



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

## HAHSA meeting

**Attendees:** Andrea Chountoumadis, Bianca Bankley, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Debbie Psillos, Elena Lagatos, Jeffrey Drake, Jessica Jarrett, Josie Milazzo, Karen Palassian, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Lisa Giustiniani, Liza Dodd, Maria Guglielmino, Patrick Cristofaro, Renee Neratzas, Renu Chitra, Shannon Capstick, Tania Creswell

**Guests:** Mme. Gosselin

**Absences:** Amy Sara, Anna Mormina, Evelyn Louridakis, Jessica Bornstein, Joanna Durso, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Maria Almeida, Natalina Vidal, Nicoletta Psihogios, Rosa Tsekeris, Roula Stathakis, Saherish Hussain, Sinducaa Gunaratnam, Susana van der Veen

### Minutes

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

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

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>3. Approval of Minutes – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Motion to approve the minutes by Renee Neratzas and seconded by Christina Roumeliotis.

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Staff Appreciation Week
  - Congratulations to the SAW Committee for putting together an amazing week for the staff
  - Amazing feedback from school staff
- Winter Carnival
  - Organized by the Leadership students
  - Thank you to the Volunteers

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Mme. Gosselin
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#### Discussion:

- Thank you to the SAW Committee and parents for all the treats, staff were so appreciative
- Thank you to the HAHSA Volunteers for being there for the Winter Carnival day which was organized by the Leadership students
- Thank you to the Grad Committee for the bake sale on Parent Teacher Night; big success!
- Thank you to HAHSA for the Book Fair week and the new After School Activities that are being offered to the school.



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**Agenda item:** *4.3 Fundraiser's Report*

**Presenter:** Karen Palassian

**Discussion:**

- Spring Session After School Activities start this week
- Athletics Merch
  - Opening a sale soon and delivery scheduled for June

**Agenda item:** *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

**Presenter:** Maria Guglielmino

**Discussion:**

- School Supplies Commission check was just received and will be deposited
- After School Activities shows a profit – but it is not up to date and missing place holders
- Support Activities
  - SAW – went up a little bit because we paid out some invoices
  - Black History Month presentation – paid 2 of 4 presentations
  - Spring Market – payments have started coming in
  - Hospitality – went up with last month's coffee receipt
- TCBY
  - Has a healthy amount
  - Not HAHSA funds but school funds
  - Pending future invoices
- School Wide Field Trip
  - Bussing – 9,000\$
  - June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Centre Sportive - University de Montréal
    - They will have many stations throughout to promote movement
    - They will NOT be using the swimming pool

Motion to **approve** the 9,000\$ for bussing to University de Montréal for the school wide field trip by **Maria Guglielmino** and seconded by **Jeffrey Drake**. Passed **unanimously**.

- Fun Day
  - Budget of 5,000\$
  - Friday – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Motion to **approve** the 5,000\$ budget for Fun Day by **Shannon Capstick** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**. Passed **unanimously**.



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**Agenda item: 4.5 QFHSA Report**

**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

**Discussion:**

- AGM Meeting is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 on Zoom
  - Mandatory to send a delegate/alternate
  - Kelly is the Delegate & Catherine will be the alternate
- QFHSA Winter Newsletter has been sent out
- Round Table Discussion
  - Recent one was done in February
  - Can be done this year or next year
  - Not a conference but more so a discussion between other Home & Schools

**Agenda item: 4.6 Charity Director Report**

**Presenter:** Patrick Cristofaro

**Discussion:**

**Agenda item: 4.7 Governing Board Report**

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Drake

**Discussion:**

- Leadership Students gave a presentation on Rescue All Dogs which they will fundraise for through a dance and cookies
- School Wide Field Trip
  - Was approved
- Catering Services came to bring in various plates to taste test
  - Will be voted on shortly
- Public Questions
  - Regarding ABAV – website has the document in French and English
  - Will be mentioned at the AGM
  - Public Questions can be sent in to Sandie who will present it at GB since she presides as Secretary
  - Pending response from City for protection of our properties
  - Clemenceau Gate – GB is waiting for a resolution regarding the dangers of this street
    - City came and looked and left
    - Snow clearing has happened a little faster than previously but no promises made at all

**Agenda item: 4.8 Parent Committee Report**

**Presenter:** Patrick Cristofaro

**Discussion:**

- Budget cuts – 40% was absorbed by Head Office
- Upcoming Events
  - Star Fest – 2025-05-29
  - Lobster Gala – 2025-06-05
- School Taxes
  - There is a rebalancing that happens once all taxes have been paid
  - No need to change where you pay as it all gets rebalancing useful when you are voting in a commissioner



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**Agenda item: 4.9 Photo Representative Report**

**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogianatos

**Discussion:**

- Date scheduled Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for next year Picture Day.
- Commission has been increased to 16%

**Agenda item: 4.10 School Supply Representative Report**

**Presenter:** Renu Chitra

**Discussion:**

- Contract has been signed between HAHSA and Éditions Vaudreuil
- Grade school supply lists will be shared next month

Motion to **approve** the Éditions Vaudreuil as our School Supply vendor by **Renu Chitra** and seconded by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis**. Passed **unanimously**.

**Agenda item: 4.11 Hospitality Report**

**Presenter:** Andrea Chountoumadis

**Discussion:**

- Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) – Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
  - Went well
- Used Uniform Sale & Super Recycler – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10am to 2pm
  - Volunteers will be needed
  - Sale will be in the GYM
  - Super Recycler truck will be in the parking lot

**Agenda item: 4.12 Scholastic Book Fair Chair Report**

**Presenter:** Debbie Psilos

**Discussion:**

- Book fair has begun this week
- 3 preview dates and 2 sale days
- Thank you to all the Volunteers for setting up and throughout the week
- There is no parent sale so the teachers will be sharing their classroom wish list to the parents of their groups
- To be confirmed with Ms. Marchitello: are we requesting half scholastics rewards and half cash back?

**Agenda item: 5.1 Special Reports – Spring Fair Committee**

**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

**Discussion:**

- Scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – 12pm to 4pm
- Over 40 vendors have been approved and will be placed in the gym
- Various stations for the KID CORNER will be in the classrooms nearby
- Volunteers will be needed – we are counting on our HAHSA members
- Flyers will be going home in April to all students and staff



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<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>6.0 New Business</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Discussion:

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>7.0 Questions</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>8.0 Varia</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Discussion:

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>9.0 Next Meeting</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Discussion:

- 2024-2025 – Tentative Meeting Dates
  - April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – **CANCELLED**
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Motion to **approve** the cancellation of our April meeting by **Andrea Chountoumadis** and seconded by **Renu Chitra**. Passed **unanimously**.

<b>Agenda item:</b> <i>10.0 Adjournment</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Discussion:

- **Catherine Kapogiannatos** motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, approved by **Christina Roumeliotis** seconded by **Liza Dodd**.