



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

## HAHSA meeting

**Attendees:** Amy Sara, Andrea Chountoumadis, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Cathy Carbone, Christina Mahmoudidis, 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, Sindujaa Gunaratnam, Sylva Yapoudijan

**Guests:** Roula Stathakis, Veronica Morgentaler, Sarah Niven

### Minutes

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Renee Neratzas called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The motion is approved by Evelyn Louridakis and seconded by Karen Palassian.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- The agenda is approved by motion from Evelyn Louridakis and seconded by Jennifer Maselli.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>3. Approval of Minutes – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Minutes are approved by Maria Guglielmino and seconded by Evelyn Louridakis.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.1 President's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Renee advises all that the CORN ROAST went extremely well.
  - 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.
  - 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\$

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	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 Fundrasing 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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm to 7pm
- Used Uniform Sale will also take place on the same evening as Book Fair, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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

**Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

**Agenda item:** *7.0 Varia*

**Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

**Agenda item:** *8.0 Next Meeting*

**Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

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

**Agenda item:** *9.0 Ajournment*

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

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