

# Hillsborough Elementary School Home and School Association October 2022 Meeting - 10/19/22

Meghann Valeo, HSA President, opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

## Welcome

There were 14 people present at the meeting. New attendees did a quick intro.

## Student Presentation - Ukraine Fundraiser

Sofia (a 4th grader in Mrs. Moore's class) & her mother, Marta came to speak about their work fundraising to support the war in Ukraine. Through months of hard work selling paintings and collecting items like blankets and diapers, they have been able to ship over many items and purchase medical supplies helping those directly in need.

We discussed as a group different Ideas to promote efforts & collect money. We will look to do a monetary collection to offset shipping costs. As schools are rebuilt, can we collect items students will need? What will be most needed at this point? May have students write letters from one group of kids to another. A flier will be sent through Konstella so that new families are aware of Sofia's amazing work.

## Minutes

Sept 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.

## Membership

Last month 75 - now 120+ families! High point historically has been around 100 families. Registration is open all year

## Red Ribbon Week

Vinita provided an update on Red Ribbon week plans. The purpose of the week is to help families to connect on topics that are difficult to discuss like drug and alcohol abuse. Spirit week, poster contest and canned food drive planned for next week. Supplies will be dropped off and school will be decorated Thursday after school. A big thank you to Vinita for such passion and enthusiasm when coordinating Red Ribbon week!

## Class Parents

All positions filled and checks have been distributed. The Halloween parties will be ~1:45-2:30 pm. Parents should not plan to take kids home after the party; all kids should follow their normal dismissal procedure. Only the Head & Co-parents allowed. Reminder that the parade will only be accessible to parents if it can be held outside. Logistics will not support parents entering the school if the weather does not cooperate.

## Halloween Event

The Trunk or Treat walk through will happen at ARIS tomorrow. One of the local Girl Scout troops will run tattoo and sand art stations. Bags and slap bracelets have been purchased for distribution to all participants. Time slots will be determined based on how many registrants we land at. We currently have 135 children registered and 15 trunks. We are hoping to have at least 20 trunks. Trunk setup will start at 5 pm in the back lot at ARIS.

## Fall Book Fair

Meeting with Scholastic rep on Friday the 21st to discuss further. The fair will be held Dec 1-9, which allows coverage over a full 6 day cycle and the weekend. There will be 1 family night held as well (Date TBD). There will also be a read aloud scheduled as well. The committee will look into the option to contribute to a teacher's e-wallet.

## **Beautification Committee**

Liz has been hard at work coordinating lots of donations and planting activities, including mums, lavender, boxwood & trees. Today the 1st grade classes planted over 100 daffodil bulbs on the Amwell side. As the colder weather sets in, the committee will be planning inside projects, like having new students paint rocks. River theme from last year will continue as a new river is built.

## **Fun Run**

Liz provided an update on behalf of another parent who has volunteered to chair a color run. The event will be targeted for spring. The theme is still TBD and there are a lot of logistics that need further discussion.

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

Andrew reminded us that all budget updates run through the end of the previous month. Logo wear sales brought in over \$1800. 4th grade day items came in after the end of last fiscal year and are reflected in the updates.

Teacher grants are going really well - we are seeing lots of grants coming through. A workflow has been implemented to streamline the approval process and the old link has been shut down. Meghann will update the workflow to notify Mrs. Eckstein for visibility. Checks distributed at the meeting for recent approvals. We may adjust the budget to encourage and facilitate as many grants as possible this year.

Restaurant nights/other fundraisers - Bella Pizza on Tues Oct 25. Shannon will look into November this week. Zaida is waiting for a response from movie theaters on their fundraising opportunities. Natasha presented Nothing Bundt Cakes as a fundraising idea around Valentine's day. She will reach out to the company to coordinate.

## **STEM Fair**

Will be held in January. Next meeting we need info so communications can start before holidays.

## **4th Grade Day**

Mrs. Moore will run point on teacher end (permission slips, allergy forms, t shirts). Need a parent/teacher liaison. Discussed looking at local options this year - Pinnacle (back open) and Iron Peak both mentioned as possibilities. Fundraising will start early to give as many opportunities to offset costs as possible

## **Teacher's Forum**

No updates - just a thank you to the group for everything underway.

## **Principal Forum**

Some ideas presented for snack options for the winter party. Proposal is one from each category. Sweet: Nilla Wafers, Teddy Grahams, Welch's fruit snacks, Nabisco chips (Rice Krispies treats may be added). Salty: Skinny Pop, goldfish, pretzels, Pirate's Booty (Cheese sticks may be added). Drinks: water, Simply Lemonade, Honest Kids juice boxes

Craft games should be winter themed - snowflakes, penguins, snowmen, etc. Will also be a pajama day. Party will be right before sing along. Also a thank you to parents and teachers for all of their work.

## **Open Comments**

Sunshine update - card sent out for condolences on a family loss. Another will be given out tomorrow

**Meghann Valeo, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:24 pm. Nov 2 is the next meeting**