



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, June 10th, 2024

6:30 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Patrick Cristofaro, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Danielle Leblanc, Renee Neratzas, Karen Palassian, Maria Guglielmino, Evelyn Louridakis, Tania Creswell, Steve Bakos, Andrea Chountoumadis, Rosa Tserkeris

Guests: Mrs. Marchitello

Minutes

Agenda item: <i>1. Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Renee called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

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

Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – April 15th, 2024</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Minutes are approved by Katherine and seconded by Karen.

Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas & Mrs Marchetello
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- Spring fair
 - Was a big success
 - Vendors thought it was great
 - Outdoor play also worked well
 - Turnout was excellent
 - Considering Christmas fair for next year
 - Do need more volunteers next year
 - Three commissioners attended, many staff with their families
 - Personal thank-you from Ms Marchetello
- School-wide field trip
 - Big success
 - Many different stations for different levels of skill/ability
 - Entrance paid by HAHSA and parents paid for busses
- Volunteer lunch was very much appreciated by all the volunteers, a big thank you to the administration who organized that

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

- Met end of May with the city of Laval regarding the Parc Ecole



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- Officially our school yard is a Parc Ecole, i.e. it is shared with the community
- One structure in the school yard belongs to the Ville de Laval, thus making us a Parc Ecole
- The park was shut down by the school due to vandalism, inappropriate litter, breaking of equipment, etc.
- The governing board of Hillcrest did not wish to continue the entente with the Ville de Laval, however the school board renewed the agreement.
- The visit from the city included a police liaison who assured any vandalism, or other issues would be dealt with promptly
- Over the years tens of thousands of dollars were invested by the Hillcrest community for structures and equipment.
- The kindergarten and pre-kindergarten sections are not Parc Ecole so the city would not be open to supporting structures in those areas
- Ultimately, the city insisted that Hillcrest open the gates to the Parc Ecole. The yard will be included in the police patrol route.

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

- Karen presented the fundraising review for the year
- Next athletics sale will be in September

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

- Maria presented the budget report

Agenda item: <i>4.5 Governing Board Report</i>	Presenter:	Tania Creswell
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Discussion:

- All requested HAHSA activities for next year were approved
- Workbooks and school fees were approved
- Detail was provided for the action plan of the educational project
- Budget was reviewed
- Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence (ABAV) report was reviewed
 - Next year, the goal is to involve parents to a larger scale through workshops and other sessions
- 2024-2025 code of conduct and budget for 2024-2025 will be reviewed at the next meeting (June 11)
- New Hillcrest website will be launched soon, it will be fully bilingual

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

- Internet Security presentation discussed how parents can be vigilant
- Hillcrest was mentioned for the spring fair
- Concerns raised regarding safety on the school busses, including code of conduct



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Agenda item: *5.1 New Business*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- Fun Day
 - Everything is confirmed, 35 volunteers will participate
 - Lunch will be provided for volunteers, with vegan option
 - If it rains, animals will be cancelled, otherwise bouncers will be in the gym and all other activities will move indoors.
 - Still short of tables
- Top Marks
 - Administration agreed to forgo the 8% kickback to HAHSA so that the savings can be passed on to parents
 - Additionally, Top Marks did not increase prices this year
 - We have one year left on our agreement with Top Marks
 - Top Marks no longer offers try-on sessions at the school, only possible at their showroom
- Elections
 - Vice President & Secretary – Catherine was nominated and accepted. Danielle motions to vote on two-year term, Tania seconds. Passed by acclamation
 - Treasurer – Maria nominated and accepted; Patrick will shadow. Steve motions, Evelyn seconds. Passed by acclamation.
 - Fundraising – Karen nominated and accepted. Katherine would like to shadow. Evelyn motions, Tania seconds. Passed by acclamation.
 - QFHSA Director – Kelly nominated and accepted. Danielle motions, Evelyn seconds. Passed by acclamation.
 - Charity Director – Patrick nominated and accepts, Steve motions, Evelyn seconds. Passed by acclamation.

Agenda item: *6.0 Question Period*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- None

Agenda item: *7.0 Varia*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- None

Agenda item: *8.0 Next Meeting*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- AGM will be September 12
- Hold a wine & cheese to attract new members September 5, 2024, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Next meeting September 16, 2024, 7pm in staff lounge. Motion by Danielle seconded by Rosa. Passed unanimously.



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Agenda item: **9.0 Ajourment**

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- Tania motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Maria and approved by unanimous show of hands.