

**Hillsborough Elementary School
Home and School Association
April 2022 Meeting
4/6/2022**

Melanie Simone, HSA Vice President, opened the meeting at 6:45pm.

Welcome

There were 11 people present at the library in HES.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising Ideas/updates)

Andrew P. presented updates. We have about \$16,000 in the account. Reported we need to be mindful that if we go through all expenses and don't bring any income, we will have about \$3800 in the account. Andrew asked about field day and the format/cost. Ms. Eckstein felt it should be similar to pre COVID just unsure about parent volunteers. Avoiding a rain date given the availability of parent volunteers. We would move indoors if bad weather. Principal fund \$450 available. Moved assembly money to our school beautification committee. Ms. Eckstein mentioned fundraising is going to be essential. Working with HEF for grants and we received \$3000 from them as a grant that we can use as needed. Looking to get the parents involved in some of the projects within the building. Also considering an outdoor classroom. Other schools have an outdoors structure for kids to have a class outdoors. Would like one or two on HES grounds. Also considering a walking trail around the field on HES grounds. Lastly looking for an electronic sign out front. Also having internal discussions for memorials for teachers that have passed away this year. Restaurant nights, great turnout at Rita's & Mariana's last month. On 4/19 we are going to run Ice House fundraiser for 4th grade day. Max and Mia 25% fundraiser will be 4th grade day on 4/19 as well. Ms. Eckstein mentioned an outdoor concert for parents of 4th graders on May 17th and rain date on 19th. Melanie mentioned selling pre packaged foods for STEM fair and at the outdoor concert. Super Sundaes offered to partner, consider selling the small cups at the fair too. Ms. Eckstein mentioned ordering pizza or the Kona Ice truck as well. Melanie to look into it and discuss with committee. Sock Fundraiser for \$10 and 50% of proceeds will go to 4th grade day. More to come after Spring Break. We made \$250 for Rita's and \$345 for Mariana's this past month.

Yearbook

Melanie reported on the committee's behalf. Pictures are closed. This Friday Ads and signs purchasing will be closed this Friday at 11pm.

4th Grade Day

Melanie is here for the committee. Making progress. Inquiring about bussing fee, unsure if \$100 or \$150. We received approval to go offsite. Ms. Eckstein to look into bussing fees. \$2000 budgeted for 4th grade day plus \$10/kid to be allocated. Fundraised over \$1100 in signs and yearbook ads. Selling food at the STEM fair and concert to support the event. The trip has been approved for Branchburg Sports Complex this year.

STEM Fair

Andrew discussed our first in person event since 2019. Friday 5/20 6p-8p. Open to all HES students. We are going to have 2 main events, popsicle bridge breaking event. Parameters are given to kids to work on at home with their parents. They will bring to the fair and we will measure the pressure it takes to break the bridge. The second event is the sled

challenge. Parameters are given for a sled to go down an inclined ramp. Looking to coordinate with the Robotics team from the high school for volunteers as well as robotic demonstration. Sign up for both events will be on Community Pass after Spring Break. Spectators can come for no charge to participate in various smaller challenges which will keep scores and encourage to break the others scores, some examples, penny boats, designing paper airplanes, origami table as well as other activities. We will add some basket raffles and a 50/50 too.

School Beautification

Melanie turned things over to Liz Kozack head of the committee to discuss the projects. Planting with 2nd grade just finished on this past Monday. Looking to get 3rd grade involved. Still have some bricks coming in. Fence posts are coming in and due tomorrow. Rock project for 4/21 & 4/22, looking for parent volunteers. Sign up went up this morning and it we had a great turnout. Looking for 5-6ft trees, we can get them at wholesale. Lowes continues to provide 50% discount for supplies. Starting the vegetable beds as well.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2-6. More details to come.

Schools Supplies

Emily Ricolli has agreed to run it again this year. Similar format as last year.

Teacher's Forum

Mrs. Hopson reserved August 24th for Patriots Game. It is a fireworks night. Details to come out in June. Teacher, students and families come out for the night. We have a section reserved and people wear their HES gear. Always a great fundraiser.

Principal Forum

Ms. Eckstein reported throughout the meeting. No additional comments to add.

Closing Comments

Zaida asked about a water filling station updates. Ms. Eckstein mentioned that the HEF grant was to be used for one. But Board of Ed is now providing 2 of the stations. Funds raised from parents will provide the 3rd filling station.

Melanie Simone, Vice President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Shannon Woerner, HSA Recording Secretary