

## **Secretary Minutes for FHS PTO Meeting on March 1, 2010 – submitted by Ann-Marie Roderiques**

The meeting was called to order by Renee Perry, President of FHS PTO. Fifteen people were present, including the four PTO officers: Glenn Silva, acting Vice President/parent, Ann-Marie Roderiques, Secretary/parent, Liddy Pepin, Treasurer/parent, and Mary Jane Muello, Assistant Principal and FHS liaison. Others present included: Dr. Robert Baldwin, School Superintendent, Pam Kuechler, School Committee Representative and parent, Peter Deterra, Chairman of the Board of Health and parent, Rose Oliva, 2010 class president, parents, Ann Fortin, and Ann Dinardis, and Nicholas Hatch, student, and Debbie Hatch, parent.

Speakers at the meeting: 1) Dr. Robert Baldwin, School Superintendent 2) Pam Kueschler, School Committee 3) Battle of the Bands Competitors.

The February 1, 2010 Secretary's Report submitted by Ann-Marie Roderiques, was read and approved.

The February 1, 2010 Treasurer's Report, submitted by Liddy Pepin, was read and approved. The ending balance as of February 28 was \$4,732.71. There was a deposit of \$15.00 from the Cookie Dough Fundraiser and a withdrawal of \$238.00 for the postcards. Breakdown of \$238.00: (*\$168.00 for postage stamps, \$25.00 printing, and \$14.00 for the paper.*)

Dr. Robert Baldwin spoke about the School Budget and the impact it has had on the educational services being provided to our students. He stated that the students that we have at FHS are our best kept secrets. Dr Baldwin reiterated the FHS mission statement and how our students will become more independent, successful, and productive adults. Even though there were some positions cut through the budget, FHS will continue to provide our students with opportunities to enrich their education. Dr. Baldwin and Pam Kuechler both stated that the education that is being provided to our students is their main priority. There were a few parents who had questions for both Dr Baldwin and Pam Kueschler regarding the lack of AP classes. Dr Baldwin responded stating that it is a nationwide issue that all schools are facing. They are trying to meet the goals that were set up for the 21st century. He also stated that the system is moving in the right direction.

The next item on the agenda was the Battle of the Bands update. We had representatives from each of the bands who attended this meeting, Students present included: Rose Oliva and her band is called Def Senate, Jared Espindola and his band is called Lazer Cuts, Nick Hatch and he will be performing solo, and hopefully two other students, Stacy Pimental and Dan Foose who were not present will perform. There will be posters advertising the fundraiser and the tickets will be going on sale at the high school. Ticket price:

\$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. The date is April 9, 2010 from 6:30-8:30. There will be 3 prizes given out: 1st place-\$100, 2nd place-\$75 and 3rd place-\$50.00. There was a score sheet given to the competitors showing what the judges will be looking for. Ms. Muello, also requested that participants submit their lyrics to her for approval.

The last items on the agenda were the revamping of the scholarships applications and the donation of \$500.00 to the After-Prom committee. There will be 3 scholarships given out: 1) The Henry Danielli scholarship and two FHS PTO scholarships. The criteria for the applications will be the same and they will be retyped and submitted to the guidance department on April 5th. The deadline for the applications is April 30th. 2) A motion to give a \$500 donation to the After-Prom committee was approved and seconded.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Renee Perry and seconded by committee members. The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in room 115.