



Annual Business Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025 - 7:45pm

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Good evening, everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 7:48 pm (am/pm) 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 - February 2025

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

II. Treasurer's Report – [Sunita Hansraj](#)

Opening Balance 1/23/2025	\$54,604.19
Income/Deposits	\$5.46
Expense/Cash Disbursements	\$2,886.51
Checking Balance (2/28/25)	\$51,738.14
Savings Balance as of 1/30/2025	\$6,252.91
Total Cash on Hand as of 2/28/2025	\$57,991.05

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

III. President's Report - Nina Grieco

Hi everyone and thank you for coming tonight. It is an important meeting since we will be voting later in the meeting on our slate of officers for next year. I want to say thank you to our nominating committee for putting our slate together, Krista, Sarah, Jamie, Julia, and Dana.



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As always we will be hosting our annual Staff Recognition lunch in May to thank our HBT Administrators, Faculty, and Staff. More information will be shared in a few minutes.

The 8th Grade committee is in full gear and is preparing for their end of year events. Right now lawn signs are on sale and preorder information for Moving Up flowers and other items will be sent out shortly. If you are an 8th grade parent and would like to help the committee please see me after the meeting.

Additionally, as we do every year, we will be having our award ceremony at our May meeting to give our awards to those members who have gone above and beyond while they have participated in the PTSA. If you know anyone deserving an award a form for nominations went out this week. We still need two more people to be on our awards committee, if you are interested let me know after the meeting.

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

Mr. Bonanno

- Ms Verre was at the meeting, thank you for always coming
- Have a detailed plan for emergencies, details cannot be shared for safety reasons.
- Moving up is June 16th at 4 p.m. at the Tilles Center
- The play is this weekend
- Tech free Tuesday is now every other week, possibly every week soon.
- Watching gaming at lunch on chromebooks, especially 6th graders.
- Upcoming trips: 6th grade 6/9 Adventureland, 7th grade 4/3 Outsiders and 5/19 Bronx Zoo, 8th Grade Great Adventure, waiting on date

Mr. Harrigan

- Washington DC 8th grade trip information coming soon, virtual meeting next week



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- Science Olympiad Team qualified for states, it is the first time since Covid that they qualified.

Mr. Narraine

- State testing - all computer based this year, will have pen and scrap paper, if you want to opt out email immediately-the school will have a place for these students to go.
- Adjust bell schedule for testing days, all period adjusted except lunch.
- Tests are not timed, students who need more time will be allowed to go to a designated room to finish.
- 7th grade course selection due Friday.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Enrichment - Tara Ginsberg

We had a successful day with poet Darren Sardelli for our 6th graders on 2/27. We broke it up into four periods which made for a very interactive and attentive performance.

On 3/24 our 8th Graders will be seeing a play which aligns with their curriculum at HBT called: FROM THE FIRES: VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST traces the life of Rachel Gold, a Berlin teenager, and her experiences from 1937 to 1945. The play follows her from the inception of the Nuremberg Laws, through deportation to Auschwitz, and finally the death march to Mauthausen.

B. SEPTA - Wendy Chiu

March 17th is the next meeting, they are doing Unity Tennis again at HBT and information will go out, going to also do a bowling clinic, more information to follow.

C. Staff Rec - Inna Choi

A Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 16 for our incredible HBT administrators, teachers, and staff. Like previous years, it will be held during the school's 3 lunch periods. If you didn't join the Committee at the end of last year, you can still volunteer, a signup form will go out in the



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coming weeks in addition to a donation link. Let's make this a wonderful event thanking our HBT staff for all they do for our children.

We will hear the report of the Council Committees given by our Delegates

1. Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Elections - Sarah Lin

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.

2. Communications Conference - Adrienne Ashkin

The Communications Conference Committee has included a blurb in all of the unit's weekly blasts requesting any and all questions for the district from each unit. We will be meeting as a committee on Wednesday, March 19th to discuss the questions that come in and we will meet with district administration on April 9th to discuss their response to our inquiries. A written summary of the discussion will be added to the district website and will be distributed to each unit following the meeting.

3. Scholarship Mailing - Inna Choi

Scholarships are awarded to qualifying graduating seniors based on financial need, academics, and community service. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Inna Choi. Otherwise, our main source of funds for the scholarships is selling ads for the high school musical playbill which will



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be School of Rock held March 20-23. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.onthestage.tickets/syoset-high-school>.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business - Officer Elections

As many of you know, from time to time, we need to vote at our PTSA meetings. In order to vote we will need a quorum of 14 members. Please remember that you may only vote if you have a PTSA membership for this school year. Traditionally presidents do not vote unless there is a need to break a vote that is tied. When we conduct a vote, a motion will be made. If the motion is coming out of committee it will not need a second.

We will now hear an update from the nominations committee chair Krista Harris

Co-President - Nina Grieco
Co-President - Sharmin Panjvani
Vice President 1 - Tara Ginsburg
Vice President 2 - Inna Choi
Vice President 3 - Randi Shapiro
Recording Secretary - Randi Rothberg
Corresponding Secretary - Beatrice Yung
Treasurer - Sunita Hansraj
Council Delegate - Sarah Lin
Council Delegate - Aebeer Mallick
Council Delegate - Krista Harris
Council Delegate - Theresa Resnick
Council Delegate - Nicole Hirschfield
Council Delegate - Sherri Smith
Council Delegate - Trupti Bahl

Thank you Krista, **We will now vote on the H.B. Thompson PTSA proposed Slate for the 2024-25 school year.**



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According to our bylaws anyone not nominated by the nominating committee, but wishing to be nominated from the floor, must have submitted their intent and qualifications to the chairperson of the nominating committee no less than two (2) business days prior to our election meeting. No names have been submitted.

Since there is one nominee for each position, the vote will be for the entire slate.

Is there any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Abstain?

The Slate has been approved. Congratulations everyone.

Thank you to all those who voted, and again to Krista for being our Nominating Committee chair and to our Nominating Committee. And a special congratulations to our new executive board for next year. Please support our new officers and attend our swearing in ceremony and meeting in June.

Dates to Remember

- **March 14th and 15th - HBT Drama "When Bad Things Happen to Good People"**
- **March 31 - No School**
- **April 7th - HBT PTSA Meeting 10 a.m.**

If there is no further business (*pause*), the meeting will stand adjourned.

Congratulations again to our new Officers, thank you all and have a wonderful night!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.