



Monday, April 13th, 2026
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, Katerina Georgalos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Liana Mentone, Liza Dodd, Maria Almeida, Maria Venieris, Mme Amanda, Mme Gosselin, Ms Cuccarolo, Niki Kallinteris, Patrick Cristofaro, Rosa T, Roula Stathakis, Saherish Hussain, Sindu Gunaratnam, Susana Van der Veen, Tania Creswell, Tanya Barr

Guests: Mme. Amanda, Mme. Gosselin

Absences: Amy Sara, Brandie Turpin, Debbie Psillos, Elaine Dubé, Jessica Bornstein, Jessica Jarrett, Karine De Andrade, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Kosta Zambanis, Michael-Jordan Kriaris, Nicoletta Psihogios, Petroula Giannios, Shannon Capstick, Stella Skouloudakis

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. *Call to Order*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Catherine Kapogiannatos called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Agenda item: 2. *Approval of Agenda*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Motion to **approve** the agenda by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**. Passed **unanimously**.

- Additional items were noted for discussion under “Questions” and “Special Reports,” including live broadcasting of meetings and Fun Day planning.

Agenda item: 3. *Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2026*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

The previous minutes were reviewed. A correction was requested under item **6.0 New Business** regarding Fun Day.

- Some activities have already been booked. ~~Costs have increased significantly, and the committee is working within the allocated \$7,000 budget.~~

Motion to **approve** the February 2026 minutes and correction to item **6.0 New Business** by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**. Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: 4.1 <i>President's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos Elena Legatos
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- The TCBY funds, estimated at approximately \$4,000, will be held for future purchases, likely in September. Mme Gosselin confirmed that Mr. Lepine does not currently have any specific purchase requests.
- It was also announced that Maria will be joining Nikki in next year's after-school planning. Liza was thanked for her significant work on after-school activities this year.

Agenda item: 4.2 <i>Principal's Report</i>	Presenter: Mme Gosselin
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- Mme Gosselin thanked the after-school program organizers as it was well coordinated.
- Field trips were discussed. It was clarified that field trips are generally initiated by teachers and are not guaranteed. A school-wide field trip was explored but was difficult to organize due to capacity, scheduling, and exam constraints.
- The \$7,500 placeholder amount for school-wide field trip bussing/entrance fees will be deferred to next year's budget. The budget will be split amongst younger and older kids, with two separate activities to cater to all age groups.

Motion to **approve** deferring the \$7,500 field trip allocation to the 2026-2027 school year by **Niki Kallinteris** and seconded by **Evelyn Lounidakis**. Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: 4.3 <i>Treasurer's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- The updated budget was reviewed.
- Pizza Day is performing better than projected and continues to increase monthly. After-school activity numbers are not final, as some spring session vendors still need to be paid. Athletic merchandise sales are also not final, as the final invoice has not yet been received. Zumba revenues are not yet included, as ticket sales are still ongoing.
- The Treasurer reported that, after including carry-forward amounts, HAHSA is now in a positive position for the year. It was noted that HAHSA generally aims to leave approximately \$10,000 available for the beginning of the next school year.

Additional items discussed:

- Approximately \$1,100 was allocated from the school-wide equipment budget toward music program needs.
- The science presenter and Black History Month speaker have been paid.
- The Leadership/Student Council allocation will be used toward popcorn bags.



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- Grad expenses were discussed, including DJ-related costs. Tania Creswell will send an email to Patrick for the grad expense (the DJ).
- I) Charitable Donation Receipt Policy
 - The charitable donation receipt policy was reviewed. The policy outlines when receipts can be issued, including the minimum donation amount of \$20. Gifts valued over \$1,000 may require third-party appraisal. Donated services or volunteer time are not applicable.
 - The policy will be shared with QFHSA and posted on the HAHSA website with the Constitution and bylaws.

Motion to **approve** the Charitable Donation Receipt Policy by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis** and seconded by **Sindu Gunaratnam**. Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: 4.4 QFHSA Rep's Report	Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis
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- Insurance applications were submitted for the Zumba event and the Spring Photoshoot.
- An application was submitted for the Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award on behalf of the Cycle 3 Leadership Committee for their paper bag lunch initiative.
- The QFHSA banquet will take place on Saturday, May 23rd. Members interested in attending are asked to advise HAHSA. A speech must be prepared and presented if we win an award.
- The QFHSA AGM will take place on June 3rd at 7:00PM on Zoom. HAHSA will need to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent the association and vote on its behalf. This will be finalized in the May meeting.

