

Home School Association Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

M. Sullivan	M. Witt	L.Daniels
K. Barabas	C.McCarthy	M. Brito
M. Hroncich	D.LaGalia	L.DeRosa
A. DelGiodice	A.Nightingale	A.Gillespie
J. Whiting	M.Wood	D.Chisholm
D.Wilmot	V.Milin	M.Haggerty
C.Napolitano	P.Zaladonis	K.Veenstra
E.Quill	M.Gallagher	V.Garrido
D. Kellogg	J.Frayne	T.Petrone

Kate started the meeting with a prayer

Presidents Report:

Kate started the meeting with a reminder about the importance of volunteerism in our school community. She mentioned that she was speaking to primarily a room of dedicated volunteers, however we are facing an uphill battle when it comes to getting people to chair, serve on committees, and most important commit to their lunch duty requirement. The entire school community equally benefits from the fundraising that the HSA does. Going forward if we are not able to get the support from the community when it comes to running and staffing events, certain events might not take place.

The model for the HSA that we currently have is not going to be sustainable in the long term unless we get more commitments from the community.

The HSA is required to raise a specific amount of money each year, part of the funds raised goes directly to the school's operating budget, an additional monies goes to the various staple events that the HSA sponsors that are designed to enrich the school experience for the student body, and to purchase/upgrade things for the students to support them in their academics.

It comes down to "time and treasure", and both are equally important. We need people to give their time, and we need people to come and support the events. It is understood that many people are in situations that they are not able to do both, but the need is there so whatever people can bring to the table will be welcome and appreciated.

Lunch Duty is becoming a significant issue, and there will be changes coming for the 19-20 school year. That does not change the fact that we have 3 months of school left and we need parents to fulfill their required days.

CHCC Update: The HSA is working with the CHCC on possible spring planting dates, and the possibility of having some of the talent show acts performed for the residents. This would be an event that the parents of the performers would be responsible for getting the students to the CHCC.

The HSA is looking for a treasurer, this position can be for a one year or two year term. If anyone is interested in the position please

Treasurer Report:

We are in great shape financially and we are in line with how we were doing last year.

Principal Report:

Mrs Lewis announced that she asked the teachers not to give homework or tests the night of the Sports Awards Dinner, and Talent Show. She would like the students to be able to enjoy themselves and come and support the talent show as well.

The professional development day for the diocese is Thursday May 9th.

She was happy with how the Improv Program went and she is planning on working with Youth Song again next year.

We do have some flu in the building...again.

Nurse Jaffe will be going down to two days a week next year, and she will be hiring someone for 3 days a week.

Mrs Palmieri will be going to 3 days per week, and she will be hiring an office person for 3 days a week. There will be one day of overlap.

She is searching for a part time social studies teacher.

The 19-20 Calendar will be out before we break for Easter.

Summer uniform will start the day we return from break, students can wear blue or black sneakers (or for this season only white)

As per the Archdiocese, 8th graders will not be able to participate in Volleyball.

Committee Reports:

Golf: Laura spoke about our Golf Outing, scheduled for Monday May 6th at Ramsey Country Club. The committee felt that there was enough enthusiasm for the event to make it an 18 hole event, instead of a 9 hole event. The price includes lunch, dinner, and open bar. There is also a just dinner option, if anyone would like to join us for the small auction and dinner.

Sports Award Dinner: Amy spoke about the event, we are still missing about 36 athletes. She will be sending out a reminder to those families, we typically get 100% participation. The SAD is not a fundraiser for the school, the event breaks even. There will not be a fish option, and if anyone needs a vegetarian meal they should like Amy or Kate know.

Track Dinner: We are in need of 2 people to run the Track Dinner this year. It takes place in the gym, and is a fun night for the track families.

******We are also looking for someone to run the Administrative side of the SES Track Program for next year. Ideally this person would be someone who is familiar with the track program, and has a child who is currently involved.***

\$4\$: Changes will be coming for next year with regards to the \$4\$ program. The program requires a significant amount of administrative work and volunteer hours. We will be looking for ways to make the program easier on the volunteers and still profitable for the school for the 19-20 school year.

Used Clothing Drive: May 18-20 Drop off will take place in the gym.

Questions:

It was asked how to get people to read the Brown Envelope each week. Many parents requested that link to the BE opens right up to the Brown Envelope, not the web page.

It was brought up that something needs to be done about PreK drop off and pick up, specifically those who drop at 7:45 and pick up at 2:30. Many people felt that the parking lot area was not safe, and becomes congested.

Concerns about the morning drop off for K-8 students were also discussed.

