



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

## HAHSA meeting

Tuesday September 13, 2022  
6:30 pm  
Hillcrest Gymnasium

**Attendees:** Amy Sara, Andrea Chountoumadis, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Cathy Carbone, Debbie Psillos, Despina Karagiannidis, Evelyn Louridakis, Felice Dipaola, Frangiska Xenopoulos, Iloana Endisch, Jeffrey Drake, Jennifer Charbonneau, Jennifer Maselli, Jessica Bornstein, Karen Palassian, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Kia Cunningham, Lola Moyle, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Naushine Bakali, Patrick Cristofaro, Peter Moschonas, Renee Neratzas, Shannon Capstick, Sindu Gunaratnam, Steve Bakos, Sylva Yapoudjian, Tania Creswell, Tanya Rembacz, Theodora Zikos, Veronica Morgentaler, Voula Roumbas

**Guest:** Jennifer Butler, Mary Lazaris

**Absent:** Jennifer Charbonneau

### Minutes

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**Agenda item:** *1. Call to Order* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

- **Renee Neratzas** called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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**Agenda item:** *2. Approval of Agenda* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

- The item "A/C subcommittee" is added to varia
- The agenda is approved by motion from **Maria Guglielmino** and seconded by **Tania Creswell**

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**Agenda item:** *3. Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2022* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

- The June 7, 2022 minutes are approved by **Cathy Carbone** and seconded by **Veronica Morgentaler** with no corrections.

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**Agenda item:** *4.1 President's Report* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

- Renee introduced HAHSA and herself
- Each executive member introduced themselves
- The goals of HAHSA and last year's activities were summarized by Renee

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**Agenda item:** *4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report* **Presenter:** Mary Lazaris

**Discussion:**

Ms Lazaris and Ms Butler introduced themselves.

Ms Lazaris reports that at the AGM, a vote to create a PPO failed to pass.

Ms Lazaris explains to the present membership what a PPO is, and how it is different from a Home and School Association. She outlines the advantages of a PPO, namely that there are no fees for a parent to vote in a PPO and that it could facilitate fundraising efforts the administration wants to lead. Administration also expressed some concerns regarding Home and School, such as the need to pay a fee to be a voting member, and the feeling from some HAHSA members that too much fundraising was done last year which does not correlate with the great successes of virtually all fundraising efforts.

A question was raised whether HAHSA fees could be covered by the association in cases where there is financial difficulty.

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- **Action Item:** Naushine will check with QFHSA if there is a way HAHSA can cover the fees of any member(s) who are not financially able to do so.

The year started very well as COVID restrictions ease. There was a bus strike but parents were well informed and able to manage the situation. Trees have been added to the school yard, children are happy and this is expressed through their good behaviour.

A climbing structure was purchased for the Kindergarten and Grade 1 but a contractor is needed to install it.

Ms Butler requested \$1500 for Grade 6 graduation, specifically to fund the October 26-27 camping trip. Also, she requests money for 20 additional walkie-talkies to be used in the school yard at a cost of \$300 each.

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**Agenda item:** *4.3 Fundraising Report*

**Presenter:** Karen Palassian

**Discussion:**

- Refer to the projects report in Appendix
- If voted in, a Comedy Night would be held in the spring. Karen requests the formation of a subcommittee to help organise the event.
- After School Activities will open for registration next Friday. HAHSA members will get a preview of the flyers before the official email goes out.

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**Agenda item:** *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

**Presenter:** Maria Guglielmino

**Discussion:**

- A complete report will be presented next month after fundraising items are voted in
- Last year End-of-Year surplus was \$7,500
- Outstanding items to pay that were voted in last year are a wall board (about \$200), corn roast activity (\$2100).
- Tax refund of \$4933 was received

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**Agenda item:** *5.1 New Member Elections*

**Presenter:** Renee Neraztas

**Discussion:**

- Renee summarizes the functions to be voted in and motions for the election of all positions.
- Uniform Representatives: **Evelyn Louridakis** and **Voula Roumbas** are voted in by unanimous consent.
- Head Volunteers: **Catherine Kapogiannatos** and **Amy Sara** are voted in by unanimous consent.
- Photo Representatives: **Tania Creswell** and **Tanya Rembacz** are voted in by unanimous consent.
- School Supply Representatives: **Debbie Psillos** and **Kelly Krassakopoulos** are voted in by unanimous consent,
- Hospitality: **Andrea Chountoumadis**, **Evelyn Louridakis**, **Maria Almeida**, **Sindu Gunaratnam** and **Veronica Morgentaler** with backups **Kia Cunningham** and **Lola Moyle** are voted in by unanimous consent.
- Governing Board Representative for HAHSA: **Peter Moschonas** voted in by unanimous consent.
- Secretary: No candidate nominated.

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**Agenda item:** *5.2 Voting Items*

**Presenter:** Renee Neraztas

**Discussion:**

- Renee calls the vote to allow for the Comedy Night planning to proceed as described in the Fundraising Director's report, passes with unanimous consent.



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- **Renee** calls the vote for the budgeting of \$800 towards a pumpkin decorating activity. Passes with unanimous consent.
- **Renee** motions to allocate \$1500 towards the grad field trip in October. Passes with no objection.
- **Maria Guglielmino** motions for HAHSA to purchase twenty walkie-talkies for the school. **Veronica Morgentaler** seconds and the motion passes with unanimous consent.

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**Agenda item:** *5.3 Used uniform sale*

**Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

- A used uniform sale will be held October 1, from 10am to 2pm

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**Agenda item:** *6.0 Question Period*

**Discussion:**

- **Felice Dipoala** asks: Is there a centralized place where we can see the list of school needs, to help figure out how HAHSA should spend its budget?
  - Ms Butler informs that we have the current big goal of A/C, and next is technology in the classrooms. Other than that there is no centralised list.
- **Kia Cunningham** asks: What if a parent wants to donate money for some specific initiative?
  - Ms Butler informs that it's possible to do that, and the school board can issue donation receipts in that case.
  - Mary Guglielmino notes that HAHSA can also issue receipts if the donation is toward a HAHSA initiative.

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**Agenda item:** *7.0 Varia*

**Discussion:**

- Renee notes that every second meeting will be in-person for the 2022-23 school year. Alternate meetings will be held via Zoom with a link being sent out to all parents on the HAHSA mailing list about one week prior.
- A/C subcommittee varia item is skipped as its main stakeholder Ms Butler deems it unnecessary to discuss.
- **Catherine Kapogiannatos** moves that the next meeting be held Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm if it falls before the October Governing Board meeting. **Maria Almeida** seconds, motion carries with unanimous consent.
- **Maria Guglielmino** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **Karen Palassian** seconds.