Agenda item: 4.5 Governing Board Rep's Report	Presenter: Tanya Barr
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- The principal thanked HAHSA for its work on events, including Black History Month, the Book Fair, and Winter Carnival.
- The school's socioeconomic index has increased from 4 to 7. This may impact future planning, fundraising, and the types of supports available to the school.
- The school is exploring free enrichment opportunities through organizations such as Centre du Sablon and Agape, including sports, K-pop dance, outdoor activities, and French-language activities.
- There was discussion regarding split classes next year due to efforts to maximize class sizes and staffing allocations. The exact structure and criteria are not yet finalized.
- Six leadership students have been invited to participate in a Next Gen-style assembly, where they will discuss current government-related issues and present ideas or solutions.



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- Cantina di Nonna has been voted in for the 2026-2027 school year.

Agenda item: <i>4.6 Parent Committee Rep's Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- There is currently no Parent Committee representative. Members discussed the importance of having representation next year, as the Parent Committee provides school board-wide updates and gives the school a voice at that level.

Agenda item: <i>4.7 Communications' Report</i>	Presenter: Saherish Hussain
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- There was discussion about the high volume of emails being sent to parents. Members suggested creating a more structured communication calendar next year, with specific days assigned to certain types of communications, such as fundraising, grad, and school-wide updates.

Agenda item: <i>4.8 Fundraising Coordinator's Report</i>	Presenter: Tanya Barr
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- The Big Box Cards fundraiser closed and performed well, with approximately \$3,500 in sales and an estimated profit of about \$1,280.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

- Principal for a Day (draw is April 15th and the shadowing is April 20th)
- Spring Photo shoot in May
- Zumba Night on April 24th
- Online silent auction during the week of April 27th
- The silent auction will be online and open to the wider community. Members are encouraged to share the link with family and friends.
- Principal for a Day has already raised approximately \$600.
- The Marble Madness event was cancelled due to low registration.

i) AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT

- The spring session is going well. Some classes reached capacity, while others had to be cancelled due to low registration. It was noted that offering too many activities can split registration and may result in cancellations.

ii) ATHLETICS MERCHANDISE REPORT

- The second merchandise sale closed at the end of March. Estimated profit is approximately \$776, less around \$200 ordered for extra merchandise. Extra-small and small sizes were ordered for try-on purposes at the upcoming orientation.
 - The orientation is May 21st at 6PM.
- Delivery is expected within approximately three weeks, though some items may be on back order.



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iii) SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR REPORT

- No update for the Scholastic Book Fair.

iv) TCBY & PIZZA REPORT

- Both pizza and TCBY are running smoothly. No concerns were raised.
- We need to confirm the distribution of flavors with Mr. Lepine.

v) USED UNIFORM REPORT

- A possible used uniform sale was discussed. Options included holding it after school, during school supply pickup, or in September. No date was finalized.

Agenda item: <i>4.9 Hospitality Committee Report</i>	Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis
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- Hospitality will organize Administration Week, beginning April 20th.

Agenda item: <i>4.10 Photo Representative Report</i>	Presenter: Maria Almeida
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- The 2026-2027 calendar has been released. A follow-up email will be sent to confirm the final photo day date and required details.

Agenda item: <i>4.11 School Supply Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- No School Supply update.

Agenda item: <i>5.0 Special Reports</i>	Presenter: Elena Legatos
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HAHSA – CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS RENEWAL

- The Constitution and bylaws were shared by email. Members are asked to review them and submit any proposed changes by email. They will be discussed and voted on at the May meeting before being submitted to QFHSA.

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- Three executive positions are ending their mandate:
 - QFHSA representative
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
- Nominations and voting will be discussed at the next meeting. Committee positions will be confirmed in September. Current committee members are welcome to continue, and new parents will also be invited to join.

TCBY – TASTE TEST



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- HAHSA members tasted various sorbet and frozen yogurt flavors. An e-vote will be sent to finalize the choice of flavors.

Agenda item: *6.0 New Business*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

FUN DAY

- A Fun Day Committee will be formed. Members interested in joining were asked to add their names to a sign-up sheet. A Zoom meeting will be organized.

CAR WASH

- Tentative car wash committee to be created.
- Committee will present logistics at the May meeting.
- Details to be discussed and approved by HAHSA.
- A sign-up sheet was circulated among HAHSA members for those interested in joining either the car wash committee or the fun day committee.
- No decision was made to broadcast the HAHSA meeting online.

Agenda item: *7.0 Questions*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Agenda item: *8.0 Next Meeting*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

- Following HAHSA meetings, dates reserved:
 - May 4th, 2026
 - June 8th, 2026

Agenda item: *9.0 Adjournment*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

Catherine Kapogiannatos motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM, **approved** by **Sindu Gunaratnam** seconded by **Josie Milazzo**. Passed **unanimously**.