, M. DeMarco

The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:05pm

Introductions

Introductions of members present at meeting.

Treasurer's Report – K. Nestor

- Began month with \$7,750.63
- Expenses - \$860 (Additional Spirit Wear Purchased)
- Income \$2,107.81 (Membership Drive, Back to School Night, Spirit Wear at Home Football Games)
- Balance- \$8,998.44

Principal's Report – Mr. Varga

- RTI: Targeted Instruction - Closing the Achievement Gap
 - Mr. Varga explained the new RTI: Targeted Instruction plan that is in place for the students at Highland High School.
 - “Today’s goal is to explore best teaching practices through progress monitoring techniques and effective targeted instruction to meet all students’ individual needs to ensure overall growth and academic development.”
 - Three Tiers:
 - Entire student population who require little support begin on **Tier 1**.
 - Those students who require some support, who utilize pull-out/additional building supports (counselors, intervention plans, Lit Cafe, etc.) would be considered **Tier 2**.
 - Those students who require strong support and Intervention and Referral services fall under **Tier 3**.
 - **Reports are processed through Genesis to gather the data needed for every course with the same assignment name within a marking period to determine student performance.**

VP's Report - Mr. Beaver

- **Safety & Security**
 - Safety charts are posted in every classroom to help identify drills and protocols.
 - Two drills are required by the state (usually one fire drill and one security drill)
 - Safety Drills include:
 - Secure (Lockout) - Threat outside of the building. All remain within the building or return to the building if outside.
 - Lockdown - Threat within the building. Students remain in their classrooms and out of sight.
 - Evacuate - All persons need to leave the building and report to the designated area outside of the building.
 - Shelter In Place - All students remain within their classrooms, usually with instruction (could be due to a response to severe weather)
 - Hold - Students remain in their classrooms or a specific area to keep hallways clear (usually due to medical emergencies).
- **Title I - Extra Support Services**
 - Literacy Lab - Run during the day by Reading Specialists (Students in need of extra help with English/Literacy)
 - Lit Cafe - Run by the ELA and Special Ed Department after school (available for all students)
 - Empower Hour - Additional math help after school Monday through Thursday
- Mr. Beaver would like you to speak with your students and see if they have any suggestions for additional services that could be provided by the school.

R. Christy (Teacher Liaison) Report

- Today (October 10th) marked Mid Marking period.
 - Grades will continue to be updated as there are only three weeks left in the first marking period, which ends NOV. 8th, 2023.
- Students who took the PSAT on Friday, October 6th, may have received their scores already if they signed up for text alerts (if not the results should be available soon!)
- Hype Bucks are working well as an incentive for students (they can be used at student sporting events)
- Trunk or Treat - October 25th
- Make-up Pictures on November 8th

C. Huber (Student Council- Class of 2024) Report

- Currently 40 Members on student council
- Spirit week is occurring this week
- There will be a pep rally on Friday, October 13th
- Student council will be staying after school on Friday, October 13th to decorate for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 14th, 2023.
- Homecoming Game on Friday, October 13th against Triton High School.

A. Sweeney (NHS President - Class of 2024) Report

- Currently 50 members in the NHS.
- NHS sponsors community events including participating in the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival, and other events.
- NHS provides tutoring during enrichment period

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.
 - Social Justice/Community Engagement Representative reports any issue or activity occurring within the community that needs to be addressed. It could also include social justice activities or presentations that are communicating the work or progress working towards a social injustice or issue. The Social Justice/Community Engagement Rep will communicate diversity, equity and inclusion.

Parent Questions/Discussions

- **When will the student class shirts be received?** T-shirts should be received either tomorrow, or Thursday in order for the students to wear on Friday.
- **Do we still have an equity committee that focuses on community outreach opportunities, specifically the used clothing drive or food drive?** Currently community outreach will be completed through student groups and clubs who work with service organizations. We can follow up with Mr. Varga for a little more clarity on this topic.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Important Dates

October 25th	Trunk of Treat
October 26 th	Board of Education Meeting; 6pm at Timber Creek (Media Center)
October 31 st	Halloween
November 5 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 7 th	Election Day- School Closed for Students
November 8 th	<u>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser (FLYER NEEDED: paper or digital)</u>
November 9 th	School Closed (NJEA Convention)
November 10 th	School Closed (NJEA Convention)
November 11 th	Veterans Day

Next HSC Meeting is Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, via Zoom.

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