



# Hillcrest Academy Home & School Association (HAHSA)

Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:30 pm

In person @ Hillcrest Academy

## HAHSA meeting

**Attendees:** Andrea Chountoumadis, Catherine Kapogiannatos, Danielle Leblanc, Debbie Psillos, Evelyn Louridakis, Jennifer Maselli, Jessica Bornstein, Karen Palassian, Kelly Krassakopoulos, Maria Almeida, Maria Guglielmino, Patrick Cristofaro, Peter Moschonas, Renee Neratzas, Sindujaa Gunaratnam, Tania Creswell, Veronica Morgentaler, Voula Roumbas

**Guest:** Jennifer Butler, Mary Lazaris

**Absent:** Amy Sara, Cathy Carbone, Felice DiPaola, Frangiska Xenopoulos, Ilona Endisch, Jeffrey Drake, Jennifer Charbonneau, Kia Cunningham, Lola Moyle, Naushine Bakali, Shannon Capstick, Steve Bakos, Sylva Yapoudijan, Tanya Rembacz, Theodora Zikos,

### *Minutes*

<b>Agenda item:</b> 1. <i>Call to Order</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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- Renee Neratzas called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

<b>Agenda item:</b> 2. <i>Approval of Agenda</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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- The agenda is approved by motion from **Danielle Leblanc** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis**.

<b>Agenda item:</b> 3. <i>Approval of Minutes – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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- The November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes are approved by **Peter Moschonas** and seconded by **Evelyn Louridakis** with no corrections.

<b>Agenda item:</b> 4.1 <i>President's Report</i>	<b>Presenter:</b> Renee Neratzas
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#### **Discussion:**

- Thanks all the members who attended the Christmas dinner in December.
- Thanks all the members who attended Mrs. Lazaris' Wine and Cheese Retirement celebration.



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Agenda item: 4.2 Principal/Vice Principal's Report

Presenter: Jennifer Butler

## Discussion:

- Spirit Week is coming up and students and staff are looking forward to it.
- Students have been asking for cookies to decorate.
- Activity – Buddy System – where classes pair up to read a book or share an activity. They would like to include milk and cookies.
- Alain Pelletier is booked for grades 1-6, for a presentation on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and he will give two presentations in the gym. He did not feel comfortable presenting his presentation to the Pre-Kindergardens and Kindergarten students.
- Mrs. Butler would like for HAHSA to pay for Deidra Potash who is the artist that has been to Hillcrest many many times before, to come and do an art activity for each of the Pre-K and K classes that focus around the theme of friendship.
  - Estimate – 1,200\$ for Pre-K and K
- Spirit Week:
  - Monday: No Drama Pyjama Day
    - Brainstorm as a class
    - Spread kindness this week
    - Create a class poster with all your ideas to display
    - Write a thank you note or you're a special note to a friend
  - Tuesday: Pink T-Shirt Day
  - Wednesday: Wear workout clothes to school
    - Workout problems with kindness
    - Mrs. Tara has offered a half hour workout session in the gym with each cycle
  - Thursday: Wear sparkles, shiny things or neon bright colors
    - Spread kindness and make it shine
    - Gratitude board
  - Friday: Wearing something that has a heart or wear red
    - Kindness makes the heart grow
    - Read a book to a buddy
    - Milk and cookies



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**Agenda item: 4.3 Fundraising Report**

**Presenter: Karen Palassian**

**Discussion:**

- Comedy Night:
  - Need help from all our members to push ticket sales and spread the word
  - 61 tickets thus far that are paid for
  - 90 reserved
  - Total – 150 (passed our break-even number)
  - Donations are still needed:
    - Four sets of hockey tickets, last game of the season against the Boston Bruins
    - Restaurant donations
    - Donation letter is available and will be sent by email again
    - Would like hotel donation, or gift card
  - Advertising Space
    - Still available
- Peter Moschonas adds that at the PC Meeting they were asked if any schools had anything special coming up and he sent in our Comedy Night flyer and they have since posted it on their Facebook page.
- Will put a table during daycare hours to sell tickets at the door for parents coming in – in case they are uncomfortable giving their children cash to bring in and accept cheques.
- After school activities schedule is being finalized
  - Will open in February
  - Session will start at the end of March

