



# 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

<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 6:42 pm.

<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 Tania and seconded by Evelyn.

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

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>4.1 President's Report</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	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 Marchitello
- 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

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

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

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

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

- Maria presented the budget report

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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i><b>4.6 Parent Committee Report</b></i>	<b>Presenter:</b> 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 acclimation
  - Treasurer – Maria nominated and accepted; Patrick will shadow. Steve motions, Eveyln seconds. Passed by acclimation.
  - Fundraising – Karen nominated and accepted. Katherine would like to shadow. Evelyn motions, Tania seconds. Passed by acclimation.
  - QFHSA Director – Kelly nominated and accepted. Danielle motions, Evelyn seconds. Passed by acclimation.
  - Charity Director – Patrick nominated and accepts, Steve motions, Evelyn seconds. Passed by acclimation.

**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 Adjournment*

**Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

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