

**New Hope-Solebury Elementary School Home and School Association General Meeting Minutes**

**January, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Upper Elementary School**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by H.S.A. president Donna Zalewski at 9:05am. The following signed in as present:

Donna Zalewski, Chris Antell, Beth Keating, Adrienne duessing, Mary Dupont, Jennifer Primavera, Marlene Panzica, Kurt Zander, Ly Do, Chris McDermott, Erika Goodyear, Amy Mangano

**Guest Speakers:** Donna Zalewski introduced two school board members, Marlene Panzica and Kurt Zander.

Marlene spoke about her role as chair of the policy committee. The committee is seeking parent representatives from all schools. The committee will be updating policies, and she specifically mentioned the current bullying policy being updated. She also explained that there are now 5 school board committees, Policy, Finance, Facility, Curriculum, and Community Engagement. Anyone interested in more information should contact the school board at [schoolboard@nhsd.org](mailto:schoolboard@nhsd.org).

Kurt spoke of the development of the curriculum committee this year. All are invited to attend and the committee is seeking parental involvement. This is an advisory committee only, not intended to develop curriculum. Recommendations will be forwarded to the board. The mission of the group will be discussed at the first meeting.

**Principal report:** UES principal Amy Mangano spoke of the PSSA's coming up in March. Dates can be found on the school website. 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion party preparations are under way. She also mentioned a save-the-date for a reading night to be held at the UES on March 16<sup>th</sup> for K-5. There will also be an open gym night sponsored by the YMCA, date to be determined, will be sometime in April.

### **President's report:**

1. **Cultural Heritage Night**- This event is being co-chaired by Nan Nagg and Kim Madaraz. It is to be held at the UES on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 630-830pm. Info to go out in Feb. requesting volunteers to help run tables, etc. No food will be provided by H.S.A. Food may be provided by volunteers running tables.
2. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**- This event is funded by parent donations and H.S.A. funds. The event is scheduled to happen on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. A ceremony will be followed by a parent reception, and a student reception. Meetings to be held today at 10:30 and 3:30 regarding planning for this event.
3. **Teacher grants**-The H.S.A. will donate \$2,000 to each school towards teacher submitted mini-grants. This will be discussed at a separate board meeting. Money will most likely be split to provide each submission with at least partial funding.

**Vice Principal's report:** Beth Houlton, V.P. of the UES and Adrienne Duessing, V.P. of the LES will co-chair along with Beth Keating for the Pizza Bingo scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date March 2<sup>nd</sup>). List serve and back pack mail to go out today. Donations of baked goods are needed. Mr. Marrone is scheduled to be the caller. There will be a maximum of 350 attendees in the UES cafeteria. The LES yearbook is currently underway with sales up to 204 yearbooks.

**Treasurer's report:** Chris Antell, treasurer, reported that Boxtops are currently at \$850 profit since the start of the school year. The pizza party contest ends at the end of January. An ice cream or water ice party contest will take place from Feb.-April. Spiritwear sales had a total profit of about \$1,000. Card Art sales had a total of about \$550 (thanks to Sue Siano!). Kidstuff books sales had a total profit of \$3,900 (thanks to Stacey Frank!).

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Primavera, H.S.A. secretary