

Hillsborough Elementary School Home and School Association October 2023 Meeting 10/11/2023

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

Welcome

There were 14 people at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Sept 2023 minutes were approved and have been posted on the website (www.heshsa.org)

Membership

We're currently at 168 members. Last year was 150. We've been doing small outreach with paper forms through classrooms (to either increase membership or get families on Givebacks). Discussed other ideas such as putting QR code outside rooms at parent teacher conferences in November and at Family Night during the book fair. Be sure to include what HSA does, especially for new and Kindergarten families

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising ideas/updates)

Overall, we're in good shape for this point in the year with \$4k in cash. Author day is in Nov, so we are reviewing grants to ensure we have proper cash on hand.

Pretzel passes have so far generated over \$500 in profit for 10/13. Sales for individual days will remain open until 3 days before delivery date. Target is 9:15 for classroom delivery (4th grade first due to snack timing) and Safety Patrol will help to distribute.

Restaurant nights - planning for the year is well underway with the schedule set through February:

Lenny's (Oct 16), Just Subs (Nov 17), Flounder "Adults night out" (Dec 7), January - Chipotle, February - Mr. Cactus

Zaida is pending confirmation from Ice House and may reach out to King Wing. Dunkin'/Starbucks do not do these types of events, but Starbucks will donate items. Zaida to follow up in January for PICTO. Mrs. Moore will coordinate Mariana's / Rita's for May.

Spirit wear orders should be in by the end of the month.

Red Ribbon Week

We will be decorating for Red Ribbon Week, but date is not known yet. Spirit days were reviewed for 10/23-27: Mon - team clothes, Tues - sunglasses, Wed - red, Thurs - pajamas, Fri - mismatched socks

Class Parents (updates)

Class Parent meeting was held last night and we had good attendance. Slides and documents are up on the HSA website at <https://www.heshsa.org/classparents> All classes have a class parent and checks will go in teacher mailboxes on Friday.

Halloween Event

Trunk or Treat will be held in the ARIS back parking lot (same as last year). Event and trunk registration is now open. There will be a sign up genius coming out soon for adult volunteers from 5-9 PM. Tyi will check with the High School basketball coach if the team is available to help (especially set up and break down) and reach out to Meghann in the next few days.

Candy donations can be sent to Natasha (address sent through Givebacks). Drop off or deliver through Amazon. We will have bin at Family Night / book fair to collect as well. Mrs. Hopson is collecting donations from teachers

Committee is looking for a contact / connection for small pumpkins. If you have one, please reach out to Natasha Delacruz.

Fall Book Fair

Book fair will kick off Friday 10/13. Setup will begin Thurs afternoon. Volunteer info will be sent to office on 10/12 to prepare. Discussed that many volunteers arrive at 8:40 each day and the office staff will discuss how to best manage and streamline. Exec Board is listed as emergency/on call resources and may arrive at times outside the list.

On Family Night, anyone who drops off a candy donation will receive a free pencil pull.

Teacher grants

This year we've had 4 submitted. 2 have been approved & paid. 1 is larger and we are waiting until after Author Day to ensure adequate funds. 1 new grant came in and was approved today.

4th grade day

Erin is working with the committee to cover half days/pretzels in Nov. Iron Peak booked has been booked & t-shirt design done. Mrs. Moore will handle the google form for students/shirt sizes in Feb. At that point class lists are pretty solidified and there shouldn't be a big change in sizing. Shirt turn around time is typically a month, so should be ok. Erin raised a concern with a waiver/contract she received from Iron Peak. A copy will be sent to Mrs. Eckstein to review/advise.

Beautification Committee

The library project for the Dot is tabled for January. Looking at options for dot design & adhering to wall

Teacher Forum

Mrs. Hopson provided email updates on candy collection & Just subs, both noted above. Mrs. Goodwin requested one last push/reminder on Friday. Lisa will send info on orders placed through Givebacks.

Principal Forum

Class parent meeting last night was great. Looking at ordering an HES flag, which was a hit with attendees. Also discussed the idea of voting on a name for our star mascot, but that is not final.

Open Comments

PICTO - March 8 / 15. Basket solicitation will begin in January

STEM Fair/Challenge - Jan 19 6:30-8

Yearbook asks have gone to teachers for pics for various events. Email is the same (yearbook@heshsa.org) if parents want to send in pics from the school year so far. Meghann will include as part of the weekly newsletter

Jenn is having a conversation with Chirp workshop tomorrow. They will discuss logistics around what we receive percentage-wise per kit, pickup/delivery, mascot options (can we source a star? do we have animals with a star t-shirt? can we have a variety of animals?). Discussed as a group having an event around it as it would be a fun evening. Maybe an indoor movie night?

Meeting was closed at 8:08 pm. The next meeting is November 15, 2023.

Minutes Submitted by: Lisa Chiang, HSA Recording Secretary