

New Hope- Solebury Elementary Schools
Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 16, 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, Dawn Rene' Sandy, Jennifer Kennedy-Kranz, Roxanne Apparies, Sarah Skeuse, Caroline Elias, Lori Zaro.

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

2. School Administration Reports-

Ms. Jennifer Frantz (LES)

Technology Integration Day on May 9th at Central Bucks went well. Teachers had a chance to ask questions with CB teachers, on topics such as classroom management, flexible seating, etc. We hope to continue this partnership next year between schools.

The first Silver Spoon lunches were a success. The second on his May 23, and will resume next school year October through May.

Incoming K parents came in yesterday. Students will have another chance to come in on June 5 during two different time slots.

The safety audits are ongoing with Solebury Township, Trinity Church, and the Solebury Police Department. The township building and/or Trinity church will be a rallying point in the event of an emergency. A gravel path to the township building will be put in over the summer.

3. Review Recent Events

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

The UES dance was a success, and the kids had a great time. Dominique has volunteered to chair this event again next year.

B. Cultural Heritage Night- Fri. April 27- Mita Heble/ Abby Botts

The night was a big success, and guests had a lot of fun. It was not as well attended as in years past. Someone suggested moving it to the beginning of March so as not to interfere with sports. Maybe sending out a signup genius to donate food dishes would garner more volunteers.

C. UES Science Day- Fri. May 4- Jillian Bershtein/ Shanthy Krishnarajah

Science day went well, and the kids making oobleck was a hit. There were five or six presenters and it ran smoothly. They will reassess next year, and possibly do a night time (optional) Science Fair.

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

Adrienne stated that next year will be her last year heading this up. Dawn Rene Sandy mentioned that the food ran out at the UES, and that there were a lot of breakfast items. The lunch items went fast. Maybe next year a signup genius can go out for each day of the week, so not all the food shows up on Monday. The teachers enjoyed the food at both schools. For send-a hug, each teacher received a glass jar with Hershey hugs inside. A suggestion was made that next year it can be turned into a fundraiser to help finance Teacher Appreciation week.

4. Upcoming Events

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

If the game is rained out, they will change the each ticket to another date There were 525 tickets sold, and a profit of \$2,000.00 was made.

B. LES Science Day- May 29th- Sarah Levinson

This year there are no parent presenters, but instead a 9:00 assembly with first graders, who will Skype with a volcano scientist from a University in Iceland. They will also be given a virtual tour of her laboratory. The students will write down questions ahead of time and she will try to answer them all. The second session will be with the second graders. There will also be a Herpetologist with his amphibians for all grades.

C.. 5th Grade Promotion- June 12- Trish DiZio

Everything is organized and ready to go. More volunteers are needed to help man an activity booth from 12:30-3:00 PM. The party starts at 12:15, and is a Hollywood theme.

5. Board Updates

6. Other Business

A. Treasurer Budget

B. Election of HSA Officers for 2018-19 school year

C. HSA Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is being held at the New Hope General Store on June 6th at 10:00 AM. All those who volunteered throughout the year are invited to attend.

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