



Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Monday, June 9th, 2025

7:00 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Bianca Bankley, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Debbie Psillos, Elena Lagatos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jeffrey Drake, Jessica Bornstein, Jessica Jarrett, Josie Milazzo, Karen Palassian, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Liza Dodd, Maria Almeida, Patrick Cristofaro, Renee Neratzas, Renu Chitra, Susana van der Veen, Tania Creswell

Guests: Mme. Gosselin

Absences: Amy Sara, Anna Mormina, Joanna Durso, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Lisa Giustiniani, Maria Guglielmino, Natalina Vidal, Nicoletta Psihogios, Rosa Tsekeris, Roula Stathakis, Saherish Hussain, Shannon Capstick, Sinduaja Gunaratnam

Minutes

Agenda item: <i>1. Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- **Renee Neratzas** called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

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

Agenda item: <i>3. Approval of Minutes – May 5th, 2025</i>	Presenter: Renee Neratzas
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- Motion to **approve** the minutes by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Patrick Cristofaro**.

Agenda item: <i>4.1 President's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Sprint Market
 - Great success – a lot more parents and families compared to last year's event.
 - Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers
 - City did not send the tables as previously committed – had to rent tables (+/- 700\$) from Celefête the day before the event
 - Sent out a Vendor Survey to get feedback from them



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

Presenter: Mme. Gosselin

Discussion:

- Presentation of diversity and inclusion that was AMAZING and would like to book them again next year
- Spring Market was amazing to see all the families
- School-Wide Field Trip was today and was great
 - Final Amount: 6,752.50\$
- **Special Request – Technology Needs:**
 - 90k before tax
 - 55 x laptops – used mostly in Cycle 3
 - 80 x Chromebooks – used mostly in Cycle 2
 - 2 x carts (charging station)
 - Questions from HAHSA:
 - Is there any funding from the school board?
 - The last time this need was brought up, HAHSA was told that the school board was going to cover the expenses and there was nothing to be done by HAHSA.
 - Do we have to go through the school board for this purchase? If yes, we will lose all the tax (50%).
 - HAHSA will be paying for these but they do not belong to HAHSA, they belong to the school. One year the school board took them all back.
 - Who will be servicing/maintaining these laptops/Chromebooks?
 - Would TCBY money be able to be allocated towards this project?
 - What if HAHSA bought them and donated it to the school?
 - *Sub-committee should probably be formed for this project.*

WILL BE TABLED – REVISIT NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- **Special Request – Soccer Nets / Basketball Hoops**
 - 10k before tax
 - 2 x Soccer Nets for cycle 1-2
 - 2 x Basketball Hoops for cycle 3
 - Questions from HAHSA:
 - Is it supplied and installed in this price?
 - Is the school board paying a portion? Does it need to be bought through the school board?
 - What happened with the city supplying the soccer nets? Can they be followed up with?
 - Ms. Marchitello did mention she may receive funding for this project.

WILL BE TABLED – WAITING FOR THE CITY

- End of Year – BBQ
 - School is trying to move money around for next year for the soccer/basketball nets
 - School is asking if HAHSA can pay for half of the BBQ – 1,700\$ which is schedule June 20th

Motion to **approve** the half payment of 1,700\$ towards the End of Year BBQ by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: *4.3 Fundraiser's Report*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Pizza Sales – higher than projected amount
- After-Schools – hit the projected amount
- Athletics Merch – made 1k over projected amount
- Photographer – received 1.5k
- Éditions Vaudreuil – received 579\$
- TCBY – 6,750\$ (not HAHSA funds, goes to the school for special needs)
- Scholastics Rewards – 6,667\$

Agenda item: *4.4 Treasurer's Report*

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

- Fundraising – Final Reports
- Spring Market – Budgeted 4k
 - Spent more on tables
 - Still came in under budget by 2k
- Addition: BBQ – 1,700\$

Agenda item: *4.5 QFHSA Report*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- AGM was super informative
 - Children's World Academy won a 75k grant from Indigo to update their library
 - Administration Fee has been reprogrammed by number of students – over 400 students – 150\$

Agenda item: *4.6 Charity Director Report*

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

Agenda item: *4.7 Governing Board Report*

Presenter: Tania Creswell

Discussion:

- Ministry will continue budget cuts, measures are still there but very tough for schools
- School fees went up a little bit
- Trying their best for the Soccer and Basketball Nets but communication with the City is not practical
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Agenda item: *4.8 Parent Committee Report*

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

Discussion:

Agenda item: *4.9 Photo Representative Report*

Presenter: Maria Almeida

Discussion:

- Picture Day for next year is September 16th, 2025
- Grad Mozaik is pending approval by the school



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Agenda item: *4.10 School Supply Representative Report*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Pick up date was set for August 21st, 2025

Agenda item: *4.11 Hospitality Report*

Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis

Discussion:

- Administration gifts were purchased
- Used Uniform went super well

Agenda item: *4.12 Scholastic Book Fair Chair Report*

Presenter: Debbie Psilos

Discussion:

- Week of November 17th is booked – did have space November 3rd, Scholastic had pre-booked us for March
- School would rather week of February 17th – same as Parent Teach Night (4 day week)

Agenda item: *5.1 Special Reports – VOTE HAHSA Constitution & By-Laws*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Was discussed back in April and sent copies in May
- Fundraising position had the most changes – no longer executive and will oversee the individual committees

Motion to **approve** the new constitution and by-laws by **Renee Neratzas** and seconded by **Liza Dodd**.

Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: *5.2 Special Reports – Elections of Executive Committee*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- We received a few nominations and reached out to all that were nominated
- Nominations and accepted by acclamation
 - Secretary – Bianca Bankley
 - QFHSA – Andrea Chountoumadis
 - Treasurer – Patrick Cristofaro
 - President – Catherine Kapogiannatos
 - Vice-President – (one year term) will be re-visited in September

Agenda item: *5.3 Special Reports – Fun Day Committee*

Presenter: Karen Palassian

Discussion:

- Ice Cream Sandwiches for all – Popsicle Rockets for allergies
- 30 volunteers confirmed and have created a waitlist

Agenda item: *5.4 Special Reports – Back To School – Important Dates*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- Welcome Back & Say Hello Event & Position Elections – Monday, September 15th, 2025
- Used Uniform Sale & Super Recycleur – Saturday, September 27th, 2025
- 2025-2026 – HAHSA Meeting: Monday, October 6th, 2025



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Agenda item: 5.4 Special Reports – Awards

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- QFHSA Awards Banquet
 - Unsung Hero Award
 - Andrea Chountoumadis
 - Evelyn Louridakis
 - Jeffrey Drake
 - Karen Palassian
 - Golden Torch Award
 - Mary Guglielmino
 - Karen Palassian
- Volunteer of the Decade – Karen Palassian

Agenda item: 6.1 New Business

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

Agenda item: 7.0 Questions

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

Agenda item: 8.0 Varia

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

Agenda item: 9.0 Next Meeting

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

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Agenda item: 10.0 Adjournment

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Discussion:

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM, approved by **Karen Palassian** seconded by **Jeffrey Drake**.