

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING

## FRIDAY, December 16, 2022

### **ATTENDEES:**

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Rachael Barry

Rachel Anderson  
Mr. Simmons  
Kristin Corbitt

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

Becky Gerig motioned to approve November meeting minutes. Charron Wright seconded.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rachel Anderson - Checking account has \$11, 096.91 and savings has \$102,402.95.

Game Day payment sent.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Simmons-

Mr. Simmons wanted to share how much HSE HS has to celebrate including football making it to semi-state, volleyball, and cheerleading teams won state, We the People won second in state and may possibly be invited to go to Nationals, Robotics going to nationals, the band won 17<sup>th</sup> in the Bands in America contest, 2 students were accepted into the Naval Academy, a student(s) were accepted to West Point and we have a Lilly Endowment scholar. He is also proud that the football team donated semi-state money to Carroll High School memorial fund.

Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) had their first meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Simmons shared with the students his vision of what he wants every student at HSE HS to experience and asked them to reach out to other students to help make "a big school feel smaller". They discussed "What does it mean to be a Royal?" and used a term that Brebeuf High School uses, "Men and Woman for Others" for a new focus of serving others. Fishers HS will host their day of service on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. HSE will alternate this event every other year with FHS. The students gave positive feedback regarding school spirit at games, that they believe HSE HS prepares them for after graduation, inclusion, job readiness/internships, clubs, open door policy with admin, admin is more present, teachers are receptive, flex periods, student voice, can problem solve with staff, pathways, block schedule. The students also like the variety of classes. The students also gave feedback on what they would like to see change including the feeling that some students don't appreciate what HSE has to offer (we are so used to being good that we don't appreciate what we have), not taking pride in being a Royal, small number of students doing the majority of the work, more relevant information on social issues in our own community, cleaner environment, voting initiatives for 18 year olds, diversity training, more environmentally friendly, courageous conversations in pathways, better accommodations for disabled and transgendered students as well as non-dairy options in cafeterias. They would also like more information on college apps and they gave positive feedback on Karen Bush (Director of College and Career Academy). They would like earlier senior meetings with their counselors.

There will be 6 new courses approved for the fall including computing, officiating, a new engineering, etc.

Pathways discussions - Freshman/sophomores will be offered more opportunities to keep them engaged, "Check in" activities to create more accountability

JEL (J. Everett Light Career Center) discussion. Rachel Barry suggested HSE may want to communicate with the community about the reason the partnership ended with JEL. Those in the 2-year program will have Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to finish their program (welding and cosmetology). Steve Loser is the director of this program. HSE has the highest number of students enrolled with JEL at 160. Pursuit Institute next year. HSE will have to build these programs now (staffing and equipment).

Jan 3 staff meeting to work on culture and restorative training. Pancake breakfast. PTO funding the coffee from MOTW, owned by an HSE alumnus who supports causes around the world related to Muslims who are suffering.

Course Fair Jan 10 (replacing AP and Dual Credit Showcase). The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night will be in conjunction with this night.

HSE band will be performing at Pearl Harbor over President's Day weekend.

**REQUISITIONS:** No new requisitions at this time.

**CONCESSIONS:**

Rachael Barry - It has been difficult to offer pizza options due to Marcos being under construction after the fire that destroyed their building. Hot Box has helped, but they are much more expensive and wants us to sign a contract. Now selling Hot Box breadsticks, which has been a good addition. We had \$500 loss due to a miscommunication with Hot Box and Chick fil a about a date; they delivered food when there was not an event.

**PLANNERS:**

Charron to take the remaining planners to Guidance to give to students as needed.

**STAFF APPRECIATION:**

Becky Gerig -  
Today PTO is providing lunch to all staff from Pearl Street.  
Jan 3, paying for coffee cart for staff meeting.  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> dessert and coffee carts.

**SAC REPORT**

Nothing to report. The next SAC Meeting is in January.

**BEAUTIFICATION:**

Nothing new to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Raising Canes reached out to HSE/Athletics about jobs for students, catering needs, and possible sponsorship opportunities. Rachel Barry would like to discuss before any decisions are made. We sign a contract with Chick-fil-a every year.

RVC is discussing sponsorships for game days. Kristin Corbitt offered to assist.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.