Huntington PTA Council: April 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Christine Biernacki, Council President, at 9:53 am on April 1, 2014. Welcome, Pledge Of Allegiance, approval of minutes from the March 2014 meeting.

Treasurers’ report: Michele Kustera, council treasurer. Budget approval from profit of Seussical fundraiser. $1,100. Money will go towards a budget line item.

Presidents’ report- Events attended and reported by Christine Biernacki, Council President.
   1. Texting and Driving assembly at HHS.
   2. Boces dinner.
   3. districtwide shared decision making meeting.
Ms. Biernacki told the membership that she is still seeking a venue for the council luncheon. Date, time, and venue tba.

Superintendents’ report: Ms. Biernacki and Mr. Polansky are finishing up their budget talks at the units PTA meetings.
   BOE notes- the state budget was passed and we have received additional monies from the state. A reduction to the ERS reserve due to the new state aid.
   The BOE is looking to reinstate full day kindergarten. This proposal will be put on the budget vote. If this passes vote, 8 new teachers will be hired for kindergarten.
   The STEM school is expanding. There will be an additional 4th and 5th grade class next year. Letters went out to new incoming STEM families.

Guest Speaker, Sarah Gill- Director of Fine and Performing Arts. Ms. Gill is working with the AIE committees as well as Principals for programming for the 2014-2015 school year.
   Prospective programming may include:
   Grades: K- Author Tracey Delio
   1&2- Kinko Yakimoto
   1-4- theatre works
   2- HS Play (generally 1st act)
   3- Meet the instruments/ Childs play
   WH- Buffalo Soldier/ Musical and character ed program
   Finley- tell tale heart/ last butterfly
   HHS- Shakespeare / character ed program

Nominating committee for Council was nominated and voted on. Members are Julie Porzio, Toniann Mangan, Melissa Ryan, Julie LaBella, Mindy Weissman.

Unit Reports: Reports of current events at each school are submitted by the council delegates and are on file with the council secretary and council president.

Upcoming events: Budget Adoption Meeting- May 1st.
Next PTA council meeting- May 6th at heritage room/ HHS.
Meeting adjourned 11:41 am.