Henry Ford Academy Parents Organization
Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2017 at 4:00pm

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<th>HFA PO Board Members Attendees</th>
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<td>1. Julie Tackett, President</td>
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<td>2. Andrea Lubienski, Vice President</td>
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<td>3. Denise Raich, Secretary</td>
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<td>4. Cynthia Wardlaw, Treasurer</td>
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Julie Tackett, Parents Organization President
- Called meeting to order at 4:12pm.
- Welcomed parents and thanked them for attending the Parent Organization meeting.
- Had each parent introduce themselves and who their student(s) were & their grade.
- Introduced Parent Organization Board members.

Mr. Flannery, HFA Vice Principal
- Spoke about the Class “mottos” for each grade.
- Advised that we have 2 new staff members this year, including Ms. Anderson a new college advisor.
- Spoke about New STEAM courses that are being implemented.
- Stressed the importance of parent’s involvement in school.
- Talked about the PO meeting times being changed in hopes to get more parents involved.

Mr. Graves, Director of Curriculum and HFA teacher
- Spoke about the using the MiStar email to send out updates to families.
- Spoke about his monthly newsletter that he also sends out.
- PSAT and SAT on April 10th for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.
- Spoke about SAT’s partnership with Khan Academy.
- Spoke about the 11th grade Strategies class that helps prepare for SAT.
- Distributed handout on the VIP (Vocabulary is Power) curriculum that is being facilitated the first 15 minutes of 2nd block each day.

Nandini Vaishnav, Director of Finance & School Improvement
- Spoke about the new online lunch payment option available through Parent Connect (MiStar) for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.
- Parents will need to deposit money into the lunch accounts by 10:30am to have it available for lunch that day.
- They will be adding an “accounts” section to the online payment. This will be where you can pay for fees that your student owes, and they will have an option to make partial payments towards Senior Dues.
Bus Stop has moved to the student gate in the village and picks up at 3:40pm.

All after school activities (tutoring, clubs) are from 4-5pm. After 5pm, the latchkey service is in place and the charge is $5 from 5-5:30pm and beginning at 5:30pm it is $5 for every 10 minutes. (HFA Student handbook page 15)

Spoke about one of the perks of attending HFA, being able to use the student ID to visit the Henry Ford Museum or Village on the weekends and bringing 4 guests.

Freshman do not have access to the online lunch payment through MiStar, instead they must pay by cash or money order at the HFA Museum office or with a credit card to the call center.

Mari Kisch, Business Coordinator

Presented the new website and how easy it is to navigate. Demonstrated the various features/links on the page including being able to send emails to staff through the staff pages and where to locate the Parent Organization page/email.

Treasurer Report: Cynthia Wardlaw, Parent Organization Treasurer

Report was distributed to parents/attendees. HFA PO available balance is $2888.37

Old Business: Julie Tackett, Parent Organization President

Encouraged parents to support HFA ongoing fundraisers at Kroger.

New Business: Julie Tackett, Parent Organization President

Encouraged parents to support HFA by signing up for the “Amazon Smile” fundraiser.

Spoke about Parents As Partners week. The date on the agenda was incorrect. The Correct dates are 09/25-09/29. Reminded parents to contact Ms. Carr in the Museum office to RSVP for both the classroom visits on Monday the 25th and the Admin Breakfast on 09/26.

Invited everyone to attend the open house in the village on the 09/28. Spoke about Spirit week (10/2-10/6).

Spoke about the Icebreaker dance on 10/6
  - Parent volunteers are needed to work the dance and the parking lot.
  - Monetary donations are needed along with food donations.

School Store is the PO fundraiser. It will begin next week during AC in the village campus. Cynthia and Julie will be setting it up. Parent volunteers are needed to help.

Spoke about her experience with the village parking lot drop off and pickup. Suggested ways to make it more “user friendly” to ease some of the traffic congestion in the area.

The next Henry Ford Academy Parent Organization meeting is on October 10th, 2017 at 4pm.
Meeting adjourned: 5:07pm