

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology PATH PTO Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022 6pm

President - Evie Rimkus
Vice President - vacant
Secretary - Miranda Ayala
Treasurer - Vanessa Cruz
Membership Director - Erica Johnson
MS Parent Advisor - vacant
HS Parent Advisor - Erica Johnson
MS Teacher Advisor - Jennifer Kleszynski
HS Teacher Advisor - vacant
Principal - Dr. Sean Egan (abs)

Welcome: meeting began at 6:08pm.

Secretary Report -This is the first meeting of the 2022/23 school year. PATH welcomes Jennifer Kleszynski. Former Middle School Parent Advisor returned to the current MS Parent Advisor position for 22/23 school .

Treasurer Report -Current balance is \$1352.54

Membership Report - New school year, membership drive begins.

Principal Report -

Student drop off/pick up going well. attendance rates above 95%. Weekly shipments coming in for uniforms. Open House is August 24th. No school September 5th for Labor Day. NWEA fall test begin in September. Lunch time news. There are enough tables and chairs for all students during lunch, except the 9/10th period. The bleachers are opened to students who are not eating during that time. Approximately 150 of our 550 students eat the school lunch. The lunch meets all federal lunch program requirements. When our small school puts out school program out to bid every few years. Only one company bids on our program each time. All HAST students share lockers and always have. Students can carry their book bag or find a classroom to store their backpack if they do not want to use the locker. HAST Soccer Team uses the Turner Park's soccer field. I met with the coach and went to Turner Park. The bathrooms are old but clean and stocked with toilet paper, paper towels and running water. We will work with the city to improve the park's facilities. HAST has a federal grant fund specifically for 3, 15 seater vans and are currently looking for 3 for purchase within that budget. HAST has one safety drill a month. Toronto drills, fire drills, active shooter drill. Procedures can be found in the student handbook. With the fire drill in August, students and staff did a great job exiting the building quickly and quietly.

Special Events and Concerns - The first fundraiser of the school year is Krispy Kreme Donuts. Forms are due September 13, and scheduled to be distributed on Friday the 16th between 7:30 to 8am. Volunteers are need for the Krispy Kreme distribution and for the Open House PATH table. Fall Middle School Dance will be on October 27th and Halloween themed. A dance committee will be needed to plan our major fall event. Parents expressed concerns about school lunches, transportation for athletes to events, and lockers being difficult to open. Students have been late to class because of lockers difficulties. Parents expressed the desire to improve communication between parents and the school.

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology PATH PTO Minutes September 13, 2022

President - Evie Rimkus
Vice President - vacant
Treasurer - Vanessa Cruz (abs)
Secretary - Miranda Ayala (abs)
Membership Director - Erica Johnson
High School Parent Advisor - Erica Johnson
Middle School Parent Advisor - Maria Orozco
High School Teacher Advisor - Jennifer Kleszynski
Middle School Teacher Advisor - vacant
Principal - Dr. Egan (via zoom)

Welcome; meeting began at 6:05pm

Secretary Report

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser concludes. Distribution scheduled for September 16th, from 7:30 to 8:00 am. Fall Middle School Dance is scheduled for October 27th. Gym has been booked. Dance theme is Halloween. Presentation for MySchoolBucks payment system was given at Open House. HAST is addressing concerns from August meeting; school lunch, lockers, soccer field and safety drills.

Treasurer Report

Current balance \$1,352.54 not including deposits for new memberships.

Membership Report

36 Members

Principal's Report

All is going well at HAST. Student attendance averaging about 95%. Few COVID cases for students and none for staff. Progress Reports came out September 9th. First quarter ends October 14th. Student Led conferences on October 20th from 5-7pm. ASVAB testing on VLD September 21st. Next VLD is October 12th. Another VLD will be on October 21st, BUT students will NOT have regular meetings with teachers. Teachers will post lessons by 8am and will have until 3pm. Fall Break is 10/28,10/31. NOT Thursday and Friday but on Friday and

HAST PATH PTO
October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Secretary - Miranda Ayala
Treasurer - Vanessa Cruz
Membership Director - Erica Johnson
High School Parent Advisor - Erica Johnson
Middle School Parent Advisor - Maria Orozco
High School Teacher Advisor - vacant
Middle School Teacher Advisor - Jennifer Kleszynski
Principal - Dr. Egan (abs)

Welcome. Meeting called into order at 6:08pm.

