

**Hillsborough Elementary School
Home and School Association
February 2022 Meeting
2/9/2022**

Meghann Valeo, HSA President, opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Welcome

There were 15 people present at the meeting via google meet.

Minutes

January 2022 meeting minutes were approved and are posted on the website and on Konstella. (<https://www.heshsa.org>). Ms. Eckstein made a motion. They approved.

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising Ideas/updates)

Andrew P. announced that we received the refund check from the food truck assembly prior to COVID. Cash in the bank is about \$11,000. We can use if we need to for water filling stations. We have room to support upcoming initiatives. We received our gaming license which we use for raffling prizes. We have a restaurant night for Thursday 2/24 for Jersey Mike's from 4p-8p. If teachers want to order lunch that day they will add toward the fundraiser. Mrs. Goodwin will organize teacher lunch for Jersey Mikes. We made just over \$300 from January fundraiser for Angelos. Mrs. Moore mentioned Marianna's near WaWa and offered to ask for March. Vinita mentioned Ihop and Applebee's as an option. If anyone gets a date, please forward to Andrew.

Water Filling Stations

Ms. Eckstein has no update for tonight. The district may put 2-3 in each school. Once we have that decision, we can move forward with the money we have earmarked.

STEM Fair

Andrew discussed we will do it later in the year. Usually, students show their experiments and judges would walk around and ask questions. We usually have other activities for people to participate in (popsicle bridge, bottle racing etc.) For this year looking to have in the warmer weather, outdoors as a STEM carnival in late April. Considering doing a basket raffle at the same time as the STEM carnival. Anyone looking to volunteer please reach out to Andrew or any board members. We welcome help especially with these large events.

Yearbook

Yearbook sales are officially open as of tonight on Community Pass. Nicole created a flyer to submit. Collecting photos is still in process, email yearbook@heshsa.org. Sale closes 4/8/22. We don't order extras so strongly encouraged to order early. Price is same at \$25 per book. 4th grade has the ads as we have done previously, multiple ads can be purchased. We are also doing yard signs for the 4th grade parents.

4th Grade Day

Melanie is on the call for the committee. They are working on options and t shirts, etc for the celebration. Ms. Eckstein has not had any updates for guidelines yet. Things are looking up, but bussing is unlikely so no field trips. Looking to have a large outdoor celebration. Looking for something different then field day but similar structure. Other HSAs are doing similar planning to ours. The committee will meet to further discuss. Melanie mentioned a ninja course outdoors and will look into the cost. More to come next month.

PICTO

Meghann mentioned we are planning for an in school PICTO 2/18/22 at 2pm school wide. AV system is being tested with plan to project into the classrooms. For prizes teachers will have some available and others will be stationed in the hallways communicating via walkie talkies. It will be announced on morning announcements on Friday morning 2/11/22. School messenger will go out to parents after that. Meghann mentioned we have prizes in the HSA closet, between those and ones currently purchased estimating 250-300 prizes. Typically, we have 300-400 prizes, Meghann asked how many kids if we want to provide a prize for each child. We are playing 4 games. We will encourage signs again as well.

School Beautification

Meghann turned things over to Liz Kozack head of the committee to discuss the projects. Home Depot gave us \$100 which was used for planters and soil for the remaining bulbs. Lowes gave us 100 pavers, 4lb bricks which a letter will go home on Friday about the project as well as fence post project. Andrew ordered outdoor acrylic paint for all projects. Families can request paints for fee of \$10 when they sign up. Hoping for quick sign ups. This morning chose 750 rocks at a local landscaping company and when tried to pay, they waived the fees. Local girl scout troop will do the base process to get ready for Spring rollout. Looking for seed donations, emails have been sent out and we have some response. These will be used to the butterfly garden with the first grader. They will start indoors and add outdoors once they bloom. Ms. Eckstein mentioned there are plans for a memorial for Mrs. Sarkar who recently passed.

Teacher Forum

Mrs. Hopson just came back from Booksmiles. Mrs. Goodwin found a resource where you pay a fee (\$25) and then you can go choose books. You can take as many as you want. They have an overabundance of books, and we can make multiple trips throughout the year. Mrs. Hopson thanked HSA for funding. 10 teachers have signed up, and 5 have gone already.

Principal Forum

A retiree Mrs. Westfall passed and her family asked if they send donations in her honor. Ms. Eckstein is asking if the HSA can receive the monetary donations. Andrew mentioned setting up through Community Pass, Meghann thinks this is possible. Meghann mentioned setting up a Venmo/PayPal to the HSA account. Community Pass seems best option for this. Meghann will set up. Ms. Eckstein thanked the school beautification committee for their hard work as well. Mask mandates will end 3/7 according to the governor. We are unsure what that will mean for our schools at this time.

Closing Comments

Mrs. Moore mentioned update for the Sunshine committee. A card was sent on behalf of the HSA and donation to St. Jude's was made. Mrs. Sarnelle welcomed a baby and we sent a card and small gift. We will send something for Mrs. Westfall. Many babies coming in the coming months and Mrs. Moore will send cards and gifts in the coming months for the new moms and babies. Next meeting is March 16th.

Meghann Valeo, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 7:57pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Shannon Woerner, HSA Recording Secretary