



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, March 24th, 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, Cassandra Theodorakopoulos, Maria Almeida, Natalina Vidal, Nicoletta Psihogios, Rosa Tsekeris, Roula Stathakis, Saherish Hussain, Sindujaa Gunaratnam, Susana van der Veen

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 **Maria Guglielmino** and seconded by **Tania Creswell**.

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

Agenda item: 4.1 <i>President's Report</i>	Presenter: 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

Agenda item: 4.2 <i>Principal/Vice Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: 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 9th, 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 20th, 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 5th, 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 Kapogianantos

Discussion:

- Date scheduled Tuesday September 16th, 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 3rd, 2025
 - Went well
- Used Uniform Sale & Super Recycler – April 27th, 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 Psillos

Discussion:

- Book fair has begun this week
- 3 preview sales 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 31st, 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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Agenda item: 6.0 New Business	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Agenda item: 7.0 Questions	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Agenda item: 8.0 Varia	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Agenda item: 9.0 Next Meeting	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Discussion:

- 2024-2025 – Tentative Meeting Dates
 - ~~April 7th, 2025~~ – CANCELLED
 - May 5th, 2025
 - June 9th, 2025

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

Agenda item: 10.0 Ajournment	Presenter: 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**.