



Monday, November 3rd, 2025
7:00 pm
In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Bianca Bankley, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Elena Legatos, Evelyn Louridakis, Josie Milazzo, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Liana Mentone, Liza Dodd, Maria Venieris, Nicoletta Psihogios, Niki Kallinteris, Patrick Cristofaro, Roula Stathakis, Shannon Capstick, Susana Van der Veen, Tania Creswell, Tanya Barr

Guests: Mme. Gosselin, Jessica Jarrett

Absences: Amy Sara, Brandie Turpin, Debbie Psillos, Jessica Bornstein, Karine De Andrade, Katerina Georgalos, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Kosta Zambanis, Maria Almeida, Michael Izzo, Michael-Jordan, Kriaris, Petroula Giannios, Saherish Hussain, Sindu Gunaratnam, Stella Skouloudakis

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. <i>Call to Order</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Catherine Kapogiannatos called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Agenda item: 2. <i>Approval of Agenda</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Motion to **approve** the agenda by **Kassandra Theodorakopoulos** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**.
Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: 3. <i>Approval of Minutes – October 6, 2025</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Motion to **approve** the October 2025 minutes by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.
Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: 4.1 <i>President's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos Elena Legatos
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- RSVP to the Holiday party, December 8th (no theme)
- December 19th is the PJ Pancake Party
- Corn Roast: Corn supplier did not deliver
 - Need to find a new supplier for next year



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- We ordered Domino's pizza instead
- Magic Pumpkins were a success as well as the Halloween Haunted House
- Email sent for the Holiday video (sign up deadline is December 1st)

Agenda item: 4.2 *Principal's Report*

Presenter: Mme Gosselin

- Thank you to all the volunteers at the Terry Fox and Corn Roast
- Thank you for the Magic Pumpkins and for organizing the Haunted House
- We are receiving free pancake mix for the PJ Pancake Party and will be borrowing the griddles from JFK

Agenda item: 4.3 *Treasurer's Report*

Presenter: Patrick Cristofaro

- The bank signatories were transferred in October
- GST/PST cheques were received from the government
- Pizza day is going well
- After school sales are not final, we have not paid all the suppliers
- We are expecting \$115 from Super Recycleur (paid by weight)
- The Amelia expenditure is the monthly platform fee
- QFHSA: we sent our membership payments and there was a mix up in the cash collections, leading to a shortfall of \$20
- Charitable donation receipts
 - Policy and guidelines were provided
 - Shared with QFHSA who reviewed it and provided feedback
 - We will review this and vote it in at the January 2026 HAHSA meeting

Agenda item: 4.4 *QFHSA Rep's Report*

Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis

- Catherine, Elena and Andrea went to the round table at Terry Fox
- Terry Fox was inspired by Hillcrest with the after-school cooking classes
 - They are doing a monthly event (\$25 per child) held for 40 students
 - Mini chef class where the grandmothers come in to teach and guide the students
 - They sell a school calendar that they create with a monthly photo of the school mascot (\$20 for small and \$25 for large)
- Youth Exploring Science Grant
 - Explore the idea of creating a science fair committee
 - Documents to fill out to be eligible for a \$1,000 grant
 - Deadline for grant application is December 20th
- Born to read currently has 25 participants
- Buddy reading exchange will be on January 27th



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- Mme Gosselin approved and she will arrange it with the teachers
- Andrea will send Mme Gosselin the list of participants after the registration deadline
- We would like to give the book bags to the older siblings for them to give to the younger siblings
- If possible, we can have the older siblings give the books to their younger siblings at school pick up and take pictures
- Holiday photo shoot and the PJ Pancake insurance has been applied for
- QFHSA Conference is November 8th

Agenda item: *4.5 Governing Board Rep's Report*

Presenter: Tanya Barr

- One parent emailed questioning the cost of the school photo packages, something to keep in mind for next year
 - We asked that the email be forwarded to our Photo Rep (Maria) so that they can reach out to the parent
- No parent committee this year
- Grad fundraisers are chocolates and Felix & Norton cookies
- Big rocks in the school yard are getting removed
- Mrs. Marchitello wrote to the city of Laval explaining why we don't want to be a parc-école since the city is not holding up to their contract
 - She asked for a response from the city of Laval before the next Governing Board meeting, which is scheduled to be held on November 27th
 - Governing Board will then discuss how to escalate if no response is received
 - Half of the wood chips are to be provided by the city of Laval, which is also included in the letter
- Request to repaint the pavement, but Mrs. Marchitello asked to be mindful of the durability

Agenda item: *4.6 Parent Committee Rep's Report*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

- No Parent Committee Representative this year



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Agenda item: *4.7 Communications' Report*

