March 3, 2015

HUFSD PTA Council Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of minutes from 1/5/15 --no meeting in February due to snow
- Treasurer’s report
  - Pres and Principal Dinner paid
  - AIE- STEM will add Rohan Murphy, AIE will donate $100 to Art Honor Society for Logo design thank you. Also, waiting on programming to finish for the year to finalize budget --waiting for pricing and contracts.
  - Due to council fundraising efforts- Modell’s and Beauty and the Beast- 2nd unit payments may be less
- President’s Report
  - Interaction Lobby Day (email, connect and call.- Advocacy letter to be handed out at unit meetings
  - “Beauty and the Beast” 3/15 Fundraiser for Council- 11am and 2pm at STEM auditorium
  - NY PTA Analysis of state budget proposal discussed. Governor has not given us numbers yet. He is waiting for legislature to approve his reforms first. Christine discussed PTA stances on his reforms- APPR, charter schools, tax credit for private school donations, removal of poorly performing teachers made easier and support for the DREAM Act. The PTA positions can be found on the NYS PTA website.
  - Council Nominating Committee for 2015/16 voted on and approved (Motion to approve by Toniann and second by Lynette – Council nominating committee will be Sara Baliber, Michele Kustera, Lauren Meagher, Michele Sabatino and Ilene Fucci.
  - Discussion of budget information from BOE meeting on 3/2. Budget presentation on website. We are in decent shape despite Governor’s lack of budget transparency
  - Discussion of all of the sports, music and academic honors our students have received so far in 2015
  - HFEE review (raised $46,000.
  - ATH invites parents to a teachers’ forum for advocacy on Thursday 3/5.
  - all units need to vote on council by-laws -- council added a VP position, kept dues the same, and added STEM as a school
  - School Bus safety workshop March 26. Details to follow
  - BOCES dinner and showcase March 12
  - ATH Parents’ Night Out, K-6, Friday, March 13- Fundraiser for Christine Paalmer
  - Relay for Life discussion
  - Please do not forget that all donations- even Scholastic Book Fair to school must go through the BOE by sending an email to Sam Gergis
- Kitty Kline (Director of Guidance) special guest to discuss Pathways to Graduation and the newest NY State Regents’ requirements- these newest pathways will not change the way the
high school does things but give students more flexibility in terms of Regents tests that count towards their diplomas. All students are on a path toward Advanced Designation Diplomas

- Superintendent’s Report
  - Discussion of 1.1 billion state budget and why we are unclear about how much money Huntington is getting from the state
- Unit Reports
- Meeting Adjourned