



General Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2024 - 7:45 p.m.

HBT Library

Good evening, everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 7:48 (p.m.) with a quorum present (majority of the board - 14 members - Section 4 of Article 11). An attendance will be taken by sign in sheet. *Please make sure you sign the sheet on the tables.*

I. Approve minutes - January 2024

We had distributed the minutes via email from our last PTSA meeting in January for review. Does anyone have comments, changes, or questions? If not, minutes stand as approved. Thank you.

II. HB THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Sunita Hansraj

Opening Balance 12/21/2024 \$54,018.86

Income/Deposits \$781.33

Expense/Cash Disbursements \$196.00

Checking Balance (1/30/25) \$54,608.59

Savings Balance as of 1/30/2025 \$6,252.64

Total Cash on Hand as of 1/30/2025 \$60,861.23

All Balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Inna Choi. Thank you, Inna Choi.

III. Correspondence – None

IV. President's Report - Nina Grieco

Thank you everyone for coming tonight. I want to thank everyone who participated in the Multicultural Expo two weeks ago, especially [Trupti Bahl](#) who helped coordinate with administration. The kids came in ready to learn, and eat, and everyone had a great day.



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We want to recognize all of the students who participated in this year's National PTA Reflections program. We will honor all of the students who participated at our next day meeting in April. Thank you to Sarah Lin for coordinating for HBT.

Nominations are officially closed and being reviewed - A special thank to Krista Harris for chairing and the rest of our nominating committee, Sarah Lin, Julia Mintz, Jamie Lund, and [Dana Holzer](#).

As a final reminder, we are still working on our HBT awards committee so once again, if you are interested, please let me know after the meeting.

V. Principal's Report (Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Narine and Ms. Waters)

Mr Bonanno-

- Will give tour of the library, they have announcements, trivia, watch eagles, national "blank" day on tvs
- Ms. Verre was at the meeting as a faculty representative
- Ms. Linder had a baby girl
- Mr. Narraine was running conferences that day
- Met with kids virtually during advisory about classroom passes -laminated passes for when they need to leave such as bathroom, nurse, etc so they do not stay out of class too long and wander
- rest of the year every Tuesday will be tech free Tuesday
- yesterday was Global Play Day (also tech free)
- waiting for more information on next years possible cell phone ban
- 2/14 is PS I Love You Day (suicide/bullying prevention) - will have extended advisory on 2/13
- Book drive going on through Book Fairies
- Multicultural week was great

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Enrichment - Tara Ginsberg

"Darren Sardelli Since 2004, award winning poet and author, Darren Sardelli, has been entertaining students of all ages with his witty, humorous, and inspirational poetry. He's visited more than 400 schools (in 8 states), performed thousands of assemblies, and has taught over 1,000 writing workshops" (google books)



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B. Nominating Committee - [Krista Harris](#)

The nominating committee met today and finalized the slate for the 2025-26 school year and it will be published soon.

C. Reflections - Sarah Lin

For Reflections, we have 12 submissions that went up to the Nassau county level and we have 4 winners who advanced to the state level:

1. Michael Biondo - Photography: "Perfect in My Eyes"
2. Kristopher Castillo - Literature: "I Am Me"
3. Aria Konin - Literature: "Embracing Curly Chaos"
4. Justyn Cho-Chuk Lam - Music Composition: "Strength in Difference"

The school district will hold an award ceremony for the children that advanced to Nassau County on February 10th.

D. Annual District Election & Budget Vote - Sarah Lin

Upcoming dates (also in the weekly email)

District Budget Information Session #1

Monday, February 10

8:00 p.m. at South Woods Middle School

District Budget Information Session #2

Monday, March 10

8:00 p.m. at South Woods Middle School

Budget Information Session #3

Wednesday, April 23

8:00 p.m. at South Woods Middle School

Budget Hearing

Monday, May 12

8:00 p.m. at South Woods Middle School

Annual District Election & Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



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E. Scholarship Fund - Inna Choi

Each year, scholarships are awarded to qualifying graduating seniors to help defray the costs of higher education. Recipients are chosen based on financial need in addition to academics and community service. Our main source of funds for the scholarships is by selling ads for the high school musical playbill – which will be printed this year. The musical will be School of Rock. If you know of any local businesses who would like to support or if any families would like to make a straight donation to the Syosset Scholarship Fund, please contact Inna Choi for information.

F. School & Community - Pooja Metha

The School and Community committee will be holding their annual drive benefiting The Center for Developmental Disabilities until 2/14. We will be collecting new and gently used items in all the school lobbies and also via a curated Amazon wishlist.

G. Parent Resource Group - Krista Harris

The next presentation will be Thursday, February 27 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The topic will be "Executive Functioning." It will be an introduction for parents of K-12th graders. This is a virtual presentation. Signup information is in the weekly email.

H. Septa - Wendy Chiu

Parent Support Group Virtual meeting - Please join us virtually on Tuesday, February 11th at 8:00pm for an open discussion amongst fellow SEPTA parents. Have you ever wanted to ask a question or see how other parents are dealing with a similar situation? Do you have experiences/recommendations that you would like to share with others? This is your chance! This virtual meeting gives you that opportunity in a safe place (parents only). The zoom link will be shared in this newsletter prior to the meeting.

College Workshop - March 5th -

Please join us for a College Workshop focusing on student support services for those students with IEP's and 504 accommodation plans. This workshop will be located in the Syosset High School Library and led by our own Syosset School District Staff! Please see the flyer in the newsletter

Next Meeting - Feb 26th at AP Willits

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. New Business - none

IX. Dates to Remember



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- **February 10 - BOE Meeting 8:00 p.m. (Budget Information Session 1)**
- **February 17 to February 21 - School Closed**
- **March 10 - BOE Meeting 8:00 p.m. (Budget Information Session 2)**
- **March 11 - HBT PTSA Meeting 7:45 p.m.**

If there is no further business, the meeting will stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at ____8:03 p.m._____