



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Tuesday October 17th, 2023

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Amy Sara, Andrea Chountoumadis, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Cathy Carbone, Christina Mahmouridis, Debbie Psillos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jeffrey Drake, Jennifer Maselli, Karen Palassian, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Maggie Dello Russo, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Patrick Cristofaro, Peter Moschonas, Renee Neratzas, Rosa Tsekeris, Saherish Hussain, Sinduja Gunaratnam, Sylva Yapoudjian

Guests: Roula Stathakis, Veronica Morgenthaler, Sarah Niven

Minutes

Agenda item: <i>1. Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renee Neratzas called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The motion is approved by Evelyn Louridakis and seconded by Karen Palassian.	
Agenda item: <i>2. Approval of Agenda</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The agenda is approved by motion from Evelyn Louridakis and seconded by Jennifer Maselli.	
Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – September 12th, 2023</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes are approved by Maria Guglielmino and seconded by Evelyn Louridakis.	
Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renee advises all that the CORN ROAST went extremely well.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ More bugs than usual in the corn▪ Last minute booking but we have the direct contact for next year▪ Minor volunteer issue which will be address later in the meeting• After-school activity registrations have begun – Karen will discuss in further detail during her presentation.• Slight change for the pumpkins, instead of the initial 30 big pumpkins that we had discussed previously. The teachers would rather 1 small pumpkin per child.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Renee got the small pumpkins and they will be delivered tomorrow.▪ A little bit over budget▪ 2.25\$/each (which includes delivery) – comes out to 1,075\$.• Terry Fox went super well today with over 40 parent volunteers and the school raised 4,857\$	

Agenda item: <i>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: Tania Marchitello
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Discussion:

- No Principal or Vice Principal representation because both needed to attend virtual RESQ meetings that were scheduled after our last meeting.
- Must confirm with Mrs. Marchitello the schedule for her meetings and see if we change the day of HAHSA meetings.



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Agenda item: *4.3 Fundraising Report*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Book fair was approved by Teacher's Council and scheduled for November 17th to November 23rd, 2023.
 - Parent Sale on the evening of November 23rd from 4pm to 7pm
- Used Uniform Sale will also take place on the same evening as Book Fair, November 23rd, 2023.
 - The last used uniform sale on curriculum night brought in – 549\$ from Used Uniform Sale and the rest was from Athletics Merch.
 - HAHSA has ordered Athletics Merch – T-Shirts and those will also be on sale on the Parent Teacher Meeting.
- After school Activities registration is still on-going with about two weeks left.
 - We will have a better idea in November where we are at
 - Soccer, basketball and Fusion Sports are almost at capacity.
 - Dance has 1 spot left.
 - Sheltoons, ReptiZoo and Mad Science (outside programs) are not going as well.
 - Sheltoons will have to be canceled – we only have 4 registrations.
- Athletics Merch Sale will open November 1st, 2023 and in August for Back to School.
 - Adding new items: crewneck sweaters, zip hoodies, long sleeve t-shirt , tuque and baseball hat
 - Staying within the same pricing as the existing items
- Last term as Fundraising Director
 - Position will be split between 6 people
 - Fundraising Director – 2 year term – Executive Position
 - TCBY & Pizza Day – 1 year term
 - After-School Activities – 1 year term
 - Athletics Merch & Misc – 1 year term
 - Scholastic Book Fair Chair – 1 year term
 - Major Fundraising Events – 1 year term

Agenda item: *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

Presenter: Maria Guglielmino

Discussion:

- Next year is Maria's last term as Treasurer
- GST/QST – received refund which is only 50% of the taxes
- Budget numbers include tax in the amounts shown and are roughly two weeks behind
- Fundraisers:
 - Mabels Labels is an on-going yearly fundraiser
 - Pizza Day – amount collected for full year but will be expensed throughout the year (pepperoni is doing super well)
 - After school activities are still on-going
 - Athletics Merch will continue showing in negative because the bill for the July orders was paid this current school year.



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Agenda item: 4.5 Governing Board Report

Presenter: Jeffrey Drake

Discussion:

- First meeting was held October 3rd, 2023
- Chair: Tania Creswell
- Co-Chair: Patrick Cristofaro
- Mrs. Marchitello gave a nice slide show regarding the different stats for the school
- Curriculum – 51% English – 49% French
- Voting:
 - K4 – Nature walks was approved
 - Dress down day – advise the parents where the funds are going
 - New Athletics Merch was approved
 - Yannick Bergeron – Science Atelier was approved
 - Returning Hockey Team was approved
 - Chocolate Bar fundraising for Grad Committee was approved
 - Dance (4-5-6) was approved
 - Walkie-Talkies were approved
 - QPAT funds were approved
 - Centre de la Nature – grade 5-6 was approved
 - Maison des Arts was approved
- GB votes on anything that requires the parents to pay, requires use of school time and/or use of the school building.

Agenda item: 4.6 Parent Committee Report

Presenter: Peter Moschonas

Discussion:

- Chair vote for PC was pushed to next week
- PC wanted all schools within the board to focus more on the children.
- Meetings are open to public and everyone is encouraged to join.

Agenda item: 5.1 New Business

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- a) Volunteers Discussion:
 - Corn Roast was a great success
 - Rules set forth by the school and HAHSA must be respected at all times
 - Parent volunteers are there to help with the activity and not for their own benefits
 - Complaints were received throughout the activity by administration
 - We will have no other choice to start having a banned list of volunteers
 - Volunteering is not a right – it's a privilege
- b) Holiday Planning – Committee to be formed by VP:
 - Holiday event will be slightly different this year - Mrs. Marchitello had a great idea to make it a community wide event on a Saturday or Sunday.
 - Pending GB approval for use of the gym on Sunday December 10th, 2023



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Agenda item:	6.0 Question Period	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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Agenda item:	8.0 Next Meeting	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held Monday November 13th, 2023 at 7:00pm, in the staff room – approved by **Evelyn Louridakis** seconded by **Maria Almeida**.

Agenda item:	9.0 Adjournment	Presenter:	
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, approved by **Jeffrey Drake** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.