

New Hope- Solebury Elementary Schools
Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
UES

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, Dawn Rene' Sandy, Julia Peterson, Jennifer Kennedy-Kranz, Mita Heble,
Roxanne Apparies, Trish DiZio.

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 March Meeting Minutes- The March 2018 HSA Meeting Minutes were approved.

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

Thank you to all volunteers for your ongoing support.

The UES Art Show was a success, with many parents attending. Thank you to Mr. Mannion for organizing, and to Mrs. Van Praag for having her Naturals perform.

All three teams for our Reading Olympics did an amazing job at the competition. Big thanks to all those who volunteered at the event.

As part of the Mystery Motivator, the kids made slime last Friday and had a great time.

Due to the number of snow days this year, Wed. June 20 is currently the last day of school for students, with an early dismissal at 12 PM.

Report cards are available on the Home Access Center this Friday April 20th at 4 PM.

The organizers for Science Day are looking for parents who can volunteer to present. If you are able to or know someone who is interested, please contact the HSA.

Some upcoming dates to remember in April:

Fri.4/20: Glow Dance

Thurs.4/26: Take your child to work day

Fri. 4/27: Cultural Heritage Night

Tues. 5/1: Spring Portraits

Fri. 5/4: Science Day

Sat. 5/5: Aladdin at 2pm in the Buck Auditorium

Mon. 5/7- Fri. 5/11: Book Fair Week

Fri. 5/18: Trenton Thunder Game

Thurs. 5/24: UES/LES Field Day

Fri. 5/25: UES/LES Field Day (Rain Date)

Ms. Jennifer Frantz (LES)

Last night was the Kindergarten showcase, and they did a great job. Tonite is the first grade show, and tomorrow night is the second grade show.

The first Silver Spoon lunches were cancelled and are rescheduled for Monday 4/23.

The LES is working on updating safety protocols, and have a meeting scheduled over the next three weeks with the Police Chief, the township, and others. They are trying to make it more practical. The Solebury Township Police visit the building a lot and are familiar faces to the students.

May 2 is the LES art show.

On May 8 staff will be working with Central Bucks for Tech Integration. They will be taken to observe and learn ways of dealing with technology in the classroom.

The bid for putting in a retractable wall in the conference room has come in at around \$4,000.00. They are looking for help over the summer to help beautify and paint the

conference room. The high school students may possibly be helping with some murals on the walls.

Kindergarten registration is May 9 and 10 at the UES.

Thank you to Sarah Levinson for working tirelessly on the upcoming Science Day at the LES on May 29.

3. Review Recent Events

A. UES Glow Dance, Fri. April 6- Liz Augenblick and Alison Dalewitz.

The theme was a Hawaiian Luau this year, and everybody had a great time. There were 166 tickets sold, and even with a lower ticket price this year, a profit of \$1,448.00 was made. Thank you to the custodians and security for their help that night. The new entrance area worked out well.

4. Upcoming Events

A. UES Glow Dance- Dominique Pino-Santiago, Fri. April 20.

Everything for the dance is good to go for this Friday night. 360 people have signed up to attend, and tickets will be available at the door.

B. UES Science Day- Jillian Bershtein/ Shanthi Krishnarajah, Fri. May 4.

Science Day is off to a slow start, with little to no presenters signed up. There are a few, but they need more. There will be five science stations per grade level and they will rotate classes, with 20 minutes per station. So far there are four parent presenters, and one from the College of New Jersey. An idea for next year might be to change it to a Science Fair or have a Science Night at school.

C.. Cultural Heritage Night- Mita Heble/ Leda Phillips/ Abby Botts, Fri. April 27.

Cultural Heritage Night has 15 families participating so far, representing 7 countries. They are looking for a few more, especially an Asian table. If you are able to host a table, please contact Mita or Abby.

D. LES Science Day - Sarah Levinson, May 29.

Sarah is having some trouble finding parent volunteers, so she is thinking of bringing in a few scientists for a morning assembly. There will be an Amphibian Expert to talk about “Radical Reptiles”, and another one will be a Skype with a scientist giving a tour of their lab. It seems Science Day will be moving away from parent presenters to keep it sustainable in the future.

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

Adrienne said a Sign Up Genius should be going out by next week for the UES food donations. Shelby is making the LES more of a week-long event, with a different food theme every day. This will be held with the Send a Hug event, where all teachers will receive a mug filled with Hershey’s Hugs.

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

People have until next Wed. April 25 to order tickets for the Trenton Thunder game. An email will also go out via List Serv this week, and Mrs. Van Praag will be sending out an email to families of The Naturals singing group, who will be performing the National Anthem before the game.

G. 5th Grade Promotion Party- Trish DiZio, Wed. June 12.

This year’s theme is “Hollywood”. There are 30 people on the committee, organizing decor, food, and games. Pizza and pretzels are being donated. A List Serv email will go out to 5th grade families for the donations and for help with running an activity. There will be a Photo Booth set up, and a chocolate fountain. So far 103 families out of 111 have paid.

5. Board Updates

A. Nancy Aguilar, LES- As of May 1, the flyer for the walk way pavers will be up.

B. Sarah Levinson, UES- So far \$130 has been collected in Box Top submissions . This money will go towards the Library mural.

6. Other Business

A. Kidstuff Coupon Books

\$177 was made selling the digital version of these coupon books. The Board is not sure if this is worth continuing for next school year.

B. Nominate HSA Officers for 2018-19 school year

The HSA is accepting applications for all Board positions for the 2018-19 school year, or if you want to chair a committee please let someone know. May 16 will be the final HSA meeting of the school year.

C. HSA Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is scheduled for June 6.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.
Submitted by Karin Last, Secretary