

**Hillsborough Elementary School  
Home and School Association  
November 2017 Meeting  
11/15/2017**

**Melanie Simone, HSA Vice President, opened the meeting at 7pm.**

**Introductions**

The Board Members and all those in attendance introduced themselves to the group. There were 13 people in attendance. October Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Glow Party**

The Glow Party was a great event. We raised about \$1700. Community Pass was used for all registrations, and it seemed to work well. Mrs. Eckstein suggested that next year we split the event by grade level, and perhaps do carnival games for the younger grades and a dance party for the older grades. The Chairperson stated that she will look into making some of these changes for next year.

**Class Parents**

Halloween parties went very well. We had a few classes send home goody bags with food/candy, which is against policy, so we may have to ban goody bags in future years. Goody bags are currently allowed if they only contain non-food items. Class Parents are also reminded not to post any class party pictures on Social Media. Photos should only be shared with the classroom teacher and the Yearbook Chairperson.

**Amazon Smile**

Kim Brogan informed attendees that people may donate to the HSA through Amazon Smile. All you must do is sign up, and a percentage of money spent at Amazon goes to the HSA. Mrs. Eckstein will e-mail out instructions to all parents for sign-up.

**Holiday Shopping Extravaganza**

Tammy Phelan reported that we have 40 vendors interested. The event will take place on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at HES. She is working with Wendy in the Main Office regarding layout of tables. Each vendor has agreed to raffle off one item worth at least \$10. Each vendor will handle their own raffles and contact winners. The 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will sell baked goods and coffee/tea to attendees in support of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day.

**Friend Finder**

The Friend Finders have been distributed to those who signed up. We raised \$1842 after cost of printing.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day Fundraising**

The Chairpersons are going to hold a bake sale at the Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. They have 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents donating baked goods/coffee, and will sell at the event. Proceeds will be earmarked for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day. They are also looking at arranging food nights at various local restaurants throughout the year. More information will be coming soon on these events. It was also discussed that 4th Grade will sell food at the Father Daughter Dance in February and the Spring Fling (Mother Son Dance) to raise additional money for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day.

## **PICTO**

The Date for our Annual PICTO Night will be January 26, 2018, with a snow date of March 2, 2018. Planning is well underway for this event, much more information will be coming this month. Meghann stated that the basket raffle was an area where she could use some additional assistance. Several attendees stated that they would help solicit various local businesses, and it was decided that we will ask parents to donate some items for additional baskets. Meghann also informed us that the High School no longer has whiteboards for us to use in writing down the pictures called.

## **Yankee Candle Fundraising**

Kim Brogan reported that this fundraiser is going very well for us so far. Paper Orders are due 11/16, and we will leave online sales open through January. At this point, we have sold \$3200 worth of merchandise, which is a profit of \$1275 for the HSA. There will also be a new flyer distributed to students in January, and the fundraiser will continue in the spring.

## **Teacher Forum**

Halloween Parties were great. Mrs. Hopson asked if we were planning to do Barnes and Noble Night, and if so, that she would help find Teachers to read.

## **Principal Forum**

Mrs. Eckstein also reported that Halloween Parties went well. Additionally, she asked for an electronic copy of our logo to be sent to her, the one she has needs to be color-fixed.

## **Website**

Leigh Strahan reminded everyone to please send her any flyers/content for posting to the HSA website. She wants to keep it as current and updated as possible to foster better parent engagement.

## **Open Comments**

Leigh Strahan introduced the idea of a Scrapbooking Event Fundraiser. She stated that we would need a large room with tables/chairs for about a 6-8 hour stretch on a weekend day. We proposed that we continue to discuss this idea and figure out overhead costs prior to making a decision.

**Melanie Simone, Vice President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.**

Minutes Submitted by: Meghann Valeo, HSA Recording Secretary