



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, November 4th, 2024

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Anna Mormina, Bianca Bankley, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Debbie Psillos, Elena Legatos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jeffrey Drake, Josie Milazzo, Karen Palassian, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Lisa Giustiniani, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Patrick Cristofaro, Sindu Gunaratnam, Tania Creswell

Guests: Mme. Gosselin

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. <i>Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Catherine Kapogiannatos called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Agenda item: 2. <i>Approval of Agenda</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Motion to **approve** the agenda by **Jeffrey Drake** and seconded by **Patrick Cristofaro**.

Agenda item: 3. <i>Approval of Minutes – October 7th, 2024</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Motion to **approve** the minutes by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Sindu Gunaratnam**.

Agenda item: 4.1 <i>President's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Terry Fox
 - Thankful for the volunteers
- Haunted House
 - Thankful for Anna and her team
- Halloween Decorations
 - Thankful for Hospitality Committee
- Magic Pumpkins
 - Delivered by Renee
 - Planted by Catherine K. and Ms. Marchitello

Agenda item: 4.2 <i>Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: Christine Gosselin
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Discussion:

- Magic Pumpkin Seeds Activity
 - Cycle K really enjoyed it – big hit!
- Haunted House
 - Everyone loved it – including teachers!
 - Kids were disappointed it was gone so quickly!
- Terry Fox Run



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- Thank you to the volunteers!
 - Hillcrest raised \$ 6,659.25\$
- Family Harmony Event
 - 14 families were there
 - Great success!

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

- After school activities
 - Everything has been going well
 - Registrations are closed but there are a few still coming in
- TCBY & Pizza Day
 - Going well
 - Katherine Morency-Jarvis has taken over and has been learning the ropes and doing a great job
- Athletics Merch
 - Sale has been closed
 - Delivery ETA : end of November

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

- Donation line has been added back – received 100\$ donation
- Mabel Label – commission check coming in next month
- Pizza Day
 - Missing a week or two
 - Amilia payments will trickle in
- After-school Activities
 - Place holder has been put in while we wait for invoices from suppliers
- Athletics Merch
 - Waiting for supplier invoice
- Support Activities for School
 - School Wide Equipment
 - \$ 10,000 for the school for their needs
 - \$ 1,000 for QPAT conference
 - Teachers purchase items for their classroom
 - This year it was canceled because of hotel strike
 - Will be redistributed
- Office Expenses
 - Cork board has been purchased
- Accounting Fees
 - Accountant filed our Charity Taxes
- Items/Amounts in red are subject to change*



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Agenda item: 4.5 QFHSA Report

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Fall Conference – November 16th, 2024
 - Half a day event – 8am to 2pm
 - 25\$ - lunch
 - Guest speakers, vendors and two workshops
 - 4 volunteers will be needed
 - QFHSA will be paying a rental fee for the gym space usage (60\$/hour)
 - QFHSA will be giving HAHSA 100\$ to cover the cost of coffee and morning snacks for guests
 - HAHSA will pay for the cost of the rental of the chairs and tables
 - Roughly 500\$
- Parent-Teacher Night – November 21st, 2024
 - Kelly will set up table
 - Volunteers will be needed

Agenda item: 4.6 Hospitality Report

Presenter:

Anna Mormina + Andrea Chountoumadis

Discussion:

- Haunted House
 - Anna says the feedback from the children were very positive
 - Facial expressions said it all
 - Little ones and older ones enjoyed it
- Used Uniform Sale
 - Next sale is scheduled for November 21st, 2024
 - Set up at 4:00pm
 - Start sale 4:45pm – 8pm
 - Will require a rotating schedule (3-4 volunteers at a time)
 - Karen and Catherine will send out an email at large to the approved volunteers to gather more volunteers.
- Teacher Staff Appreciation Week
 - Will schedule the Zoom and send email at large to HAHSA
 - Budget: 1,700\$
- Christmas Decorating
 - Scheduled for December 4th
 - Will follow the school's mood meter (red, yellow, blue, green)
 - Budget Emotion Decorations – 250\$

Agenda item: 4.7 Governing Board Report

Presenter:

Jeffrey Drake

Discussion:

- Field trips were approved
- Grade 6 – Chocolate Fundraiser was approved
- Deed of Establishment



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- Has been renewed as a Parc d'École until 2028
 - Vandalism has been reported
 - Loss of a basketball net
 - Motion was put forth to look at installing cameras for the night time or hiring a security guard for the night time
- Enrollment and registration
 - Families are moving further north
- Merenda Catering
 - Will require a further discussion

Agenda item: 4.8 Parent Committee Report

Presenter:

Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

- First meeting October 10th, 2024
- Enrollment has gone down for the school board
- Three open houses for high schools
- School board elections were yesterday – James Di Sano was in the lead
- Three year plan needs to be approved by GB
 - Projection that Hillcrest numbers were going down the next few years (numbers are being confirmed)
- Added new committees:
 - Facebook
 - Transportation
 - Special Ed
- Operation Panda
 - Offer ADHD support in English

Agenda item: 5.1 Special Reports – Movie Night

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Sub-Committee is still open
- Great ideas were put forward for the event
- Issue that arose was: jackets, boots, slush in the school and in the gym
- Probably a better idea to postpone Movie Night to the Spring/Summer/Next Fall

Motion to **approve** postpone Movie Night and revisit discussions in January by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Maria Almeida**. **Passed unanimously.**

Agenda item: 5.2 Special Reports – Spring Fair

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Sub-Committee is still open
- Need to vote on the date – either May 24th, 2025 or May 31st, 2025

Motion to **approve** Spring Fair date for May 31st, 2025 by **Jeffrey Drake** and seconded by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis**. **Passed unanimously.**



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Agenda item: *5.3 Special Reports – December 20th – Holiday Event*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- December 20th – Holiday Event
- Christmas Holiday Parade was not passed at Teacher Council
- Pre-K to Grade 2 – Santa will visit the classrooms and give the children candy canes
- Grade 3 to 6 will also receive candy canes but Santa will NOT be visiting
- Week of December 16th – cookie decorating activity
- Teachers will plan something within the classrooms

Motion to **approve** postpone Movie Night and revisit discussions in January by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Maria Almeida**. **Passed unanimously.**

Agenda item: *5.4 Special Reports – December Xmas HAHSA Party*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- There will not be a December HAHSA meeting – it'll be replaced by a Christmas Supper Party
- **December 2nd, 2024** – at Arahova Souvlaki (1357 Bd du Curé-Labelle, Laval, QC H7V 2V9) – 7pm
 - Catherine will send the email to all HAHSA members
 - Ugly Christmas Sweater or Ugly Christmas Pyjamas
 - There will be games and prizes!

Agenda item: *6.0 New Business*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

Agenda item: *7.0 Questions*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- **Photo Rep Question:**
 - Will everyone receive class photos?
 - Maria Almeida thinks it depends on if there was an order made
 - She will confirm with photographer

Agenda item: *8.0 Varia*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

Agenda item: *9.0 Next Meeting*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- **Catherine Kapogiannatos** motions that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held Monday January 13th, 2025 at 7:00pm, in the staff room – approved by **Maria Almeida** seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**.

Agenda item: *10.0 Adjournment*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- **Catherine Kapogiannatos** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, approved by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.