**Agenda item: 4.4 Treasurer's Report**

**Presenter: Maria Guglielmino**

**Discussion:**

- Budget Highlights:
  - Cheque from school supplies has been received – expected 400\$, closer to 650\$
  - After School activities for the Fall session – 10,450\$
  - Comedy Night (ticket sales) – still coming in
  - Winter Event budget was not fully used
  - Staff Appreciation Week will be presented later in the meeting
  - Office Expense – Fundraising Thermometer beside the daycare entrance door, website and domain name
- TCBY and AC Funds have been collected but the suppliers have not been paid as of yet.
- Cash Flow Report:
  - Tubing field trip expense (buses) 11,000\$ will be paid by HAHSA
    - 25\$/child



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- Rock show has been paid
- Dominos has been paid for November & December
- Spirit week has a budget of 2,000\$ plus 3,000\$ budgeted for the Christmas Brunch (which was not used) = 5,000\$.

**Agenda item:** 4.5 *Governing Board Report*

**Presenter:** Peter Moschonas

**Discussion:**

- Nothing to report

**Agenda item:** 5.1 *New Business*

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

- Teacher Appreciation Week – presented by **Veronica Morgentaler & Evelyn Louridakis**
  - Life savers theme (colorful and positive)
  - Tuesday:
    - Breakfast for all the staff to start their weeks off right
      - Bagels and cream cheese
      - Coffee and tea
      - Chocolatines
      - Cubbies Waffles (no berries)
  - Wednesday:
    - Soup and Salad Lunch
      - Tiropitas
      - Evelyn is donating the salads
      - Veronica is making cupcakes and mini cup desserts
  - Thursday:
    - Greek Lunch
      - Catered by Chef Panda's
      - Chicken brochettes, two kinds of salads, Greek potatoes, rice, and pitas
      - Hoping to get the TCBY donated – Karen will confirm



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➤ Friday:

- Sweet and Salty table and gifts
  - Coffee and tea
  - Chips
  - Chocolates
  - Granola bars
  - Cookies and wafers
  - Popcorn from Bad Monkey
  - Gifts – personalized water bottles with the teachers’ names

• Need donations of desserts from the members and/or parent community

• Spirit Week Vote:

- Veronica’s cookie quote: 3\$/cookie (big cookies) – estimated at 1,500\$/school and they will be individually wrapped.
- Milk quote – Peter will confirm with the supplier which may possibly include a rebate cheque – estimated at 1,000\$/school

Cookie purchase and Milk purchase for Spirit Week (total 2,500\$) is motioned by **Renee Neratzas**, approved by a – **UNANIMOUS VOTE – MOTION PASSED.**

➤ Art activity for Spirit Week for Pre-K and K – 1,200\$ + tax

Art activity for Pre-K and K for Spirit Week (total 1,200\$ + tax) is motioned by **Renee Neratzas**, approved by a – **UNANIMOUS VOTE – MOTION PASSED.**

- Mrs. Butler would like bails of straw or hay to put around the trees because the children come down the snow hill and can get hurt or the trees can be destroyed.
  - Six bails of hay
  - Pool noodles for now can also work – 35 pack – 112\$ + tax

Pool noodles (total 112\$ + tax) is motioned by **Renee Neratzas**, approved by a – **UNANIMOUS VOTE – MOTION PASSED.**

**Agenda item:** *6.0 Question Period* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

**Agenda item:** *7.0 Varia* **Presenter:** Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**



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Agenda item: **8.0 Next Meeting**

Presenter: Renee Neratzas

**Discussion:**

- **Renee Neratzas** motions that the next HAHSA parent committee meeting be held Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30pm in the school's staff room.
- **Maria Almedia** motions to approve and **Peter Moschonas** seconds.

Agenda item: **9.0 Ajournment**

Presenter:

**Discussion:**

- **Renee Neratzas** motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM, approved by **Tania Creswell** and seconded by **Maria Guglielmino**.