

New Hope- Solebury Elementary Schools
Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
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CALL to ORDER

President, Deborah Peckman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

IN ATTENDANCE

HSA Board Members:

Deborah Peckman, President
Julia Swankoski, Co-President
Nancy Aguilar, Vice President, LES
Sarah Levinson, Vice President UES
Karin Last-Scott, Secretary
Shelby Buron, Treasurer
Jin Joshi, Co-Treasurer

Parent Members:

Abby Botts, Alison Dalewitz, Caroline Elias, Jennifer Kennedy-Kranz, Liz Augenblick,
Roxanne Apparies, Donna Picone.

School Representatives:

Dr. Mike McKenna, Principal of the UES; Jennifer Frantz, Principal of the LES

1. President's Report- Deborah Peckman and Julia Swankoski

- A. Welcome/ Introduction- The HSA board and attendees introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of Feb. Meeting Minutes- The February 2018 HSA Meeting Minutes were approved.
- C. 10:00 AM Moment of Silence to honor the National School Walkout.

**2. School Administration Reports-
Dr. Mike McKenna (UES)**

The UES Library mural will be getting started soon. Karina from Artists In Residence is heading this up.

There has been a lot of Tech Integration going on. Please follow Dr. McKenna's twitter account to see the innovative ways that technology is being integrated into UES learning.

St. Baldricks is this Saturday March 17 from 11 am - 3pm. Dr. Yanni will be shaving his head to raise money for cancer research. This is always a great event, so please come out and support our students and staff who will be shaving their heads for this great cause.

Aladdin will be the musical that is being performed at the UES this Spring.

Jump Rope For Heart has raised over \$34,000.00 so far, thanks to Mr. DiTulio.

Thank you to the New Hope and Solebury Police departments, who read to the students during the Read Across America week.

There are 182 school days built into the schedule, so there are two snow days that do not need to be made up. As of now, Friday June 15 will be a full day, and Monday June 18 will be a half day.

PSSA testing starts April 9. There will be three days of ELA and two days of Math.

The Art Show is coming up on March 21, and the Naturals will be performing.

The Reading Olympics will be held at Warwick Elementary on Thursday April 5.

The Glow Dance has been rescheduled for Friday April 20.

Friday April 27 is Cultural Heritage Night at the UES, which is always a fun event.

Ms. Jennifer Frantz (LES)

Today at 10 AM we are calling it "Walk Up" day, and students will be shown a google slide presentation about school safety. Yesterday the Safety Team met to begin an audit. The current manual is very lengthy, and not necessarily practical, so they are trying to revamp it and make it more user friendly.

Kindergarten registration is March 14 and 15. Many kids are signed up so far, so please ask friends and neighbors to do so early. There will be two more additional K sign up dates in May.

First grade registration is April 11 and 12. This helps the school better plan for classroom size.

Mrs. Lindsay Rosenberg will be subbing in K for Mrs. Kalidonis, who is out on maternity leave for the rest of the school year, and Mrs. DiCredico is in for Mrs. Reynolds, who is also on maternity leave.

Art Goes to School has been rescheduled for April 25.

Going into her second year, Ms. Frantz has a vision comprised of the following three areas:

The Writers Notebook: Integrating writing throughout the day. This program teaches you to live like a writer, so the process becomes more natural. This is a book study that will be done with the staff.

Project Based Learning: This looks at learning in a more authentic capacity. All staff will receive a copy of "Hacking PBL" by Ross Cooper.

Technology Integration: They will be working on the SMAR model with teachers, which talks about ways to use technology in the classroom.

Also on the list for projects will be a remodel of the Conference room. It needs updating, and she will be working with Mr. Mannion and the Beautification Committee to build a wall to separate it into two conference rooms- one a smaller, more intimate room, and one larger one. The idea of a mural was floated around, as well as a collage of the second grade students that will be leaving the LES every year. They will have a meeting over the summer, so if anyone is interested in helping out, please email Ms. Frantz.

3. Review Recent Events

A. Pizza Bingo- Fri. Feb. 23, Karin Last-Scott, Caroline Elias, Andrea Kearney.

Pizza Bingo made approximately \$1,500.00 this year. Julia Swankoski brought up possibly pulling in the Environmental Club next year to help out with recycling and trash. Someone also suggested that parents can donate prizes for bingo.

4. Upcoming Events

A. LES Spring Dance- Alison Dalewitz/ Liz Augenblick - Fri. April 6.

Flyers are going home today in backpack mail. They talked about putting the dance in the forefront of the Weekly Wrap, as well as having the office send home a separate email with the order form. There will be dedicated security at the dance to keep kids from running around outside.

B. UES Glow Dance- Dominique Pino Santiago- Fri. April 20.

The Glow dance has been rescheduled, and if parents are unable to make this new date, please email Dominique for a refund.

C.. Cultural Heritage Night- Mita Heble/ Leda Phillips/ Abby Botts.

Mita and Abby met this week and finished the flyer. The flyer will go home in Wednesday backpack mail next week. An emailed version of the flyer will be sent out on List Serv in the

coming weeks. They are looking for water coolers so that water can be served, as it was decided not to sell water that night.

D. UES Science Day - Shanthy Krishnarajah/ Jillian Bershtein, Friday May 4.

Shanty and Jillian are heading up UES Science Day, and they have been reaching out to last years presenters to see if they are interested in presenting again. Anyone interested in volunteering that day to help out, please contact them via email.

E. LES Science Day- Sarah Levinson- Fri. May 11.

Sarah mentioned possibly doing a Skype visit to tour a scientist's lab as an idea for a presentation this year. If anyone knows parents that want to help out, please let her know. She will be heading Science Day for the next two years.

F. Teacher Appreciation Week- Adrienne Deussing/ Shelby Buron, May 7-11.

The budget for Teacher Appreciation Week is \$100.00. The "Send a Hug" will be the first week of May, and will be sent out by April 15 to parents. They must have the form in by May 1.

The week of April 9, a Sign Up Genius will go out asking for food donations. Jennifer Kennedy-Kranz offered to donate lunch for one day during the week from her new restaurant, the New Hope General Store.

G. Trenton Thunder- Gretchen Reilly/ Roxanne Apparies/ Abby Botts, Fri. May 18.

Gretchen will send out a flyer to List Serv after Spring Break. They will need a final head count by April 27.

H. 5th Grade Promotion Party- Abby Botts/ Trish DiZio, Wed. June 12.

The committee met last month, and divided up into sub-committees for decorating, food, etc. This year's theme is "Hollywood", and there will be another meeting tonite.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.
Submitted by Karin Last, Secretary