

MORRIS HILLS HSA MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2023

7:00pm

Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

September Meeting minutes approved: Al Morena^{1st}, Christina Scalzo^{2nd}, 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; Hospitality Chair-Christine Prusiensky

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Christa Smith; Robyn Grodsky; Marguerite Theuret; Holley Adams; Dawn Klose; Debbie Amicucci (PGC)

Principal's report: See attached

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

THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET REPORT WAS AMENDED TO REFLECT CHANGES MADE REGARDING TRICKY TRAY FIGURES, HOLIDAY TEA & FRI-YAY

Christina S. ^{1st}, Christa S. ^{2nd} made the motion, all in favor.

Membership report: Aparna & Kimberly- 125 family/42 staff for September

Project Graduation: Debbie A. & Christine P. asked about using gambling License under HSA, Answer: they would be covered under HSA biennial license

Old 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 ^{1ST}, KIMBERLY GAMBRELL ^{2ND} .
- 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.
- **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.
 - Tablecloth to be purchased for HSA events, to include Hospitality. Voted & approved to move forward with purchasing, have to find vendor/pricing. Dr. T to have Liz email who the school uses.
- **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.
- **Dunkin' Donuts gift card given to us will be used by hospitality committee.**
- **Subcommittee's-**
 - **Hospitality**- Christine Prusiensky will be the hospitality chair.
 - **Tricky Tray**- Christina Scalzo will be tricky tray chair DATE WILL BE MARCH 22ND, 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.

New Business:

- **Licensing:**
 - Calendar raffle license was submitted to Rockaway Borough, should take about 6 weeks.
 - License & tickets should be available & for sale by November 1st.
- Membership will email current membership for treasurer position.
- Membership is due by November 30, 2023, thereafter will be \$30 family/\$20 staff.
 - Membership will close by 1/15/2024
- **Hospitality:**
 - Budget for Fri-yay was discussed during treasurer's report, to include the Holiday Tea.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10p.m. Motion made by Al Morena 1st , Aparna Pandrurada2nd, all in favor