

**Hillsborough Elementary School
Home and School Association
November 2017 Meeting
12/14/2017**

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 12 people in attendance. November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Teacher Presentation- Mrs. Dano

Mrs. Dano presented on her robotics work with students. She is in need of some new devices (iPads, tablets, etc) for students to use in her class with her new robotics equipment.

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza-Vendor Fair

We had 39 paid vendors, and raised \$975 from the event. Overall, it was a great event, however, we had a relatively low shopper turnout. Feedback from vendors was to try to move the event to a weekend date next year. Thanks to the 4th Grade Day Chairpersons for organizing a great bake sale as part of the event.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Kim Brogan is distributing orders made by the deadline in early December, there will be a new catalog distributed to families for the spring. The online sale will be open all year.

Father Daughter Dance

The Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 9, 2018 at Hillsborough Elementary School. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event. If anyone is interested, please contact an HSA Board Member.

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. Registration will be on Community Pass only, and will be operational prior to Winter Break. Erika Marini will send home information to students regarding new spirit wear that will be available prior to PICTO. We will not have "PICTO" shirts this year, but instead encourage kids to wear their new Spirit Wear. Melanie has been soliciting local businesses for donations for the Basket Raffle, and Meghann is preparing information to be sent home with students regarding basket raffle item donations from parents. Additionally, all volunteer signup and food donation sign up will take place online via "Sign up Genius."

STEM Fair

Planning and preparation for the event will begin in January, with a goal of February 5th to open registration. The STEM Fair will take place on Friday March 16, 2018.

Barnes and Noble Day

This was a great event. A special thank you to all of the Teachers who volunteered to read, the students enjoyed their participation. We had a great turnout, even though there was short notice to parents.

TD Bank Fundraising Opportunity

Paul Marini introduced a fundraising opportunity for the HSA. TD Bank has a fundraiser where they add a special code to your existing or new account. At the end of each year, they will count the number of accounts with the code, and send a check to the HSA. It is a very simple and easy fundraiser, Paul will prepare an e-mail with instructions for parents who wish to sign up.

Assemblies

There is a Theater Assembly planned for January 24, 2018 at 8:45am and 9:45am. Lisa is working to schedule the Sciencetellers show, and a 3rd Assembly for the spring.

Teacher Forum

Mrs. Goodwin spoke about an ongoing Writers Workshop she is doing with students on persuasive writing. She would like her class to write a persuasive letter to the HSA, and perhaps present the letter at the January meeting.

Open Comments

Bret Cooper presented an update from the Playground Committee. The committee is working on details to start selling bricks to fundraise for the new playground equipment. The cost of the bricks would range from \$80 to \$400 depending on size and text/personalization options. All brick ordering will be done online, we would need to have an HSA Paypal account to support the online ordering. More information should be rolled out in January.

Erika Marini, President of the HSA, closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Meghann Valeo, HSA Recording Secretary