

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

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Upper Elementary School

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Donna Zalewski, H.S.A. President. The following signed in as present:

Collette Martino, Chris Antell, Donna Zalewski, Adrienne Deussing, Beth Houlton, Jennifer Primavera, Mary Dupont, Ly Do, Jenn Lehman, Beth Keating, Jennifer Lynch, Saskia Kelter, Mary Contiliano, Erika Fitzsimmons

President's report: 2012-2013 Fundraisers:

1. Box tops/Campbells: Because of the success of last year's Boxtops and Campbells collection contests at both the UES and LES, we will again be running this contest for 2012-2013 school year. Last year, \$3,200 was raised between both schools, a big thank you to all of those who participated and continue to participate this year. A backpack mailer explaining the contest will go out today. LES will receive visitations by H.S.A. officers explaining the contest to the students and the UES students will be reminded of the contest at a town meeting by Ms. Mangano. Anyone with questions regarding which products are eligible for either Boxtops or Campbells collection, please refer to their respective websites at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).
2. Card Art: We will again be running the Card Art fundraiser this year. This program allows parents to purchase their child's art work which can be turned into gifts such as stationary. This will be chaired by Sue Siano.
3. Family donation letter: This is the H.S.A.'s 3<sup>rd</sup> year of utilizing this alternative to our other fundraising programs. Parents may contribute a voluntary donation in place of participating in product fundraisers. Donations are due by October 6<sup>th</sup>, reminders to go out on listserve.
4. Kidstuff books: The sale of Kidstuff books will again begin late September/early October. Kidstuff coupon books are optional to

purchase. At a cost of \$25, half of every book sold will result in \$12.50 profit to go to the H.S.A. Last year this fundraiser raised \$3,800 for the H.S.A. Stacey Frank is chairing the fundraiser again this year. Keep an eye out for a book to come home to purchase in your child's backpack.

5. Spiritwear: This year's Spiritwear sale is underway. The sale will be online, a listserve will be sent out shortly announcing the sale. Items for sale include pajama pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and magnets.
6. A+ rewards: We are presently looking into utilizing Giant's A+ rewards program, awaiting to hear from their corporate office. More information on this to follow at a later meeting.
7. Corn Maze: The Howell Farm's Corn Maze fundraiser will run for the last two weekends of September. See their website to print a coupon that will allow half of all admissions in your party go to the H.S.A.

#### LES report (Beth Houlton, V.P. of LES):

Principal meeting went well, Mr. Silver is excited to work with the H.S.A. this year and would like to pass along that recess volunteers are still needed at the LES for all grades. Kindergarten back to school night went well and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will have their back to school night tonight. The yearbook will be chaired by Hannah Cannon again this year, meeting to be held for anyone interested in helping, date to be announced. Yearbooks will be available for purchase through the end of December.

#### UES report (Adrienne Deussing, V.P. of UES):

New fundraiser under way at the UES will help to raise money to pave the grassy area between the UES cafeteria and the playground. Pavers will be for sale which can be engraved with your child's/family's name. These pavers will be worked into the area which will be paved to eventually provide an outdoor learning center. Trunk or Treat will take place at the UES on Halloween during student lunch/recess periods. Parents are needed to volunteer, please contact Beth Keating if interested in volunteering, [bethkeating27@comcast.net](mailto:bethkeating27@comcast.net). Parents are invited to walk around with their child during trunk or treat.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Primavera, H.S.A. secretary