

## **PTO Minutes from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – Submitted by Secretary, Ann-Marie Roderiques**

The meeting was called to order by Renee Perry, President of the FHS PTO. Four people were in attendance. The two officers: President, Renee Perry, Secretary, Ann-Marie Roderiques, Media Liaison, Glenn Silva, and Assistant Principal, Mary Jane Muello. Absent: Treasurer, Liddy Pepin.

Dr. Robert Baldwin, Superintendent of Fairhaven Public Schools, was the scheduled speaker. Due to a prior commitment he will be the guest speaker at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The Secretary's Report from the January 4th PTO meeting, submitted by Ann-Marie Roderiques was read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report from January 4th's PTO meeting to be submitted by Liddy Pepin, Treasurer of FHS PTO will be read at next meeting.

**Old Business:** 1) Liddy Pepin, would be purchasing four gift cards that would be presented to four students who were randomly selected for achieving proficient on their MCAS scores. 2) The Battle of the Bands fundraiser was the next item to be discussed. Renee and Glenn were going to meet on Friday, February 5th to discuss the poster and ticket designs. 3) The Parent PTO letter/postcard was the last agenda item to be discussed. This item was submitted by the committee members and it was approved. Ms. Muello would assist in obtaining the address labels for Renee Perry and postcards will be sent. Parents can also sign up via the FHS website: [www.fairhavenps.org/newslettercfm](http://www.fairhavenps.org/newslettercfm). Glenn Silva distributed a copy of the January/February PTO newsletter which parents can view on the website. These are two ways that we are trying to get more parents/teachers involved in their children and /or student's education.

**New Business:** 1) Bryan Wood, parent volunteer, helped us start an after school program called, "JAM Group". Students interested in playing an instrument in a casual environment attended the first meeting held on Thursday, January 28, 2010. There were about 20 students who attended the meeting. They will be meeting every Monday and Thursday for jam sessions. Battle of the Bands will be held on April 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The tickets for the Battle of the Bands fundraiser will be \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

The next item that was discussed was The PI imitative (Positive Influence) that was started and mentored by William Garcia, FHS Social Worker and Guidance Counselor. This program was started to help students make positive decisions. Senior students are the role models. They help the younger students, showing them that there are positive alternatives that they can choose.

The PI memo was distributed at the meeting. It stated that the students will be hosting two events in the month of February. On February 6, 2010 they are having a kickball/pizza party at the Fairhaven Recreation Center from 8-10 p.m. The group will be bowling at Wonderbowl in New Bedford on Tuesday, February 16 from 1-2:30p.m. The PI will be using funds raised to help with the cost. As a last resort, they will be asking students to contribute \$5. The students are bringing home permission slips for parents to sign. Mr. Garcia will be asking students in the PI to be speakers at the next PTO to speak about their program and to tell PTO committee members of the new grant that they received from C.O.A.S.T.

FHS students and faculty will be donating \$450 donation to the American Red Cross to help with Haiti relief effort.

Update: Speakers @ PTO's next meeting on March 1, 2010:

Dr. Robert Baldwin  
Bryan Wood  
BOTB's Contestants

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in room 115.