



HSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 8:45am

HSA Board Member Attendees: Vanessa Hasson, Graceann Tinney, Carrie Maio, Rishi Chowdhury, Lana Popov, and Melanie Kok

Other Attendees (Teams and in-person): Soju Kurup, Meghan Opsani, Morgan Wittenberg, Daniella Preston, Kristina Satterfield, James Halstead, Angelique Toadvine, Stephanie Dougherty, Jenn Hoff, Amy Adelman, Jamie Horn, and Shiva Hamidinia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Graceann Tinney called the meeting to order at 8:50AM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the 6/08/2023 General Membership Meeting minutes was made by Melanie Kok
Lana Popov seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

3. PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME AND GRADE LEVEL REPORTS

Vanessa Hasson welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the Grade Level Classroom Reports:

Kindergarten:

Focusing on building Classroom Communities through morning meetings and closing circles, starting a Science Unit centered on nature and exploring the Fall season, and reviewing letters and numbers up to five.

First Grade:

Introducing a Sound Wall featuring Vowel Valley and Consonant Corner. A Friend of the Day routine, which combines phonics and writing to get to know classmates better. Additionally, establishing First Grade routines, which include morning meetings, closing circles, and a full day of engaging learning activities.

Second Grade:

Getting to know each other and learning classroom routines, learning about numbers to 1,000 in math, and building our classroom community and learning about other communities.

Third Grade:

Enjoying some of the supplies received from our grant last year, thank you, Home and School. Celebrating Pirate Day and Johnny Appleseed Day and kicking off the start of the Reading program.

Fourth Grade:

Writing (beginning to write personal narratives), reading (reviewing reading strategies and learning how to set-up reading notebooks, and math (reviewing place value and multi-digit addition and subtraction).

Fifth Grade:

Thrilled to attend Elbow Lane for the low and high ropes. Incredible grateful to H&S for helping fund the adventure. Excited for the reading journey with the My View Curriculum, and eagerly anticipating the first BV Day of the school year and the assembly.

Sixth Grade:

Reading (challenges turning into triumphs), exploring Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization in Social Studies, and delving into Math concepts like whole numbers, prime numbers, and prime factorization.

Specialists:

Library: celebrated a school wide dot day and students created a mural, based on the book, The Dot, by Peter Reynolds.

4. OVERVIEW OF PLANNED YEAR

An overview of the planned year was provided by Graceann Tinney:

Trunk or Treat

Excited to announce the upcoming Trunk or Treat Event scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, in the BVE parking lot, running from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Admission to this event is free, emphasizing a focus on community engagement rather than fundraising.

Other Calendar features

In addition to the Trunk or Treat, the calendar features a range of events and activities throughout the year. These include the Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Diversity Day, Science Alive, Gardening, Yearbook, and more. Decisions regarding the BVE Ball and potential alternatives to Urban Air/Carnival are currently under consideration. Fall Fest will not be on the calendar this year. There is a need for volunteers and some committee chairs.

5. Treasurer Report and Committee Notes

Rishi Chowdhury facilitated the proposed budget discussion on revenue and expenses for the year ending June 2024.

Committee notes pertaining to the proposed budget included:

- Landscape Beautification to be increased to include mulch purchase.
- The Student Wish List item needs to be specified and budget to change to zero until decision is made. To vote on a decision and amount at a future General Membership Meeting.
- Landscape / Gardening expense to be reduced.
- Teacher Appreciation expense to be reduced considering contributions from parent community.
- The Yearbook revenue amount is to be increased due to delayed payments received.
- The Book Fair Committee requires funds for the purchases of bags, posters, etc.

Graceann Tinney motioned to approve the revenue amount of \$31,744, the expense of \$23,075 and therefor an under-budget amount of \$8,669. Kristina Satterfield seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

6. New Business: General Membership Questions/Comments

Questions and suggestions, from attendee's included:

1. Blazer Academy (Book Clubs, Pokémon Clubs, Baking Classes, Yoga, etc.) and Retirement Stone / Plaque initiatives could be reviewed and possibly revived.
2. To boost fundraising efforts, several effective strategies could be considered such as:
 - Bingo Night – explore the possibility of introducing a per person or per book fee instead of a group family fee.
 - Gift Card Fundraising through platforms like Scrip/RaiseRight
 - Collaborating with local businesses, including supermarkets such as Weis, restaurants, and more, to create ongoing fundraising partnerships.
 - To engage families directly, distribute a flyer requesting a donation, outline the importance of donations and specify how the funds will be utilized to benefit our school and children.

3. HSA to develop a Marketing and Communication Plan. A blurb about the committees and planned activities will be especially helpful for new parents.
4. There is a need to see the teacher and parent community grow closer. For example, it would be wonderful to see our teachers and their families at the Trunk or Treat night.

Vanessa Hasson shared that Melanie Kok, a member of the Home and School Association Board, has resigned from her position as Secretary and that the position will be filled soonest.

7. Adjournment

Graceann Tinney adjourned the meeting at 10:38am

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16th, 2023, at 8:45am, in-person at Bridge Valley Elementary School