

New Hope-Solebury Elementary School Home and School

Association General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Call to order and introductions:

President Beth Keating called to order the general meeting of the New Hope-Solebury Elementary school Home and School Association at 10:04am on Sept. 29th, 2010. Introductions of 2010-2011 board members were made.

The following signed in as present:

Beth Keating, President

Donna Zalewski, Vice President UES

Mary Dupont, Vice President LES (unable to attend meeting)

Chris Antell, Treasurer

Erika Goodyear, Assistant Treasurer

Jennifer Primavera, Secretary

Stacey Frank

Erin Cherencik

Heidi Luke

Joanne Adar

Torrey Giese

Beth Houlton

Colleen Ferlazzo

Nancy Warshowsky

Charlie Sahrner

Beth Botelho

Maggie McGurl

Hilary Raupp

Mary Luciani-Amaya

Amishi Castelli

Correspondence:

In a letter, Ken Silver, Principal of the LES, expressed his appreciation the H.S.A. for providing \$3000 to the LES for the purchase of new basketball hoops which were purchased and installed over the summer. (A matching donation was given to the UES, with plans for it to be used on some new playground equipment).

A letter of appreciation was received from Walsworth Yearbook Company thanking Susan Atkinson, LES yearbook chairperson from last year.

Treasurer's report:

Chris Antell, treasurer, states that the current balance in the H.S.A. account is approximately \$21,000. The new budget for 2010-2011 can be viewed on the H.S.A. pages of the UES and LES on the district website.

New Business:

Overview presented of what H.S.A. provides to both schools with money from fundraising. The H.S.A. hopes to obtain enough money through event-driven fundraising to meet an annual budget of approximately \$20,000. Last year's annual goal was not reached. As a result, some budget cuts were made this year to help obtain that goal.

Family Donation Letter:

With product fundraising eliminated, the H.S.A. relies on family donations as their main source of revenue. The H.S.A. received approximately \$6,000 last year from donations. Family donation letters were sent home in backpack mail.

Kidstuff coupon books:

Stacey Frank, chairperson of Kidstuff books, says the coupon books are to be distributed this week through back pack mail, with each family receiving one book to purchase with the option to purchase more. The H.S.A. makes \$12.50 for each book sold.

Lunch/Recess Volunteers:

The LES is in need of more volunteers to assist at lunch and recess. If you are interested, contact Paula Saxton, chairperson, at pgsax@msn.com, or one of the secretaries at the LES.

Teacher Grants:

So far, four teacher grants have been received. The H.S.A. board members will meet in the near future to discuss which of these grants we will provide funding for.

Cultural Heritage Night:

Nan Nagg, chairperson, spoke about this new H.S.A. event which is being offered to everyone without an admission fee. UES and LES families can reserve a table to present their heritage, kids who attend can visit each table with a passport to experience different cultures. A detailed explanation and sign-up sheet will come home in backpack mail. Anyone interested in participating can come to a meeting for the event to be held on October 5th. The event itself is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 22nd.

Spiritwear:

Erika Goodyear, chairperson, spoke about changes to our spiritwear sale this year. Sales will be internet based through Sportswear Plus. Information will be distributed when the system is up and running. Sample items will be available to view at some point, some new products will be available this year, and some items will be for sale in the school store in the UES.

Trunk or Treat:

Joanne Adar and Leslie Marino will co-chair Trunk or Treat at the UES this year. Joanne has met with Principal Amy Mangano to discuss the event and a planning meeting is to be held this week. Amy Mangano stressed that the kids really want games and activities rather than food and prizes.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Boccuti, Superintendent, spoke to those in attendance about issues that have been brought to his attention related to the recent Jewish holidays. He stated he is trying to attend all parent association meetings to ask for parents' support in promoting tolerance and respect for different religious holidays. He believes that the focus should be on our children learning about all different religions, cultures, and holidays. He strongly recommends anyone who is interested in exploring and discussing this topic to attend a Diversity Committee meeting where these issues can be further addressed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd. Information about these meetings can be found on the district website.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 with a motion by Jenn Primavera, seconded by Beth Keating.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Primavera

Secretary