Presenter: Elena Legatos

- No Communications report

Agenda item: *4.8 Fundraising Coordinator's Report*

Presenter: Tanya Barr

- i) After School Activities Report:
 - Greek class has more registrations, dance is down this year
 - Red cross has 5 registrations, and we need a volunteer to host the event
 - Taking suggestions for after school activities for the next session
 - Andrea has a contact at Sablon for the following activities: ballet tap, basketball, painting
- ii) Athletic Merchandise Report:
 - First sale went well
 - To discuss next sale dates
- iii) Scholastic Book Fair Report:
 - Will be the week of February 16th
 - February 19th will be the parent sale
 - Catherine will print the wish lists (500 copies)
 - Monday is set up day
 - Idea to have the students dress up as their favorite character from in a book
- iv) Pizza & TCBY Report:
 - Going well
- v) Used Uniform Sale Report:
 - Next uniform sale will be held the evening of the parent teacher meetings (November 20th) from 5 PM to 8 PM
 - We need volunteers (from 4 PM to 8:30 PM)
 - We need more mid-sized clothes (sizes 7 to 10)

Agenda item: *4.9 Hospitality Committee Report*

Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis

- Holiday decorating will be done on November 28th
- The tree will be decorated
- Andrea asked to come in on November 4th to count the inventory and Mme Gosselin said yes
- The teacher appreciation budget is \$750
 - Donations come directly from parents
 - Sub-committee to be made
 - Hillcrest has a staff of 65 people

Motion to **approve** \$100 for the Holiday tree by **Andrea Chountoumadis** and seconded by **Tania Creswell**. Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: *4.10 Photo Representative Report*

Presenter: Maria Almeida

- Mme Gosselin said the retakes went well

Agenda item: *4.11 School Supply Report*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

- Edition Vaudreuil cheque not received

Agenda item: *5.0 Special Reports*

Presenter: Elena Legatos

- i) Chairs
 - Canadian Tire offered the cheapest prices
 - Vinyl chairs for \$13.99 each
 - Full metal chairs for \$16 each
 - Option to buy 250 chairs and then rent when more than 250 chairs are required
 - Need to explore storage options
 - Evelyn will get quotes
 - In the new year we will vote for purchase

Motion to **approve** \$1,500 for chair rental if there is a Holiday concert by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Nicoletta Psihogios**. Passed **unanimously**.

- ii) Pancake PJ Party
 - There will be a surprise mascot

Agenda item: *6.0 New Business*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

- i) Table Donation Request

Motion to **approve** purchase of 10 folding tables at \$60 a table (under condition to available storage) by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Niki Kallinteris**. Passed **unanimously**.

- ii) Big Box of Cards Fundraiser Proposal
 - Birthday cards and Holiday cards available for purchase
 - Price is \$35 a box, profit is \$10-\$12 a box



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Motion to **approve** the Big Box Cards Fundraiser for after the Holidays by **Evelyn Louridakis** and seconded by **Niki Kallinteris**. Passed **unanimously**.

- iii) Zumba Fundraiser Proposal
 - Zumba class held in the gym, Friday December 5th from 7-9 PM
 - Adult only event
 - Cost is \$40/hour per teacher
 - Fee to sign up is \$20 per adult
 - Sell beverages and snacks

Motion to **approve** Zumba Night by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Susana Van der Veen**. Passed **unanimously**.

- iv) Parent's Night Out Fundraiser Proposal
 - Babysitting from 6-10PM, for Hillcrest students only
 - Fee is \$30 per child, with perhaps a discount for the second child and third child
 - Planned activities for children, pizza and movie
 - Parents would have to sign a safety waiver
 - Volunteers and leadership students would be required
 - Ratio is 1 supervisor for 20 children
 - Perhaps Camp Stella can be involved to watch the children (they will be the summer camp at Hillcrest in 2026)
 - Need to reach out to Camp Stella and Sablon for more information
 - More research needs to be done prior to making a final decision
- v) Car Wash Fundraiser Proposal
 - Plan for spring 2026
 - Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM
 - HAHSA and children volunteers to be involved at the event
 - Car Wash Fundraiser to be approved in January 2026
- vi) Principal for a Day Fundraiser Proposal
 - Select 3 winners who will shadow: principal, VP or secretary
 - Student will be an office helper, shadow and attend "meetings"
 - Parents purchase raffle tickets to win the draw
 - Tickets will be sold 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5
 - Available for all grades
 - Raffle will be April 15th or 16th, winners will shadow on April 20th

Motion to **approve** Principal for a Day Fundraiser by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: *7.0 Questions* **Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

Agenda item: *8.0 Next Meeting* **Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

- Following HAHSA meetings, dates reserved:
 - January 12th, 2026
 - February 9th, 2026
 - March 9th, 2026
 - April 13th, 2026
 - May 4th, 2026
 - June 8th, 2026

Agenda item: *9.0 Adjournment* **Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

Catherine Kapogiannatos motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM, **approved** by **Christina Roumeliotis** seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.