

Hillsborough Elementary School

Home and School Association

November 2022 Meeting - 11/2/2022

Meghann Valeo, HSA President, opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Welcome

There were 7 people present at the meeting.

Minutes

Oct 2022 meeting minutes were approved and are posted on the website and on Konstella. (<https://www.heshsa.org>). Shannon made a motion and Liz seconded; minutes were approved.

Class Parents

The outside check in for the party went really well and received great feedback. Next time we'll have parents arrive a few minutes earlier.

Based on feedback from one class, we will have a virtual meeting to review guidelines the week after Thanksgiving. There was a room where the class parent was unclear on responsibilities and timing of the party. Discussed the option of having that teacher run the pieces related to planning craft/game and have parents volunteer to assist day of. We will coordinate managing birthday and holiday gifts through the HSA.

4th Grade Day

Shannon provided the update on 4th grade Day planning. It will be held on June 2nd and they are working with Iron Peak, Pinnacle, Branchburg Sports Complex on pricing. Pinnacle is a flat fee of \$800 not including lunch and needs a lot of parent volunteers. Branchburg Sports Complex is \$22 a person (Incl. lunch) + \$5 per adult (lunch). Iron Peak has some flexibility on packages. Base price is \$18/person for 2 hrs with 3 options for lunch. Can add on court time for an extra fee. Target would be \$23/person. Logistics on how to split time at the facility would be TBD. Mrs. Moore will manage bus requests once date/location are set.

Fundraising will continue for the event. The Trunk or Treat table had a profit of \$123, not including money from the new HSA venmo account. Everyone commented what a hit the Girl Scouts were with the kids!

November Snack Days

We will bring back November Snack Days as a fundraising event on half days. Looking into pretzels & churros as options; will need ingredient lists. Sign ups will be managed through Community Pass (back end is set up from previous years). Safety patrol helped distribute, but will also need volunteers. Monies raised will be split between 4th grade Day/HSA.

Fall Book Fair

Fall Book Fair will run Dec 1-9 with family night on Tues Dec 6 from 6-8pm. Mrs. Goodwin will be arranging guest readers. Discussed key items to inform families about leading up to the fair - sales tax, use of ewallet, rounding up your purchase (donation). Based on sales for the week, we will earn Scholastic Dollars, which can be used to build up the library account. Scholastic Dollars vs cash can be revisited if needed for Spring.

Family night - Mrs. Goodwin will be arranging guest readers. We will be having teacher baskets of wish list items available for purchase that night. Will include an ewallet option for teachers if all wish list books are purchased.

Volunteers - Younger grades will need 3-4 adults. Older grades 2-3 adults. Board will have presence throughout the week for opening/closing and assistance as needed.

STEM Fair

The STEM Fair will be held Jan 20 from 6:30-8:30pm and will follow the same model planned for last year. Will be an interactive event centered on engineering and design, and less of a poster session. Bridge breaking and Sled activities will be prepared by kids at home and brought in that night. December assembly (target Dec 16) will lead into the STEM fair and will include a demo of bridge breaking at the end. This portion will be recorded and posted on our website (heshsa.org) for families to reference.

Events will be spread out throughout the night. There will be 10 additional tables with STEM challenges (e.g. penny boat challenge), with whiteboard 'leaderboards' on display. Andrew's company will manage a dry ice table, liquid nitrogen table, and a story photo booth (laboratory backdrop with a series of photos). Will use the idea of a google form to tie photo #s to email addresses for distribution later.

Andrew would like to have parent tables if anyone in science, engineering wants to set up a demonstration. Volunteers will be needed - parents (sled timing & record keeping, bridge breaking), robo raiders, girl scouts discussed. Will try to limit the set up needed in the cafeteria to not conflict with after care.

Beautification Committee

Nothing to update since last meeting.

Ukraine

Following up from the last meeting, we want to find a way to continue to support Marta & Sofia's efforts to help Ukraine. We will narrow down what is needed for the humanitarian effort. Goal will be to keep it simple - key items and Amazon Wish List option. Target will be January leading into the STEM Fair.

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising Ideas/updates) Restaurant Nights

Andrew distributed the latest budget report. We have had a few more grants come through recently. We made \$125 from the Bella Pizza night in Oct. Upcoming restaurant nights/fundraising:

- Nov 15 - Tender Lovin Grill (Lisa to create flyer)
- Dec - Just Subs
- Jan 10 - Chipotle (4-8pm only, but includes online orders. Mention HES)
- Feb - Jersey Mike's

Bundt cake fundraiser will run in Jan with delivery on Feb 13. Perfect Valentine's Day treat!

Teacher's Forum

Mrs. Goodwin provided an update via email. We will have Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen with us for Young Authors Day! You can find more information on her and her books at www.sudipta.com

Principal Forum

There was a general discussion about having a gazebo outside at the school. Nothing was firm at this point.

Open Comments

Discussed the possibility of doing something in honor of Jorge Antonio - maybe donating books on engineering in honor of him. Will coordinate money to Mrs. Fox to select books and send a note to the family.

Meghann Valeo, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:33 pm. Jan 11 is the next meeting.