



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, November 13th, 2023
7:00 pm
In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Mahmouridis, Evelyn Louridakis, Georgia Skiadopoulos, Jeffrey Drake, Karen Palassian, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Liane De Cubellis, Maria Almeida, Renee Neratzas, Rosa Tsekeris, Sindujaa Gunaratnam

Guests: Irina Makarova

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 7:03 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 Karen Palassian and seconded by Jeffrey Drake.	
Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – October 17th, 2023</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes are approved by Danielle Leblanc and seconded by Evelyn Louridakis.	
Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halloween was last month and we received the 500 pumpkins from the farmer.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Some pumpkins were rotten▪ Parents feedback was that they did not receive decorated pumpkins▪ Reassess for next year as it did cost more/less 1,000\$	
Agenda item: <i>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: Tania Marchitello
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Marchitello confirms that this year there is a lot going on curriculum wise and it was a lot of pressure on the teachers.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ She suggests in March of 2024, a small sample of staff and let them know what HAHSA is able and capable of supporting for the following school year, where would we like those funds to go (school-wide events etc.).▪ Something that'll compliment the curriculum as well as being a fun activity.▪ Staff was grateful that HAHSA respected not going with the decorative pumpkins this year.• The staff is excited with the community wide event.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The school staff says they LOVED the Halloween decorations• Music Concert Rehearsal – December 20th, 2023• Santa Parade date proposal – December 18th or 19th – will confirm with teachers	



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Agenda item: *4.3 Fundraising Report*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Book fair was cancelled due to the upcoming strike.
 - Karen and Mrs. Marchitello will look at a date in January because it is less busy for the teachers after the holidays.
 - Teachers suggested maybe in March since they are having an "I LOVE TO READ" week (tentative date: March 20th to 27th, 2024).
 - Karen will book that date with Scholastics right away
- After-school activities:
 - First session: 11,000\$ of profit (half of the year)
 - Forecasted: 15,000\$ for the whole year
 - Includes the cancellation of the two outside programs
 - Will be rescheduled for the following week
- Merch Sale is on-going until December 8th, 2023.
 - T-Shirts that were ordered for the uniform sale will be displayed at the Holiday Fair instead.
- Uniform Sale was also cancelled due to the upcoming strike.

Agenda item: *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Pizza Day is on-going
- After-school activities is sitting at about 11,168\$
- Use uniform sale – no change
- Athletics Merch will continue to fluctuate based on sales as they come
- Winter Holiday Market will change as she is receiving bills as she goes. Should we need more budget we can go over by 500\$.
- School Wide Equipment – bills for QPAT were received and have been added.
- School Wide Activities – we have the pumpkins and the science show.
- Grade Allocation – slowly coming in
- Graduation Allocation – Mrs. Marchitello and Karen spoke about it and HAHSA will simply just transfer them the 1,500\$ and they will use it as they see fit.
- Hospitality is on going
- Maria has bought stamps and this is why the Office Expense is higher.
- Accountant fees are also in the budget.
- TCBY has two checks to cash
- Outdoor gym equipment will be in soon



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Agenda item: 4.5 Governing Board Report

Presenter: Jeffrey Drake

Discussion:

- GB meeting is November 14th, 2023
- A lot of new business items that'll be address then
- Voted Yes to :
 - Poppy Sale
 - Christmas Day Fair

Agenda item: 4.6 Parent Committee Report

Presenter: Peter Moschonas

Discussion:

Agenda item: 5.1 New Business

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- a) Cancelled Events for Strikes:
 - Bookfair
 - After-school
 - Pizza Day
 - TCBY
 - Parent-Teacher Meetings postponed to November 27th, 2023
- b) Holiday Village Update:
 - First Holiday Village in the history of Hillcrest
 - Event for the whole community including vendors
 - Bought thus far:
 - Wooden ornaments for children to color in (FREE ACTIVITY)
 - Tattoo station (FREE ACTIVITY)
 - Photo booth with Santa (FREE ACTIVITY) – Mme. Tsolair is making the backdrop with the children
 - Couch Thrown for Santa
 - New costume for Santa
 - No Entrance Fee
 - Cookies (500)
 - Two bouncy castles
 - Everblast Games (4)
 - Hot Chocolate / Coffee for everyone
 - Wrapping Table with Grade 6s – for donation + bake sale
 - Face painting
 - Grinch will be making an appearance at the Holiday Village
 - Danielle asks if anyone would like to plan a food/toy drive to let us know
 - Volunteer email will be sent out to the whole parent community
 - Vendor emails are pouring in – we've confirmed about 14 of them thus far and will add more to put in the hallway.
 - Danie asked if Mrs. Marchitello can confirm with other teachers if they can have the students make something art wise to decorate the gym -



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Agenda item: <i>6.0 Question Period</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Agenda item: <i>7.0 Varia</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Agenda item: <i>8.0 Next Meeting</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held Monday January 15th, 2024 at 7:00pm, in the staff room – approved by **Evelyn Louridakis** seconded by **Maria Almeida**.

Agenda item: <i>9.0 Adjournment</i>	Presenter:
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, approved by **Maria Almeida** and seconded by **Danielle Leblanc**.