



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Renee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The motion is approved by Danielle and seconded by Sindu.

<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 Rosa and seconded by Danielle. Approved by unanimous show of hands.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>3. Approval of Minutes – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Minutes are approved by Karen and seconded by Katherine. Approved by unanimous show of hands.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.1 President's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Renee Neratzas
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- Busy month of March
  - Shout out to Karen for huge presence
  - Book fair, used uniform sale \$1080 sold for athletics; \$527 sold for used uniform

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Tania Marchitello
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#### 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?

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.3 Fundraising Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Karen Palassian
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#### Discussion:

- Book Fair: NET Sales \$12,263
  - \$1500 parent/teacher night
  - Karen 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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <b>4.4 Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Maria Guglielmino
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**Discussion:**

- Grade Allocation has passed the March 31<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <b>4.5 Governing Board Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> 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.

<b>Agenda item:</b> <b>4.6 Parent Committee Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Tania Creswell
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**Discussion:**

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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <b>5.1 New Business</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> 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 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Ajournment

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

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