

**Hillsborough Elementary School
Home and School Association
April 2023 Meeting
4/12/2023**

Meghann Valeo, HSA President, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Welcome

There were 14 people present at the meeting.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project

Makensie Rief (ambassador girl scout) presented a proposal for her Gold Award project. She would like to hold a multi-faceted program targeting new/transfer students with a theme of "you belong". She transferred to HES in 2nd grade and this project is near and dear to her heart. Program includes a mural / welcome bags / parent session / kid session. Coordinate parent session through HSA and request for donations toward supplies. Looking at spring for event. Parent event would highlight prototype of ideas of activities to get involved in, etc and get feedback to evolve. Student activity - read book, activities included, friendship bracelets - sharing stories. Feedback to focus more on grades 2-4 and maybe do stations for activities based on age/skills. Will start with transfer list and size and go from there. HSA will need to look at budget. Girl scouts are also looking at additional fundraising.

Minutes

Mar 2023 meeting minutes are posted on the website and on Konstella. (<https://www.heshsa.org>).

Treasurer's Report / Restaurant Nights

We currently have \$17k in the bank. The yearbook deposit check will be dropped off tomorrow. Now that we're back working with funds closer to pre pandemic times, we'll be looking at the budget to see what can be brought back.

Restaurant nights - ~ \$330 made from Ritas. Still need to pick up check from Mariana's. April - we already have 2 super sundaes nights. May 10 for Bella night.

Other fundraising - Need to follow up on martial arts fundraiser to see what funds were raised. Discussed doing a penny war, but it was proposed to hold off until the fall and have a definite goal / use in mind. Nothing finalized but discussed ideas like a smaller playground, walking path, etc.

Board will meeting to prepare budget so it can be presented in May & voted in June.

PICTO (debrief)

Everyone commented on what a fun night PICTO was and how good it was to have it in person again. Ballpark estimate was \$8k in profit.

Color Run

Will be postponed until the fall

Book Fair

Apr 14 - 21. Set up will begin tomorrow, Apr 13 at the end of the school day. Family night Apr 20 - reader schedule will be announced as finalized. Volunteer asks out - committee shifts run half day and we have at least 1 person scheduled per shift. Board members 'on call' to sub in as needed. Parent volunteers - will send another reminder, but light on volunteers. Potential ideas - library helpers or 4th graders to help in K-2 grades. Lisa to send emails to volunteers 1 day in advance for highlights of instructions / expectations to help with turn over and day of instructions. Feedback from last

fair incorporated - will use post its in teacher wish list baskets in case books are misplaced, sheets for register counts, restocks, etc to make note taking easy.

HSA closet has the coin counter, volunteer instructions and pencil pull materials. All for books money will be counted as fair concludes and teachers will be given golden tickets to distribute based on monies raised. Tickets can be used to redeem a free book from the fair.

Mrs. Hopson spoke about the team's project work around equality. There will be a display at the fair for [their take action project](#). Families can [venmo](#) the HSA to donate towards library quality books - can donate an entire book or towards one.

Faculty Lounge

Next step is shelving & organization bins for cabinets, small decorative items, etc

4th Grade Day

Shirts - sent kids info, waiting on the mock up from the vendor. Waiver is electronic only. Ingredient info pending from Super Sundaes - already have for Roman Gourmet and drinks. 4th grade picture pending. Will be putting out an ask out on Community Pass to defray remaining costs.

Beautification

Mulch - will be provided and distributed by the district. Starts at high school and works down so it will be a bit before they reach HES. Younger grades did planting projects as the weather has warmed up. Discussed leveraging Makensie's work to have new students paint rocks as materials are already available.

Teacher Forum

Some classes have utilized their lessons in persuasive writing to request grants recently - refreshing playground activities & classroom books. One was an in person pitch and one class wrote a letter. It was such a creative way to put learning in action and the board welcomes it for future grant requests.

Author day - Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen was fantastic and it was a great day. Discussed the need for a deposit for next year to get an author back from years ago (still a surprise). This should not be a problem.

[Lead U](#) assembly will be May 11.

Principal Forum

Take your child to work day - April 27. Kids may be attending with their parents who work at HES. Reiterated ask to have messages go out through School Messenger then Konstella to just account for families that may not be on Konstella.

Open Comments

Yearbook - closed sales yesterday. Reopened for today only. Questions around what do 4th graders want to be when they grow up, favorite [memory](#) at HES, etc are underway and are targeted to be collected for Friday.

[Meeting](#) was closed at 8:38 pm. May 10 is the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted by: Lisa Chiang, HSA Recording Secretary