



Monday, May 4th, 2026
7:00 pm
In person @ Hillcrest Academy

HAHSA meeting

Attendees: Andrea Chountoumadis, Bianca Bankley, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Christina Roumeliotis, Elena Legatos, Evelyn Louridakis, Katerina Georgalos, Katherine Morency-Jarvis, Liana Mentone, Liza Dodd, Maria Almeida, Maria Venieris, Niki Kallinteris, Patrick Cristofaro, Roula Stathakis, Saherish Hussain, Sindu Gunaratnam, Tania Creswell, Tanya Barr

Guests: Mme. Amanda, Mme. Gosselin

Absences: Amy Sara, Brandie Turpin, Debbie Psillos, Elaine Dubé, Jessica Bornstein, Jessica Jarrett, Josie Milazzo, Karine De Andrade, Kassandra Theodorakopoulos, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Kosta Zambanis, Michael-Jordan Kriaris, Nicoletta Psihogios, Petroula Giannios, Shannon Capstick, Stella Skouloudakis, 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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A modification to the agenda was proposed:

6.0 New Business: Addition of HAHSA Meet & Greet (tentatively scheduled for September 2026)

Motion to **approve** the agenda by **Niki Kallinteris** and seconded by **Maria Almeida**. Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: 3. <i>Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2026</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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The previous minutes were reviewed. A spelling correction was requested under item **4.8 Fundraising Coordinator's Report**.

- The Big Box Cars Cards fundraiser closed and performed well, with approximately \$3,500 in sales and an estimated profit of about \$1,280.

Motion to **approve** the April 2026 minutes and correction to item **4.8 Fundraising Coordinator's Report** by **Niki Kallinteris** and seconded by **Tanya Barr** Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: 4.1 President's Report**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos
Elena Legatos

- The President reminded members of meeting procedures and encouraged participants to raise their hands to ensure all members had an opportunity to contribute.
- The results of the Zoom Broadcasting Vote were announced:
 - 20 votes received: 16 Yes, 1 Abstention, 3 No
- As a result, a portion of the meeting (QFHSA Report through School Supply Report) would be shared with parents via audio recording at 7:30 PM, covering points d to k under **IV. Reports.**
- The President thanked the fundraising team for their exceptional efforts throughout the year and acknowledged the success of several new fundraising initiatives.
- Special recognition was given to:
 - Tania Creswell for her years of service and dedication to HAHSA since 2019.
 - Evelyn Louridakis for her long-standing commitment and volunteer contributions since her eldest child began attending Hillcrest.
- Both members were thanked for their countless volunteer hours and lasting impact on the school community.

Agenda item: 4.2 Principal's Report**Presenter:** Mme Gosselin

- Mme Gosselin shared positive feedback regarding the "Principal for a Day" initiative and discussed the success of student participation.
- Photos from the event were taken and efforts would be made to share them with participating families.
- Suggestion that the fundraiser could become a recurring annual event, noting it was one of the highlights of the school year and was enjoyed by both students and staff.

Agenda item: 4.3 Treasurer's Report**Presenter:** Patrick Cristofaro

- The Treasurer reported that HAHSA exceeded its fundraising goals for the year.
- Notable fundraising results included:



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- Principal for a Day: \$765
 - Zumba Fundraisers: \$1,423 total
 - Big Box Fundraiser: \$1,283
 - Silent Auction: Approximately \$2,000
 - Pizza Day: Exceeded annual target
 - After-School Activities: On track with projections
- The Treasurer noted that the recent Photoshoot fundraiser was not yet included in the financial report and would be reflected in future statements.
 - HAHSA also contributed:
 - \$1,500 toward Grade 6 Graduation activities
 - Additional support for Leadership Week activities
 - The organization remains in a strong financial position and is projected to carry approximately \$10,000 into the next school year.
 - Outdoor Equipment Request: A request was presented from the school for additional outdoor play equipment including:
 - Soccer balls
 - Volleyballs
 - Basketballs
 - Jump ropes
 - Chalk
 - Pogo sticks
 - Other recess equipment
 - Estimated cost: \$1,500

Motion to **approve** a budget of \$1,500 for outdoor equipment by **Katerina Georgalos** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.

- Proposal to gradually transitioning some fundraising activities from Amilia to Zeffy.
- Benefits of Zeffy include:
 - No monthly fees
 - No transaction fees
 - Potential savings exceeding \$2,700 annually
- It was agreed that smaller fundraising activities would be used as pilot projects before any larger transition.

Motion to **approve** testing Zeffy for selected fundraising initiatives by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.



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Agenda item: 4.4 QFHSA Rep's Report**Presenter:** Andrea Chountoumadis

- HAHSA received two complimentary tickets to the QFHSA Annual Awards Luncheon on May 23rd.
- No members had expressed interest by the original deadline.
- Members were encouraged to consider attending on behalf of HAHSA.
- Hillcrest Leadership won the Pat Lewis Humanitarian award.
 - \$100 award (cheque or gift card)
 - Comes with a plaque and certificate
- Andrea and Liane will attend AGM.
- Andrea is in the process of applying for another grant.

Agenda item: 4.5 Governing Board Rep's Report**Presenter:** Tanya Barr

- No report was available as the next Governing Board meeting was scheduled for the following week.

Agenda item: 4.6 Parent Committee Rep's Report**Presenter:** Catherine Kapogiannatos

- There is currently no Parent Committee representative.

Agenda item: 4.7 Communications' Report**Presenter:** Saherish Hussain

- No report.

