

PHSO
Parents Helping Students Organization 2008-2009
Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2008

1. The meeting was opened by co-Presidents Ann Larson and Georgette Wilson.
2. After Introductions Georgette thanked last year's board and core participants for their contributions. Special thanks to Liz Morley for her creativity and dedication.
3. Secretary's Report by Kelly LeMeur
 - a. Outstanding bills from Book Awards were noted
 - b. Georgette will approach Mr. Littlefield with a request that the PHSO announcements be distributed through his office.
 - c. Ann will transfer the spreadsheet of last year's membership and volunteer interest to the Secretary
4. Treasurer Anne Burns presented and distributed the Treasurer's Report.
5. Old Business
 - a. Freshman Orientation
 - I. The excellent Student Panel was commended
It was noted that this exact Program, with the exception of the Student Panel, was presented to the Freshmen during their school day. We discussed clarifying this for future presentations.
 - II. Discussion of clubs making presentations during Freshman Orientation.
 - III. Thank you to those who facilitated this event.
 - b. 501.C.3 Because we're not economically large enough to file as a non-profit, we will stay in touch with the larger group that was formed called Portsmouth United.
 - c. Pay pal status—Pay pal is active
 - d. The PHSO website is available now and is also accessible through the school's web site. We would like to add a link or simply directions to the Portsmouth Patriots bulletin board.
6. New Business

a. Open House-Liz has volunteered to be the lead representative at the PHSO table.
Anne Burns will provide tri-fold and tear sheets for membership forms.

Anne will call Liz and Dianna for candy and table cloths.

b.PHSO Blog-vetoed after discussion; so Linda will be asked to remove this link on the web page and replace it with a “parent2parent” announcement.

Kelly to e mail minutes to Linda

c. College Night for Parents–No decisions were made.

d. Committee Chairs.

I. Conversations with college Freshmen Barbara Russell-Willette

II. Substance Awareness Night Liz Morley

III. Book Awards Maryfran and Sue

note-Liz has applied to PPEF for a \$750 grant in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the PHSO Book Awards.

IV. Senior Project Anne Burns and Jo Ann

Santos

Including snacks, super market letters, ice , water bottles etc.

V. Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast Kelly, Ann, Georgette,
JoAnn and Maryfran

e. Other New Business Considering ways to facilitate Parent/School communication.

Suggested was a parent liaison on the School Improvement

Team

Anne volunteered to contact Lisa Murphy for meeting

dates.

7. PHSO Meetings for 2008-2009, PHS Faculty Lounge-Door #13

a. Wednesday, November 19, 2008

b. Wednesday, January 21, 2009

c. Wednesday, March 18, 2009

d. Wednesday, May 20, 2008

8. Georgette thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

