

Hillsborough Elementary School

Home and School Association

January 2022 Meeting

1/12/2022

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

Welcome

There were 14 people present at the meeting via zoom. New Playground opened 12/2021. Voted on water stations for the school and earmarking the family donations for future water filling stations.

Minutes

November 2021 meeting minutes were approved and are posted on the website. (<https://www.heshsa.org>). Mrs. Hopson made a motion.

Treasurer's Report (Fundraising Ideas/updates)

Andrew P. announced that we received the refund check from the food truck assembly prior to COVID which was around \$2000. We provided some funds to the custodial team. Fundraising, we are looking for January restaurant, Vinita offered for Angelo's II and will reach out to them, Andrew also mentioned Jersey Mikes for maybe February. Mrs. Hopson mentioned Moe's, Wendy's, Dominoes, and Pizza hut. TLG was also discussed. \$12,000 is in the account and the plan for the rest of the year, we can run a slight deficit budget to provide some unique opportunities for the students this year given it has been a hard year for the students.

Water Filling Stations

Meghann asked about the grant from the education organization for another filling stations. Ms. Eckstein mentioned that there may be money earmarked for filling stations district wide, she will keep everyone updated. If we already raised the funds for the filling stations, can we ask the parent/family community to change what the funds are used for? Understandably this is a grey area and we will await clarity. The money that the HSA voted on to use the HSA funds for filling stations can be again voted on again to not use if we will receive funds from the district.

Spring Book Fair

Meghann was approached by the scholastic rep, tentative dates 2/28-3/4. Mrs. Goodwin spoke with Mrs. Fox, the dates are right before her maternity leave and it aligns with our Read Across America. Mrs. Fox has concerns it takes a lot of work and it may not payoff given the challenges in the library right now with spacing etc. Other district schools had nightly family nights for onsite fair, nothing during school hours. Voted to postpone until the Fall for a variety of reasons. Meghann will reach out to the rep to officially cancel the Spring bookfair.

Spring Basket Raffle

Meghann discussed we usually have the basket raffle during PICTO given the change to PICTO this year we don't have that platform. We do have some prizes to raffle off this year. Consider doing a separate event or teaming it with the STEM fair. Consider mid April timeframe.

Yearbook Photos

No one from the committee is on the meeting. Meghann reported from previous committee meeting that they are still looking for pictures from the spirit days to fill the yearbook. If people still have pictures, please send them in. Sales will open in the next couple of weeks. Pricing is going to remain the same as last year. One of the people on the committee has older digital cameras that she suggested having a safety officer or someone in the school could sign them out and

take same candid pictures. Email pictures to yearbook@heshsa.org. Discussed having a student photography page as opposed to having someone try and put pictures into the right class. Consider doing theme pages with the pictures students take.

4th Grade Day/Fundraising

Meghann asking about planning even though it is early. Ms. Eckstein mentioned to plan a similar event like last year due to it being unlikely to leave campus in buses. Trying to navigate the challenges of the continued uncertain times with COVID. Melanie is on the call for the committee. HSA will reach out to the committee to start basic planning including t-shirt design.

PICTO

Meghann mentioned original PICTO was cancelled for this year (1/21/22). Looking to plan in the next month for an in school version. HSA can provide prizes for each class. Ms. Eckstein mentioned we will discuss more details next meeting to give the next few weeks some time for everything to settle and stabilize. We will plan for February.

School Beautification

Meghann turned things over to Liz Kozack head of the committee to discuss the projects. We had donations in the Fall for bulbs and plants. The kids helped plant them and will be able to see them come up each year. Liz talked about some curb appeal, pictures of painted rock gardens. Trying to come up with some ways to get these rocks decorated given we can't go into the school. Consider having one color per grade each year. Maybe have tables set up outside where the kids can paint. Outside Ms. Eckstein's office there is a butterfly tree and considering using that as a starting point of the rock tail/garden. Mrs. Hopson mentioned Mrs. Suk usually does a school wide art project so maybe teaming up with her too. Also discussed some projects with painting a fence creatively representing the diversity of HES as well as some pavers decorated as books for more curb appeal. We will send out a flyer with the different thoughts around the projects for families to see and possibly volunteer for.

Teacher Forum

Mrs. Hopson and Mrs. Moore thanked HSA for the grants.

Principal Forum

Ms. Eckstein thanked the HSA for what a great year 2021 was and how successful it was given the ongoing pandemic.

Closing Comments

No comments. Next meeting is second week in February and will likely be virtual again.

Meghann Valeo, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Shannon Woerner, HSA Recording Secretary