Agenda item: 4.8 Fundraising Coordinator's Report**Presenter:** Tanya Barr

- The committee reported positive results from the Silent Auction.
- Unsold items have been posted on external bidding platforms to recover additional funds. Remaining items may be used for future raffles or fundraising activities.
- l) After-School Activities
 - The date of the Stage Craft show to be confirmed with Mme Gosselin.
 - The committee proposed several initiatives for the 2026–2027 school year:
 - Three seasonal activity sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring).
 - Installment payment options for families.
 - Monthly affordable Friday workshops open to all students.

Discussion included:

- Affordability concerns
- Sibling discounts
- Daycare scheduling considerations



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Motion to **approve** adding a monthly activity (Fridays) to the 2026-2027 After-School Activities by **Christina Roumeliotis** and seconded by **Liza Dodd**. Passed **unanimously**.

II) Athletics Merchandise

- The spring merchandise sale generated approximately \$500–600 in profit.

III) Scholastic Book Fair

- No report.

IV) TCBY & Pizza

- Results of the student flavour survey were shared.
- Winning flavours:
 - Yogurt: Chocolate/Vanilla Swirl
 - Sorbet: Watermelon & Mango tied
- An allergy-friendly sorbet option will be added next year.
- The committee discussed future ordering improvements:
 - Monthly, bi-yearly and annual purchasing options.
 - Potential pricing adjustments.
 - Reducing administrative workload for volunteers.

V) Used Uniform Sale

- No further sales are planned this school year.
- Volunteers will organize and clean inventory in preparation for next year.

Agenda item: <i>4.9 Hospitality Committee Report</i>	Presenter: Andrea Chountoumadis
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- Teacher Appreciation initiatives were completed successfully and staff expressed their gratitude.

Agenda item: <i>4.10 Photo Representative Report</i>	Presenter: Maria Almeida
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- A tentative photo day date of September 15, 2026, was discussed, pending confirmation.

Agenda item: <i>4.11 School Supply Report</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- School supply lists are currently being finalized by administration and teaching staff.
- The committee hopes to receive the lists as early as possible to maximize available vendor rebates (rebate is from April to June).



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- Supplier to bring K4 supplies to orientation.

Agenda item: *5.0 Special Reports*

Presenter: Elena Legatos

a) HAHSA – CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS RENEWAL

- Approval of the Constitution and By-Laws was deferred until the June meeting.
- Discussion around shadowing Treasury next year in preparation for when the position will be open to fill.

b) FUN DAY COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- The committee reported that planning is underway for Fun Day scheduled for June 22nd.
- The theme is “Beach Day.”
- An additional budget request was made to enhance activities and equipment.

Motion to **approve** increasing Fun Day budget to \$9,000 by **Niki Kallinteris** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**. Passed **unanimously**.

c) CAR WASH COMMITTEE

- The committee presented a preliminary proposal for a car wash fundraiser.
- Discussion included:
 - Water access limitations
 - Logistics
 - Profitability concerns
 - Alternative partnerships with existing commercial car washes
- The committee agreed to continue researching options and report back at a future meeting.

Agenda item: *6.0 New Business*

Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos

a) Vote 2026-2027

- The proposed fundraising calendar for the 2026–2027 school year was reviewed.
- Fundraisers include:
 - After-School Activities
 - Athletics Merchandise
 - Fundscrip
 - Mabel’s Labels



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- Pizza Day
- Scholastic Book Fair
- TCBY
- Used Uniform/Super Recycleurs

Motion to **approve** the 2026-2027 Fundraisers by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Katherine Morency-Jarvis**. Passed with **majority vote**.

b) Movie Night – September 2026

- A family Movie Night was proposed as a community-building event.
- Discussion included:
 - Outdoor movie setup
 - Food and concession sales
 - Family attendance guidelines
 - Proposed budget: \$5,000.

Motion to **approve** the Movie Night budget of \$5,000 by **Niki Kallinteris** and seconded by **Sindu Gunaratnam**. Passed **unanimously**.

c) Family Halloween Event

- Various Halloween event concepts were discussed, including:
 - Family Dance (limited entries)
 - School-wide Halloween activities
 - Decorating initiatives
- A committee will be formed to develop options and present recommendations in June.

d) Photoshoot Fundraiser – November 14, 2026

- The committee proposed a holiday-themed photoshoot fundraiser in partnership with Will Ovia Photos.
- Revenue split:
 - 70% HAHSA
 - 30% Photographer

Motion to **approve** Photoshoot Fundraiser for November 14, 2026, by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Christina Roumeliotis**. Passed **unanimously**.

e) Executive Committee Nominations

- Members were advised that nominations would open for:
 - Vice-President (2-year term)
 - Secretary
 - QFHSA Representative



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- Nominations will be distributed to members prior to the AGM.

f) HAHSA Meet & Greet

- A Meet & Greet event was proposed to welcome new families and encourage parent involvement.
- Tentative date revised to: September 8, 2026
- Budget requested: \$200 for refreshments.

Motion to **approve** \$200 budget for the Meet & Greet by **Maria Almeida** and seconded by **Niki Kallinteris**. Passed **unanimously**.

Agenda item: <i>7.0 Questions</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Agenda item: <i>8.0 Next Meeting</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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- Following HAHSA meeting, date reserved:
 - June 8th, 2026

Agenda item: <i>9.0 Adjournment</i>	Presenter: Catherine Kapogiannatos
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Catherine Kapogiannatos motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM, **approved** by **Tania Creswell** seconded by **Maria Almeida**. Passed **unanimously**.