

New Hope-Solebury Elementary School Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes-September 21st, 2011

Lower Elementary School

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Donna Zalewski, H.S.A. president at 9am. The following were signed in as present:

Donna Zalewski, President

Adrienne Duessing, Vice President-LES

Beth Houlton, Vice President-UES

Erika Goodyear-Assistant Treasurer

Jennifer Primavera-Secretary

Dr. Jan Kaufman-School Board Member

Dr. Raymond Boccuti-Superintendent

Eileen Jones

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Kristina Rago

Mary Dupont

Dr. Sarah Zimov Levinson

Collette Martino

Hannah Imperial-Cannon

Peter Malamis

Susan Atkinson

Chris McDermott

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Boccuti stated that it has been an extraordinary start to the school year with weather and building related issues. He also spoke about the new 3rd-12th grade Google initiative started within the district this year and the trialing of I Pads in all buildings. Dr. Bocutti also informed those present about a new school district policy, #915, which deals with policy change for all booster clubs and parent organizations. This new policy requires all such organizations to provide new documentation such as bylaws, budgets, and proof that the organization has a designated President, Treasurer, and a liaison between the organization and the school district. All such documentation will be reviewed by the district business office annually.

President's Report:

Donna Zalewski, H.S.A. president welcomed all those present and began reviewing present and upcoming events.

1. Family Donation letter-The optional H.S.A. family donation letter will be sent out today in backpack mail.

2. Kidstuff books-Kidstuff coupon books are scheduled to be distributed on October 5th via backpack mail. This optional fundraiser provides the opportunity to purchase a coupon book filled with coupons to local businesses and restaurants. 50% of the \$25 cost goes directly to the H.S.A.
3. Sally Foster-The Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser is returning this year due to parent requests. This year will be an online-only sale and will begin at some point in the month of October. The H.S.A. receives 40% of the profits from this fundraiser.
4. Card Art-The popular Card Art fundraiser will begin in October, as well. This fundraiser allows parents to submit original art work from their children which can be transferred to a variety of stationary and gift items available for purchase.
5. Spiritwear-This year, the H.S.A. and P.T.G. will work together on Spiritwear and plan to use a new vendor. More information will be provided on this in October.

LES report:

Adrienne Duessing, VP of the LES, commented on back to school nights at the LES and the success of finding many volunteers for LES events. Many lunch volunteers are in the process of getting clearances. October 6th is the picture day set for the LES. There will also be information coming home to parents about a Boxtop competition amongst the classes which will be ongoing until February. Please send in any boxtops to your child's teacher for collection.

UES report:

Beth Houlton, VP of the UES, spoke also about the success of back to school night . Trunk or Treat will be held again this year to celebrate Halloween. Leslie Marino will chair this event. The date is to be determined and more information on this will be available in October. She also spoke of the Howell Farm corn maze fundraiser which will run in September for two weekends. 50% of the ticket price will be donated to the H.S.A. Beth also mentioned the possibility of a boxtop competition at the UES, but plans had not yet been approved for this.

New Business:

Dr. Jan Kaufman, school board member, introduced herself to those present at the meeting. She stated she is attending parent-teacher group meetings to enhance communication between the school board and parent groups.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Primavera, Secretary