

Hillsborough Elementary School Home and School Association February 2023 Meeting 2/8/2023

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

Welcome / Q&A with Michael Volpe

There were 12 people present at the meeting. This meeting was an informal session with our new Superintendent, Michael Volpe. He expressed his excitement at being back at Hillsborough and how special a district we have. He spoke of building relationships and trust and had candid responses to questions asked regarding new developments being built, larger class sizes, etc. He encouraged everyone to approach him as they see him in town and he was invited to PICTO on March 10th if he can make it.

Meeting was closed at 8:00 pm. Mar 8 is the next meeting.

A brief phone call was held earlier in the week to provide short updates on key items. A summary of the call is below.

Minutes

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

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

No big changes. Super Sundaes will continue to partner for restaurant nights after the grade level concerts (next is Feb 15). Payment will be grouped together as we have concerts over several nights. Discussed using the 4th grade concert funds toward 4th grade day. For Feb, Jersey Mike's hasn't been scheduled yet - will target end of month. Challenges in the past with getting payment, but under new management. Chipotle check was mailed to school. State sent letter to organizations regarding super bowl boxes / gambling. Super bowl and march madness squares are not covered. Meghann and Andrew will go to the municipal building for PICTO licenses. Regarding teacher grants, we will monitor this year and adjust budget next year based on what is spent. Group is in favor of continuing to approve incoming grants.

Color Run

Tara Garcia will chair this event. May 20 was discussed for timing, with a rain date of May 21. Liz to confirm with Tara. We will keep it simple this year as it's our first occurrence.

Spring Book Fair

Lisa spoke with Mrs. Fox, who expressed interest in using All 4 Books / Scholastic Dollars to provide each child with a book during the Spring fair. They will discuss logistics on raising money ahead of the event if possible; doing anything during PICTO will be tough. Will pursue other options.

Author Day

Author Day will be Feb 28. Presales opened on Community Pass. Shannon provided contact info for the parent volunteer for the event, which will be passed on to Mrs. Goodwin. She will arrive after daycare drop off. Liz will be available as board representative.

STEM Fair

STEM Fair was held in January and was an amazing event. Andrew expressed his thanks to the team and all the volunteers for making it a success. Looking forward to next year! Liz has organized the magnets and stored in HSA closet for use next year.

Martial Arts Fundraiser

Need to get the information over to Mrs. Eckstein for distribution.

Bundt Cakes

Final numbers have not been confirmed, but estimate was ~\$900 in sales total. Natasha has submitted the order and is waiting on pick up date. She will coordinate with Andrew on payment logistics

PICTO

PICTO Registration is open, we have about 35 people registered so far. PICTO t-shirt sales are also open, however, they will close on Feb 12 at 11:59pm. We will need many volunteers to make the evening a success. Will solicit volunteers through Konstella. Older siblings are welcome to help volunteer (5th grade & up); we love having our HES alumni volunteer.

Basket Raffle Committee (Jessica Wolff / Lisa Chiang - co-chairs) is working hard to put together baskets. We have 12+ baskets planned from classrooms on a variety of themes. Ask will go out to HES community for those who may want to donate a basket (own a business, love to create baskets, etc). Committee has been soliciting local businesses, sports teams for donations.

Food (Natasha Delacruz - chair) Coming soon, we will open up food donations sign up - plan is to suggest Costco/Amazon to keep it easy

Beautification Committee

Update on faculty lounge plans provided, but details will remain a surprise. Small room is being managed by Mrs. Hopson. Liz met with Mrs. Fox to discuss furniture/bench plans for reading & instructional area. Maker space was organized in preparation for B&G to take apart.

During winter months, Liz will work with teachers to plan for winter sowing in Feb & rock painting in Mar.

4th Grade Day

Venue/food solidified. Lunch will be pizza to best account for allergies. T-shirt design is underway and there are a few parents who volunteered to manage this piece. Team is hoping to complete this earlier so that kids have a chance to wear the shirt several times, including a coordinated 4th grade picture. Fundraising will continue and the committee may end up with a general ask for donations. It was suggested to let parents know the cost per kid still needed to help guide donations.

Open Comments

Mrs. Fox had reached out regarding book purchase in honor of Jorge, it will move forward. Meghann will be on vacation 2/14-2/21 so there will be a big push to get things in motion before then. Shannon will cover questions as needed, Meghann will set an out of office in her email.

Minutes Submitted by: Lisa Chiang, HSA Recording Secretary