

Hillsborough Elementary School Home and School Association September 2023 Meeting 9/20/2023

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

Welcome

There were 21 people at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

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

Givebacks

185 contacts loaded so far - HSA members (including Class Parents), some staff & customers. 127 additional contacts extracted from Konstella classrooms & sent to Givebacks for data load. Users are sent info to finalize profile & FAQs as we complete each batch. We would like a targeted campaign to each class in the next few weeks. Can we provide incentives for 100% registration? Extra recess / fun Friday? Answered a few questions on access web vs app, will work with Mrs. Hopson to ensure teachers can view their classrooms.

Committee Chairs/Volunteers

Spreadsheet circulated with committee information as we are always looking for volunteers at all levels. This year is a great opportunity to shadow or co-chair with a seasoned committee chair. Discussed incentive of reserved concert seats for all committee chairs - thank you!

Class Parents

We have a few gaps in Class Parents (Head/co-Parent). Teachers have sent requests out for volunteers. Class Parents will receive notice and a meeting will be scheduled to review key info, including sending communication through Givebacks.

Halloween Event

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for 10/27 in the ARIS parking lot. We will have registration for trunks soon. Natasha is the chair, but we're looking for a co-chair as this is her last year at HES.

Fall Book Fair/Pencil grams

272 pencil grams sold! This gives us a great start to our All for Books fund. Book Fair will be 10/13-10/20 and we're bringing back the pencil pull. Lisa & Mrs. Fox to meet tomorrow to review the schedule and kit.

Family night discussed and scheduled for 10/19. Always looking for committee volunteers - or to consider shadowing in the spring. Committee volunteers will be sent the volunteer sign up first and then released to everyone else.

Beautification Committee

Always looking for committee members. Looking into a mural project based on "The Dot" to decorate within the library

School Supply Fundraiser (outcome)

Emily provided an update - we had a profit of \$373 for the sale last June. If anyone is interested in taking this on she will sit down and bring you up to speed as this is her last year at HES.

Red Ribbon Week

Vinita provided an update - goal is to promote a drug free community and will be held 10/23-10/27. Spirit week themes are being reviewed and will be communicated.

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising ideas/updates)

Andrew gave an overview of all that we do and why we fundraise throughout the year - teacher grants, assemblies, 4th grade day, field trips, etc

Fundraising opportunity for CHOP - pajama day. Can raise money for a specific area like cardiac, cancer or general fund. Attendees all voted yes to move forward.

Assemblies - Dance to learn assembly presented (free). Andrew is following up, as well as on the residency program mentioned.

The STEM Fair will be in January - would love a committee.

Restaurant Nights Oct/Nov/Dec needed - Shannon looking into Chipotle, Zaida to call local places, Mrs. Hopson to contact Just Subs for a date.

Several payments/reimbursements made recently. Follett payment (books), Screenstyles (PICTO shirts and 4th Grade Day Shirt Invoices), Arevalo Reimbursement (Westphal Memorial), Fox Reimbursement (Library Items)

4th Grade Day

Erin reached out to Iron Peak & Mrs. Moore as the location was a hit last year and we loved staying local. They are confirming availability for 5/31. The plan is to lift as much as possible from last year - pizza, Super Sundaes, etc. Emily is working on this year's t-shirt design and will reach out to Lisa for tech help.

Pretzel Days- proposing monthly on Fridays, along with the November Half Days. Pricing would be \$2/pretzel, funds raised would go towards 4th Grade Day. Ordering would be through Givebacks store only. Goal is to fully raise funds to cover all costs so that families do not need to pay individually to attend.

Teacher Forum

Author day is scheduled for 11/3 and we're excited to have Beth Ferry as this year's author. Order forms will be sent home on Friday. We will also take orders through Givebacks.

Mrs. Hopson gave an overview of the graduate class project of diversifying the library. She thanked the parents and HSA for donations last spring. She had a suggestion for a fundraising idea - Chirp workshop does mascot themed kits. Jenn W will sync up with Mrs Hopson to coordinate.

Mrs. Baccarini gave an update on her "What's up with Nick" program and asked families if their child came home talking about it. Feedback was positive from attendees.

Principal Forum

Mrs. Eckstein thanked parents for their patience as transportation updates are made.

Open Comments

PICTO will be in March with a "Rock star" theme this year. Targeting Mar 8, but not confirmed. Halloween parade - afternoon was requested due to a conflict. Will be discussed with staff and communicated out to families. Discussed the upcoming town hall regarding the referendum on the ballot in November.

Meeting was closed at 8:00 pm. The next meeting is October 11, 2023.