



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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*

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

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

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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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-kindergarten 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Psilos

**Discussion:**

- Book fair is scheduled during Reading Week
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Set Up Date
- March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7pm on ZOOM

**Agenda item:** *5.2 Special Reports – Fun Day Committee*

**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

**Discussion:**

- Scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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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<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>7.0 Questions</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>9.0 Next Meeting</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>10.0 Adjournment</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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Discussion:

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