

## MORRIS HILLS HSA MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2023

7:00pm

Meeting called to order: 7:11 p.m.

April Meeting minutes approved: Christina S.1<sup>st</sup>, Al M. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

### Attendees:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Dr. Toriello/Principal

BOARD MEMBERS: President- Joy Durland, VP Aparna Pandruvada; Treasurer-Al Morena; Membership-Kimberly Gambrell; Secretary-Christina Scalzo

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Debbie Amicucci (PGC); Christa Smith; Robyn Grodsky; Jenn Kroegman; Tona Bobb

Principal's report: See attached

Treasurer report: See attached (Budget discussion for 2023-24 year)

### Old Business:

- **Board Nominations for 2023-24 discussion**
- **Amendment of By-laws discussion**-This discussion to be tabled for the HSA meeting in the start of the 2023-24 school year. It was discussed and agreed that the by-laws are outdated and are not relevant to the current state of our HSA & need clarification to coincide with the needs of our association at this time.
- **Amendment of HSA Scholarship requirements**: Kimberly Gambrell & Aparna Pandruvada are chairs of this committee & brought to the attention of our association that clarification & updates are needed for the scholarship requirements. They were readily prepared to elaborate their recommendations; however, this agenda item is tabled for revision at the start of the 2023-24 school year.
- **Executive Board Positions**:
  - Al Morena is resigning as Treasurer, this position will be vacant at the start of the 2023-24 school year.
- **Next Meeting**: A motion was made by Joy Durland and 2nd by Sheila Zeman to change the next meeting date from May 1st to May 9th.
- **Custodian luncheon**- over the summer, Christine P. & Joy Durland handled the wonderful setup for custodians, it was a "picnic" theme. Ordered from Panera, custodians choice.
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### New Business:

- **Scholarship Committee**:
  - Changes to student volunteer requirements were discussed, current obligation is 2 hours over a 4 years period & no parent obligation. Freshmen parent members were present and agreed that an increase to 4 hours over the 4 years & parent volunteer involvement is a reasonable adjustment to make. It was mentioned that attendance by caregivers to our HSA meetings can be included in the parent obligations.
    - A MOTION WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE HSA SCHOLARSHIP BE INCREASED TO 4 HOURS CUMULATIVELY

OVER THE 4 YEARS, WITH A MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS FOR THE STUDENT EXCLUSIVELY, THE OTHER 2 HOURS CAN BE STUDENT/FAMILY MEMBER, THIS WILL BE THE REQUIREMENT STARTING THIS YEAR, CLASS OF 2027. JOY DURLAND 1<sup>ST</sup>, KIMBERLY GAMBRELL 2<sup>ND</sup> .

- Current Seniors that were paid up w/membership dues were offered volunteer opportunities with Back to School Night at the HSA table. There was a sign-up genius created for this.
- A suggestion was made by freshman parent to reach out to students to inform them of what the HSA is, what it does, we offer a scholarship, etc, Having a student ambassador, perhaps from the SGA to be a liaison for the HSA.
- Kimberly Gambrell proposed that our HSA purchase a tablecloth for our school events to better represent the organization. Dr. Toriello mentioned that Liz, his secretary can get us prices, information. This will be discussed & voted on October meeting.
- Discussion regarding our membership letter going out to our families in different languages. Dr. Toriello and others suggested maybe a student can assist with getting this done.
- **Membership report:** 42 family/9 staff, online only, total \$1,165
- **Tabled Items:**
  - Treasurer position- Leanne Perruso was to be nominated, she is parent of student alumni. Concerns for her being able to commit to the position & taking the opportunity away from a parent with a current student. This discussion will continue at our October meeting.
  - By-laws- Christina Scalzo outlined and shared some areas of the document that she felt were not relevant to our current state/climate with volunteering & obligations. She will make a new document & share for revision with HSA board members & membership.
- **Monthly calendar-**Joy brought up whether HSA should have a calendar that goes out for our events, ex: Friyay's for the school year. Dr. Toriello & others present agreed that how we communicate on a monthly basis worked out fine last year, we can continue to do the same. We will present our Fri-yay dates, etc. at the monthly HSA meetings.
- **Subcommittee's-**
  - **Hospitality-** Christine Prusiensky will be the hospitality chair.
  - **Tricky Tray-** Christina Scalzo will be tricky tray chair DATE WILL BE MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024, Patty Barrow will handle donations
  - **Project Graduation-** Debbie Amicucci will be the chair/liaison for project graduation.
    - Debbie asked if leftover funds carryover, YES; Lawn signs; YES
- **Fundraising-**
  - Christina received the donation kit for sneaker drive. We will head this up in January.
  - Joy mentioned the jibits for sale. Kimberly to get more information for this.

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2023**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:03p.m. Motion made by Christina Scalzo 1<sup>st</sup> , Joy Durland 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor**