



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, April 15th, 2024

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Patrick Cristofaro, Jeff Drake, Debbie Psillos, Rosa Tserkeris, Andrea Chountoumadis, Danielle Leblanc, Sindu Gunaratnam, Niki Kallinteris, Maria Guglielmino, Renee Neratzas, Karen Palassian, Tania Creswell, Maria Almeida, Katherine Morenay-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos

Guests: Mrs. Marchitello

Minutes

Agenda item: <i>1. Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The motion is approved by Danielle and seconded by Sindu.	
Agenda item: <i>2. Approval of Agenda</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The agenda is approved by motion from Rosa and seconded by Danielle. Approved by unanimous show of hands.	
Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – March 18th, 2024</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes are approved by Karen and seconded by Katherine. Approved by unanimous show of hands.	
Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Busy month of March<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shout out to Karen for huge presenceBook fair, used uniform sale \$1080 sold for athletics; \$527 sold for used uniform	
Agenda item: <i>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: Tania Marchitello

Discussion:

- Field trip is coming up, permission slips will go home soon
 - HAHSA will pay for entrance to save on taxes, parents will pay for bussing costs
 - Archipel Amelio May 14
- Numerous other grade specific trips coming up
- Some commissioners will come to the spring fair
- Big thank you for the Scholastic book fair
 - Perhaps the 'preview' is not needed next time?

Agenda item: <i>4.3 Fundraising Report</i>	Presenter: Karen Palassian
<h4>Discussion:</h4>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Book Fair: NET Sales \$12,263<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$1500 parent/teacher nightKaren suggests the preview not only increases overall sales, but it also makes it faster for the children when they come to buy things	



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- Ms Marchitello points out losing the gym for so long is a bit disruptive for the gym teachers, but hasn't heard any negative comments from the teachers regarding visiting the book fair twice
- Karen will pre-book the date for next year in March
- Over \$6000 in Scholastic Rewards
- 2024-2025 School Year:
 - Domino's not planning to raise prices
 - Super Recycleur: Refer to HAHSA website links to guidelines of what kinds of clothes are acceptable
 - Scholastic: 60% comes back
 - TCBY is managed by HAHSA but is a school fundraiser
- Maria A:
 - Top Marks \$18,750 in sales this year, \$1500 commission
 - Evelyn tried to negotiate a bigger kickback. Currently 8%.
 - Top Marks suggested giving the 8% back to parents as a rebate

Agenda item:	4.4 Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Maria Guglielmino
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Discussion:

- Grade Allocation has passed the March 31st deadline, any remaining funds will be returned to HAHSA
- Entrance for Archipel Amelio must be voted in
- Starting next month, Maria will begin preparing for the 2024-2025 budget by setting aside funds for the beginning of the next year

Agenda item:	4.5 Governing Board Report	Presenter:	Jeffrey Drake
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Discussion:

- In the last few days, e-votes were done for the school trip and fundraising for Grade 6 (voted in)
- Last meeting March 26
 - GB prepared the selection criteria for the principal
 - Discussed school fees for next year, will be the same for all grades
 - Discussed spring fair
 - Donation was received for the daycare
 - Registration is ongoing, there will be 3 groups for all grades from K4 to Grade 6
 - People are moving more north, so enrollment is not increasing
 - GB was asked to rank the priority for different kinds of funding
 - For example, At risk students, special needs students, size of building, etc.

Agenda item:	4.6 Parent Committee Report	Presenter:	Tania Creswell
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Discussion:

- Agenda and minutes will be shared by Tania going forward
- Graduation plaque details will be pending

Agenda item:	5.1 New Business	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

- a) Spring Fair, presented by Daniele



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- Please volunteer! Children are welcome as well.
 - Afternoon portion especially, 2pm-5pm.
- Generator may be needed for the bouncers as the gym might not be able to handle two bouncers
- Morning volunteers begin at 11am, Vendors will be there earlier, event opens at 12pm
- Tables will be set up Friday evening

b) Fundraising Votes 2024-25, presented by Renee

- Danielle **motions** to vote to maintain Domino's pizza for 2024-2025, **seconded** by Rosa and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- Maria A **motions** to continue afterschool activities with the same structure, **seconded** by Tania C and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- Rosa **motions** to proceed with Athletics Merchandise sale, **seconded** by Sindu and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- Tania C **motions** to proceed with the used uniform sale and Super Recycleur, **seconded** by Maria G and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- Maria A **motions** to hold a Scholastic book fair in March 2025, **seconded** by Maria G and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- Andrea **motions** to continue the Mabel's Label's fundraiser, **seconded** by Sindu and **passed** unanimously by show of hands
- 8% commission Top Marks 2024-2025
 - Ms Marchetello received a call from Top Marks asking why sales are down, she informed them the prices are too high. Top Marks came back offering HAHSA's 8% commission be given directly to parents.
 - Renee remarked that prior to 2020, Top Marks would do fittings at the school which would really increase sales
 - Vote will be tabled until the next meeting to allow Ms Marchetello to discuss with Top Marks

c) Fun Day, presented by Renee

- To be held June 18, rain day June 19
- Planning to keep the same format as last year
- Renee spoke to Everblast; 12 games, 2 big bouncers, 2 generators with that, \$3,800+tax
 - Bouncers need to be invoiced to the school, for insurance purposes
- Animals (Project PACE) are reserved, \$1,000 (small animals for K4-K5, animal farm for G1-G6)
- Renee will look for a quote for a photobooth
- Maria A **motions** to approve Everblast for \$3800 (plus tax), **seconded** by Danielle and **passed** by unanimous show of hands
- Sindu **motions** to approve \$1000 for PACE, **seconded** by Andrea and **passed** by unanimous show of hands
- Maria A **motions** to approve an Ice Cream truck for \$2,000, **seconded** by Katherine and **passed** by unanimous show of hands

d) Rosa **motions** to approve HAHSA paying the entrance fee for the school-wide field trip at a cost of \$10,000. **Seconded** by Andrea and **passed** by **unanimous** show of hands



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Agenda item: **6.0 Question Period**

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- When is the hot-dog and ice cream truck?
 - BBQ June 21st
 - Ice Cream in May

Agenda item: **7.0 Varia**

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- Danielle **motions** to budget an additional \$2000 for Fun Day. Sindu **seconds** and motion **passed** by unanimous show of hands.
- **Judicial forms** must be completed by the end of April, or parents cannot volunteer at Fun Day
 - Email Thompson, Jocelyn jthompson@swlauriersb.qc.ca to confirm receipt/processing

Agenda item: **8.0 Next Meeting**

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- Ms Marchetello requests if we could postpone May's meeting to May 20 or May 27 to allow time from the May 8th meeting that will discuss initiatives for next year to prepare requesting budget
 - Karen points out we don't need a full meeting; these points can be discussed just among the executives and any votes tabled for as far as the beginning of 2024-2025
 - Renee proposes to skip May and do all the executive position voting, Fun Day and so on in the first week of June
- Maria A **motions** that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held June 3rd at 6:30PM, in the staff room – **seconded** by Maria G and **approved** by unanimous show of hands.

Agenda item: **9.0 Adjournment**

Presenter:

Discussion:

- Renee **motions** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, **seconded** by Patrick and **approved** by unanimous show of hands.