



March 1st 2017 HSA Meeting Minutes

7:05pm: Mrs. Dano gave a presentation on Maker Space (approximately 25 minutes)

Young Author's Day (Brett Cooper): Took place on 2/24 – David Adler was great and interactive with the students. He held two big assemblies in the morning as well as staying longer for the afternoon Kindergarten class where he performed magic tricks. David signed each student's book and suggested other authors for next year. He also donated a stack of books for the school library. Ideas were thrown around to change author signatures no longer being on the school wall near the library – possibly a "director's chair" that would stay in the library.

Fundraising (Kim Hennelly): Gertrude Hawk online fundraiser taking place until April 9th.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser (Kim Brogan): An online only fundraiser that can be done in the fall (July-Dec), spring (Jan-June) or year-round. The school received 40% of the sales, and there is no material cost. The school would be assigned a code to do their shopping in order to get the credit. Kim would chair this for next year. There is a continuous flow of money received each month as long as orders are being placed. Paper sales can be done as well but the window is 7 days to two weeks.

Fun Run (Ms. Eckstein): May need to take a year off from participating if we use the Boosterthon contacts the way we did this year – the dates that would work are no longer available. In comparison, Amsterdam's year 2 profit was \$17,000

Fun Fair (Tammy Phelan & Kim Brogan): Event went well and the kids had fun. Money made was \$1,234. May need to take a year off from this event due to decrease in participation. Two games were also lost this year (Ants in the Pants and Baseball Toss). The Friday night setup took too long and should look into changing the time of year it is held due to all the conflicting events (sports, dance comps, etc.).

Kindergarten Orientation (Lisa Sabo via email): Taking place by appointment only over the course of a week as well as all night appointments booked. As of the 3/1 meeting, there were 76 registrations completed where there might be the need for a fifth class. The maximum per class is 22 students where the 4th is already filling up.

Fourth Grade Day (Lauren Porter): T-shirts came in earlier in the week and looked great (and were very inexpensive at \$6.50 / shirt). The grade level picture was taken on Tuesday 2/28. Lauren is working through logistics of the day with HRC at the moment. For fundraising opportunities, the HES car magnets are being ordered for purchase and a date is still needed for the Five Guys dinner night. The HES logo is being slightly adjusted to say 'Hillsborough Elementary School' and the picture of the star is being cleaned up.

Science Fair (Mitushi Banerjee): Registration starts the week of 3/6 and will be held on 4/21 with a focus on STEM. Suggestions were brought up to charge an entry fee in order to lessen the chances of students cancelling their spot at the last minute. It costs HSA \$7 per student to participate. An outside vendor has not been lined up yet. There was discussion of having a winner for each grade level to boost participation where a judging rubric would be provided prior so that all students know what to include on their project. One teacher per grade level would be asked to judge the students.

Assemblies (Lauren Porter): Reading Rocks on 3/6 and The Science Guy on 4/21 (Kindergarten student's father).

Box Tops (Sylvia Snyder): Mrs. DiPano's class won the spring contest! A total of \$1,200 was raised this year.

Ms. Eckstein's Forum: She is very excited about the kindergarten registration numbers so far. Parents at the meeting voiced concerns about the classrooms becoming overpopulated due to the new development on Amwell Road. How will this affect adding more classrooms and possibly rezoning the elementary schools? Who decides what the right number of students per classroom is?