



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, January 13th, 2025

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Anna Mormina, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Debbie Psillos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jeffrey Drake, Karen Palassian, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Patrick Cristofaro, Renee Neratzas, Renu Chitra, Rosa Tsekeris, Shannon Capstick, Susana van der Veen, Tania Creswell

Guests: Ms. Marchitello, Liza, Dodd, Sophia Tsiorvas

Minutes

Agenda item:	1. Call to Order	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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- Renee Neratzas called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Agenda item:	2. Approval of Agenda	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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- Motion to **approve** the agenda by **Maria Guglielmino** and seconded by **Rosa Tsekeris**.

Agenda item:	3. Approval of Minutes – November 4th, 2024	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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- Motion to **approve** the minutes by **Rosa Tsekeris** and seconded by **Andrea Chountoumadis**.

Agenda item:	4.1 President's Report	Presenter:	Renee Neratzas
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- QFHSA – Fall Conference
 - Went very well, lots of attendance
 - Terry Fox will be hosting next year
- Holiday Dinner
 - Great seeing everyone's ugly sweaters/PJs
 - Everyone had a great time
- December 16th Week
 - Holiday cookies
 - Ordered early September
 - Great price and NONE were broken
- Pancake PJ Party
 - Great success
 - Thank you to all Volunteers and Catherine, Karen and Tania who organized the event.
 - Santa was also in attendance
- Holiday Decorations
 - Tree decorations were amazing
 - Thank you Hospitality team.



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Agenda item: 4.2 *Principal/Vice Principal's Report*

Presenter: Ms. Marchitello

Discussion:

- Ms. Marchitello highlighted the fantastic team work between HAHSA and the School for this school year. We are much more aligned this year.
- Holiday Decorations
 - Came together so wonderfully
 - Children noticed that the tree was exactly like their mood reader
- Government has asked the school boards to limit spending unless absolutely necessary
 - This block does not affect us as a home and school
- Black History Month – Presentations
 - This year there will be a more intimate presentation per grade
 - HAHSA would need the invoice in their name to pay as per the budget.
 - Closer to 4,000\$ for all

Agenda item: 4.3 *Fundraising Report*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- TCBY
 - Going well
 - Katherine has been doing an awesome job
- Spring Session After School Activities
 - Finalizing the programs
 - Cooking
 - Trying to convince Ms. Alba to offer one class for pre-kindergarden or a mixed class
 - Soccer APE
 - Amazing reviews
 - K-6 mixed group
 - Stage Craft
 - Sold out in one week
 - Will put together a different type of program
 - Reptizoo
 - Karate – at lunch
 - Ms. Tara's Yoga/Movement/Dance Session
 - Red Cross Classes (one Saturday class each course)
 - Babysitting Course – grade 6 (maybe grade 5)
 - Staying Safe – grade 5-6



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Agenda item: *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

Presenter: Maria Guglielmino

Discussion:

- Photographer
 - Budget was as per last years commission check – 300\$
 - Received 1,500\$ commission check
- Pizza
 - Sales continue and funds will continue rolling in
- After School Activities
 - Registration will start for spring session soon
- Used Uniform
 - Profits already over what we had expected for the year
 - Another sale coming
- Athletics Merch
 - Another sale coming
- Winter Event
 - Came in under budget
- Field Trip
 - Budget is still there for this event in the Spring
- SAW
 - Received donations
- School Wide Equipment
 - Budget is still available
- School Wide Activities
 - Holiday Decorations receipts were added
 - Haunted House receipts were added
- TCBY
 - Funds available pending invoices

Agenda item: *4.5 QFHSA Report*

Presenter: Kelly Krassakopoulos

Discussion:

Agenda item: *4.6 Charity Director Report*

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

- Reminder to all parents that we are a charity and parents can donate and receive a donation receipt



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Agenda item: 4.7 Governing Board Report

Presenter: Jeffrey Drake

Discussion:

- Catering Services
 - Exploring other catering companies
 - Email sent out with a survey to parents regarding their opinions on Merenda
- Schoolyard
 - Looking at ways to better protect our assets and avoid vandalism
 - More police presence, cameras etc.
- ABAV Plan
 - Will be posted on the school's website
 - Specific statistics to Hillcrest Academy
- Clemenceau Gate Safety
 - Trying to get the street to become a one-way
 - Not safe for students at all

Agenda item: 4.8 Parent Committee Report

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

- Allo Prof gave a presentation at the last meeting
 - Call, text or chat option to speak to real teachers with any questions you may have
 - Parents section on their website
 - Willing to come present to HAHSA as well
- SWLSB has been asked to reduce the budget by 1.6 million by March 31st, 2025
 - PC meetings will be virtual for the next two meetings to help support this budget cut
- School taxes
 - Make sure your taxes are going to English school board
 - Must request this change manually
 - School will send email to parents and guardians

Agenda item: 4.9 Photo Representative Report

Presenter: Maria Almeida

Discussion:

- Picture Day went well
- Grad pictures are scheduled for January 21st, 2025
- New contract for next school year to be prepared
- A few complaints were made:
 - Some of the children were not photographed in their best angles
- Next year the pictures will be taken indoors

Agenda item: 4.10 School Supply Representative Report

Presenter: Renu Chitra

Discussion:

- Éditions Vaudreuil always gave the best kick back compared to other companies
- Will wait for GB approval and then contact vendor



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Agenda item: 4.11 Hospitality Report

Presenter:

Andrea Chountoumadis

Discussion:

- Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) – Week of February 3rd, 2025
 - The following meeting is scheduled for this Thursday
 - Gifts have been purchased
 - Menu is being worked on
 - Donation letter has been sent to all parents/guardians
 - Volunteers are needed to help set up/clean up
 - Email to be sent
 - Theme: World Theme
- Used Uniform Sale & Super Recyclers
 - Scheduled for April 27th, 2025
 - Super Recyclers truck will be there from 10am to 2pm
 - Email to be prepared

Agenda item: 4.12 Scholastic Book Fair Chair Report

Presenter:

Debbie Psillos

Discussion:

- Book fair is scheduled during Reading Week
- March 21st – Set Up Date
- March 24th to 28th – Preview + Sale
- Volunteers are needed to help
 - Email to be sent
- There will not be a parent sale – Ms. Marchitello asks that we outline in the notice that there will NOT be a parent sale and that funds must be sent in
- Class schedule is pending

Agenda item: 5.1 Special Reports – Spring Fair Committee

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Scheduled for May 31st, 2025
- Sub-Committee is still open and we are looking for more members - whether you can lend a hand with planning, logistics, or day-of activities, your help will make a difference.
- First meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 at 7pm on ZOOM

Agenda item: 5.2 Special Reports – Fun Day Committee

Presenter:

Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Scheduled for June 20th, 2025 – there is no rain day
- Sub-Committee is still open and we are looking for more members - whether you can lend a hand with planning, logistics, or day-of activities, your help will make a difference.
- First meeting will be scheduled in February/March on ZOOM

Agenda item: 6.0 New Business

Presenter:

Renee Neratzas

Discussion:



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Agenda item: *7.0 Questions*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

Agenda item: *8.0 Varia*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

Agenda item: *9.0 Next Meeting*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- Scheduled February 3rd, 2025
- Change to March's meeting date – March 24th, 2025 at 7pm.

Agenda item: *10.0 Adjournment*

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM, approved by **Evelyn Louridakis** seconded by **Jeffrey (Santa) Drake**.