Secretary Report

Erica Johnson announced she is stepping down from both Membership Director and High School Parent Advisor. Mrs. Rimkus thanks Mrs. Johnson for years of service on the PATH Board and helping run our Facebook account along with Lisa Sarwacinski and set up PATH's BAND app. Mrs. Cruz discussed plans for Middle School Fall Dance to be helping October 27th. Special events voted for a Spring Dance. Shannon Shutko was voted in as the new Vice President of PATH PTO. Fundraiser suggestions for November were hot chocolate, snack bar or apple cider.

Treasurer Report

Current Balance : \$3048.29

Membership Report

36 Members

Principal Report

Dr. Egan was unable to attend but sent a reminder to parents to check the Friday update emails. Reminders for upcoming virtual days, first quarter conferences and this Friday is the official end of the First Quarter.

HAMMOND ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF HAST - PATH PTO MEETING MINUTES
November 8th, 2022

President - Evie Rimkus
Vice President - Shannon Shutko
Secretary - Miranda Ayala (abs)
Treasurer - Vanessa Cruz
Membership Director - vacant
MS Parent Advisor - Maria Orozco (abs)
HS Parent Advisor - vacant
MS Teacher Advisor - Jennifer Kleszynski (abs)
HS Teacher Advisor - vacant
Principal - Dr. Sean Egan (abs)

Welcome : meeting began at 6:13pm

Secretary Report - Recap last meeting, 6:08pm start time. We have 33 members. We will be looking for a Membership Director and High School Parent Advisor as Erica Johnson stepped down. Special events discussed a Spring Dance and voted to move forward. Shannon Shutko was nominated for Vice President position and voted in. November fundraiser ideas included a snack bar, hot chocolate or apple cider bar. Meeting adjourned at 6:33. Evie 1st Shannon 2nd. Motion to file for Audit.

Treasurer Report - Current balance \$2,957.72

Membership Report - 34 Members

Principal Report - Thanks to all parents who attended the first quarter student conferences. While we had a good turnout, we would like to see more, especially at the high school level. College applications for the class of 2023 are off to a great start. One student already has more than 30 admissions. Nearly 50% of Senior have already been accepted to at least one college. 15 have been accepted to 3 or more. Total scholarships at this time are over \$1.2 million. AMAZING! Progress reports for the second quarter come out Friday. They will be sent out electronically. Sent a week early due to Thanksgiving break. Picture retakes are next Monday, November 14 for students who were absent or who need to redo their picture. Between 9am to 11:30am. Students who are retaking pictures need to have that order with them that day. Russell Street intersection with Holman Ave will be closed next week. The project engineers say that the closure will only last a week. 3 days off for Thanksgiving. We'd, Thurs, and Friday. HAST vans are now in use. They have been used for field trips, sporting events and theater. Parents can now pay school fees online through MySchoolBucks. Please refer to emails from Debbie Czmieł for details and instructions. The selection process for my replacement is moving efficiently. The job was posted on 4 different professional job advertising sites in August. Applications were received from over 20 candidates during the month of September. The selection committee is made up of members from our Board of Directors, including two HAST parents, two administrators and two teachers. They have narrowed the choices down to four candidates. CCSJ, our charter authorized, will have a team of reviewers here at the end of the month to conduct our annual mid year review and our formal review of our charter. The CCSJ team will meet with school leadership and student representatives, visit nearly all classrooms throughout the day. It is quite a process. We anticipate another 5 year charter renewal from CCSJ to carry us to almost 2030!