

**Hillsborough Elementary School
Home and School Association
September 2017 Meeting
9/13/2017**

Erika Marini, HSA President, opened the meeting at 7pm.

Introductions

The Board Members and all those in attendance introduced themselves to the group. There were 24 people in attendance.

Old Business

Melanie Simone and Paul Marini were voted in as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. The updated list of Committee Chairs and available positions were distributed to those in attendance. Please volunteer where you can and help make this year great for our children.

Roller Skating Party

We have had a great response to our Roller Skating Party. Thank you to Mrs. Hopson for putting this great event together for our HES families. We are very close to being sold out, when this happens, Mrs. Eckstein will send out an e-mail.

Glow Party

The Glow Party is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017. All registrations will be done using Community Pass. This event is a very popular one for HES families, it is expected to sell out quickly. Volunteer sign up will also take place on Community Pass, please consider donating your time to help make this event successful.

Kid Stuff Books

Kid Stuff books have been sent home with all students. If parents would like to keep the book sent home, they need to send \$25 payment back with child in envelope provided. If parents do not want the book sent home, simply send the book back into school with your child. All money or books are due back by Friday, September 22, 2017.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Milan Rose will be the photographer, information on photo packages will get sent home with students next week. Parent volunteers will be needed for this event, please check Community Pass to sign up.

Long Live the Library

Long Live the Library is a program that allows families to donate books to the school library in their child's name. The program helps to build our school library and gives children the special gift of a book donated in their name while encouraging a life-long love of reading. For each donation, the librarian obtains a grade-level book to add to the school collection. It may be a new book title or a replacement of a popular one. A donation label with the child's name and special message is placed inside the front cover. That child is given the opportunity to be the first student in the school to check out and read the book before it becomes a part of our HES library. The cost is \$14.00 and this can be done through Community Pass.

Box Tops

Box Tops are collected from students twice per year, once in Fall, and again in the Spring. Box Tops should be cut out, and placed in zip lock bags in denominations of 50, and marked with your child's name and teacher. The class that collects the most Box Tops gets a special prize at the end of each collection.

Friend Finder

All Hillsborough Elementary School families are encouraged to join the HSA, and submit their information to be included in the Friend Finder. This can be done either using the paper forms sent home with children the first week of school, or through Community Pass. The Friend Finder will get printed and sent home with students sometime in mid-late October.

Class Parents

Class Parent sign-up is active on Community Pass. Parents will be randomly chosen from those who sign-up, we try to include as many parents as we can. Each class has 1 Head Class Parent, and 3 Co-Class Parents. The Head Class Parents will attend a meeting, explaining their duties as Class Parent.

Website

Leigh Strachan is the Website Coordinator for the HSA. She asks that Committee Chairs send her information to post on the website for their events. Please be sure to send her electronic copies of all flyers so she can post them online. Leigh is also looking to add a platform on the website to encourage more parents to volunteer their time throughout the year. She is exploring different ways to do this, to maximize parent engagement.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place during the first week of October. All classes will have a time slot to go to the book fair during school hours, parents can send in money with their students so they can shop during the day. The book fair will also be open from 6-8pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 for parents to shop with their children. Parent Volunteer sign up for the Book Fair is active on Community Pass now.

Life Skills

Life Skills is a district-wide program that helps children achieve their personal best in life. The program promotes education on dangers facing our children and motivates children to maintain positive relationships and respect for others. The Life Skills program offers the students information regarding alcohol, drugs, tobacco and self-esteem – information they need to make healthy life choices.

A presentation is given to each classroom by two volunteers; the program takes approximately one hour. Volunteers are given a one hour classroom training session by the District Life Skills staff at the Municipal Building in the fall (usually end of November); day and evening sessions are available. The program usually takes place in January/February. Interested Parent Volunteers can sign up using Community Pass.

Principal Forum

Mrs. Eckstein reported an update on the Playground Committee. This Committee, led by Mr. Cooper, has begun the process of exploring various alternatives for an addition to our current playground. An estimate for the cost of the playground will be \$35,000, and this does not include ground covering (mulch, rubber, etc). Last year's "Fun Run" raised a portion of the money needed to fund the playground, so this committee is also looking at other alternatives for fundraisers/grants to raise the rest of the money needed to fund the playground.

Erika Marini, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.