



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, October 7th, 2024

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Anna Mormina, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Elena Legatos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jeffrey Drake, Jessica Bornstein, Jessica Jarrett, Josie Milazzo, Karen Palassian, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Lisa Giustiniani, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Natalina Vidal, Patrick Cristofaro, Renee Neratzas, Rosa Tsekeris, Roula Stathakis, Shannon Capstick, Tania Creswell

Guests: Mrs. Marchitello, Mme. Gosselin

Minutes

Agenda item: <i>1. Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Renee Neratzas called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Agenda item: <i>2. Approval of Agenda</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Motion to approve the agenda by **Maria Guglielmino** and seconded by **Tania Creswell**.

Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – September 16th, 2024</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Motion to approve the minutes by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**.

Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Picture Day
 - Went really well
 - Thankful for the volunteers
- Used Uniform Sale
 - Went really well
 - Thankful for the volunteers
- Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules
 - Catherine will send an email to all the members.

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

- Haunted House
 - Everyone is excited to see the Haunted House
- Picture Day
 - Went very well as well
- Used Uniform Same
 - Big hit and parents were really happy



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- Circles with Principal
 - Great turn out
 - 20 parents
- Family Harmony Event
 - Parents can come with their children
 - Work together to make a family values poster

Agenda item: 4.3 Fundraising Report

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Pizza Day & TCBY
 - Has been going smoothly
 - Lella has been checking the pizza and says it looks fantastic
- Athletics Merch
 - Ordering is still open until October 22nd, 2024
 - Delivery expected for November
- After school activities
 - A few complaints were received regarding inflation of prices
 - Complaints were not comparing the same items (for example, different schools offered less number of weeks for each program, whereas we offered 14 weeks)
 - We have tried negotiating with vendors but we are limited at what we can offer parents
 - We are not trying to put a financial burden on the parents

Agenda item: 4.4 Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Maria Guglielmino

Discussion:

- HAHSA is a registered charity – we get half of our taxes back
- Pizza Day
 - This will always be a rolling account
 - Expenses are estimated until we receive the Dominos invoices
- After school activities
 - Also a rolling account
 - Registrations have not closed yet
 - Parents are a little last minute with registering
- Winter Event
 - Cookie decoration came way under budget
- School Wide Activities
 - Wine & Cheese Event
 - Corn Roast
 - Team Building Activities for beginning September
- If anything is bought and you need a reimbursement by check:
 - Name on Check
 - Invoice total including tax



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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
 - 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\$
- Motion to **approve** the Fall Conference budget of 500\$ by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis**. Passed unanimously.
- Advertisements should be done throughout the year
 - Cork Board – price will be brought to the next meeting and vote can be done in November.
 - Pamphlets can be put on this board
 - Anything HAHSA related
 - **Mrs. Marchitello agrees to allow us to put a bulletin board at the daycare entrance.**
- Tables at all school events
 - Parent/Teacher
 - Curriculum
 - Orientation days
 - **Mrs. Marchitello agrees to allow us to have a table at all events.**
- QFHSA – Fall News
 - Hillcrest has a full page dedicated to HAHSA

Agenda item: **4.6 Hospitality Report**

Presenter:

Anna Mormina + Andrea Chountoumadis

Discussion:

- Haunted House
 - Rosa and Anna visited the library
 - Hospitality team will create a maze within the library
 - Each aisle will have a different theme
 - Curtains / lighting / dry ice machine
 - Vendors are donating a few items as well
 - Possible set up date: October 27th, 2024
 - Possible treat at the end of the Haunted House?
 - Popcorn?
 - Budget: 600\$
- Halloween Decoration
 - Hall way will be decorated
 - October 17th, 2024



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- Used Uniform Sale
 - Sale was October 5th, 2024
 - Went super well, clothing was organized by size and put into the bins
 - Thankful for the volunteers
 - Next Sale: November 21st, 2024
 - Start sale @ 4:30pm – 8pm
 - Parent/Teacher - 6pm to 9pm
 - Will require a rotating schedule (3-4 volunteers at a time)

Agenda item: 4.7 Photo Rep Report

Presenter:

Kelly Krassakopoulos

Discussion:

- Started rocky because we had to chose the spots for the pictures to be taken
- Started late but were caught up
- Thankful for the volunteers
- Retakes (only for absent students) – November 20th, 2024
- Grad Pictures – January 28th, 2025
- One year contract with vendor – same price as previous vendor

Agenda item: 4.8 Governing Board/Parent Committee Report

Presenter:

Kelly Krassakopoulos

Discussion:

- First Meeting was September 4th, 2024
- Re-Elected Tania Creswell as the chair and Jennifer Masseli as co-chair
- Calendar meetings were set up for the year
- Monthly Assemblies (Junior/Senior)

Agenda item: 5.1 Special Reports – Movie Night

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Sub-Committee is still open
- Need members to help organize the event
- January 24th, 2025 – starts at 7pm
- Budget: 2,000\$
- Inside Out 2: PG movie (discuss with committee but we can put a disclaimer for parents)

Agenda item: 5.2 Special Reports – Spring Fair

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Sub-Committee is still open
- Many people showed up was a beautiful day in the end and we moved games outside
- Was not a fundraiser – was a community event
- Possible dates: May 24th or May 31st, 2025



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Agenda item: 6.0 New Business	Presenter: Karen Palassian
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Discussion:

- Graduation Committee Request
 - Grad will be doing bake sales throughout the year
 - Grad would like to have a table at Movie Night & Spring Fair for their bake sale
- Motion to **approve** the grad committee having bake sales within HAHSA events by **Catherine Kapogiannatos** and seconded by **Jeffrey Drake**. Passed unanimously.

Agenda item: 7.0 Questions	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Agenda item: 8.0 Varia	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

Agenda item: 9.0 Next Meeting	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held Monday November 4th, 2024 at 7:00pm, in the staff room – approved by **Karen Palassian** seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.

Agenda item: 10.0 Adjournment	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM, approved by **Maria Almeida** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.