

The Harvey School Parent Association Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2019

**Lydia Hellinger: Welcome and Thank You**

- The second-to-last PA meeting for the school year:
  - Thank you to Teacher Appreciation committee members, Arts/ Athletic boosters, MS liaison (Kevin Durkin- moving up to US!) and Gala Chairs and Marketing Department for all work on the upcoming Benefit.

**Mr. Wright: Showcase Performing Arts: Music**

- Highlight of students with a sample from the upcoming Spring Concert (5/21): Tenors /Bases of US chorus singing "Stand By Me."
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade MS students: Luca Vega, Iliana Hellinger: discussed End-of-Year MS Showcase (winter) and spring play: "Laughing Stock."

**G. Dunn: Dean of Students**

- Role: conversations with students include discussions of numerous issues, which range from academic to social to disciplinary, and always available to the students.
- Runs the Student Council with the students. Currently working on social events for the US. Goal is to develop a social calendar for the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades to include games, outings, and movie nights- part of the Harvey student culture.
- Current End-of-Year events: Jr /Sr Prom 5/23 from 7-10 p.m. at the GlenArbor Golf Club (in Bedford). Sophomores may attend if invited by a junior or senior. Parents of US students contributed several items: 1) Jr/ Sr are not required to attend school the day after the prom; 2) Pre- prom parties are all inclusive and being organized by parents. An email will go out with details
  - Prom: may invite guests outside of school but requires guest permission forms. John DePalma will send out all prom info.
- "CoolSpeak" assembly was held 4/5 for all US students. Keynote was actress, motivational speaker April Hernandez and students were very receptive. Plan is for a full-day workshop with the next speaker with a parent info session next year.

**Brendan Byrne: Head of MS**

**Upcoming MS events:**

- Trustee (Harvey parent) to speak to MS about her initiatives/efforts to bring clean H2O to Third World countries.
- Trips:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Philadelphia 5/2 and 5/3 (overnight stay). Discussed expectations with students. MS has done this trip for a number of years.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade: trip to West Point
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: off-campus workshop planned.
  - May 10: Semiformal for MS: 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grade event.
  - MS play May 16
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: June 5 Moving Up Ceremony
    - to begin receiving course selection material
  - MS After-school activities: spring challenging with weather and field conditions.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Class Gift update: upgrade to MS lockers secondary to generosity of 8<sup>th</sup>-grade parents.

#### **Elizabeth Picker: Gala Co-Chair: Gala Update May 4**

- 100% of proceeds made from this event goes directly back to Harvey and benefits the students and teachers (teachers thru professional development).
- Thank you to Susie Danziger and Laura Prichard for all their fundraising efforts for this event.
- Video: preview of items including vacation homes, dinner experiences, Chef Lee, cocktail parties, behind-the-scenes tours, Broadway tickets, jewelry, hosted events, Pamella Roland Fashion Show, baskets, sports events/golf outings.
  - Encourage purchase of tickets to events, including raffle tickets
  - Silent Auction: items in this are included in weekly emails and will open next week.
  - Live Auction: have to be at event to bid on these
  - Angel tickets: can buy these tickets to allow a teacher to go to the event.
  - Can contribute by underwriting expenses for the event.
- Sponsorship of the event: starts at \$500 and logo/links to your business goes on every email sent out.
  - contact Sherry Wallach: **sherry970@me.com** Great way to advertise!

### **Athletic Booster:**

- Quick review of spring sports: Rugby (girls boys) JV/V; Baseball (JV /V); Lacrosse (boys/girls) V; Tennis (co-ed; boys/ girls; Golf
- Need team parents: Spring session for all these teams.
- Sportsmanship Awards: recognition of students and coaches in newsletter.
- Senior Day: recognition for sports performance for seniors ahead of graduation
- End of Season: celebration dates: can be at home or another venue: team parents to be sent information.

### **Arts Booster:**

**Wendy McLean**

- Is for Fine and Performing Arts programs
- End-of-Year Dinner: casual 6-8 p.m. June 3 for students and parents only - (no siblings due to space limitations)
- Contributions: email to be sent to those who have not yet contributed \$. This is used to coordinate FA and PA teachers' gifts at end of the year.

### **Upcoming Events / Save the Dates:**

**4/19: NO SCHOOL: (Good Friday/Passover)**

**4/26/& 4/27: US One Acts**

**5/2 and 5/3: 8<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Philadelphia**

**May 4: Gala Benefit: "A Night in Casablanca"**

**5/14: Next Parent Association Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**

**5/16: MS Play 7 p.m.**

**5/21: Instrumental/Chorus: Spring Concert: 6:30 p.m.**

**End-of-Year Celebration Dinner 6-8 p.m.**