

New Hope- Solebury Elementary Schools
Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17 2017
LES Conference Room

CALL to ORDER

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

IN ATTENDANCE

HSA Board Members:

Deborah Peckman, President
Gretchen Reilly, Co-President
Trish DiZio, Vice President, UES
Nancy Aguilar, Vice President, LES
Karin Last, Secretary
Roxanne Apparies, Treasurer
Jin Joshi, Co-Treasurer

Parent Members:

Julia Swankoski, Alison Dalewitz, Shannon Bach, Liz Augenblick, Dawn Rene' Sandy,
Caroline Elias, Kathryn Marmor, Jennifer Kennedy-Kranz.

School Representatives:

Dr. Mike McKenna, Principal of the UES; Ken Silver, Principal of the LES

1. President's Report- Deborah Peckman

- A. Welcome/ Introduction- The HSA board and attendees introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of April meeting minutes- Unanimously approved.

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

The UES production of "Annie" was a great show, and congratulations on a good job to all the students. The Science Day was also a great success, and thanks to Mrs. Castelli and all of the parent volunteers. This is the first year working with NOVA in training fifth graders. Students facilitated the lessons for the third and fourth grade classrooms.

The LES second graders will be coming over to the second grade classrooms on May 31. Some fifth graders will give them a tour of the school. The fifth graders will be heading over to the Middle School on June 1 at lunch time. Our joint Field Day is on May 25. All staff will park in the side parking lot. Grass parking will be available for parent volunteers, and there will be some high school parking as well. All volunteers are asked to please come through the main office for volunteer badges.

The fifth grade promotion ceremony and party is on Tuesday June 6, with the party following the ceremony. Career Day is on Friday May 19 from 1-3pm. The Talent Show is Thurs. June 8, and the last day of school is Friday June 9 with an early dismissal at 12 noon.

Thank you to everyone for all your support. The Maker Space is really evolving this year, and all of our events went smoothly thanks to all our volunteers.

Mr. Kenneth Silver (LES)

Science Day was awesome, and the kids really enjoyed and understood it. The Spring Dance was an incredible time. Teacher Appreciation was successful and very much appreciated. We currently have our Book Fair going on in the Library. Field Day is coming up, combining the LES and the UES. Our second graders will be visiting the UES on May 31.

Our Kindergarten registration is currently at 52, and we need 72 to remain viable. September 5 is the first day of the 2017-18 school year. Thank you to our Beautification Committee - Nancy, Stacy, and Mark. Thank you for everything this year.

3. Review Recent Events

A. LES Spring Dance - Liz Augenblick/Alison Dalewitz/ Nancy Aguilar, Friday April 21

Liz stated that the dance went well, and everything came in on budget. There were no long lines this year at the photo booth because there were two booths. Everyone was well behaved, and had a great time. Next year maybe have fewer crafts, or hire a professional service to do face painting, etc. Alison stated that tickets were not needed for the photo booth, because of there being two now.

B. LES Science Day- Sarah Levinson, Friday April 28

Sarah stated that Science Day went very well. It was similar to the UES Science Day, and each presenter had to do eight presentations throughout the day. The kids really enjoyed it.

C. UES Science Day- Amish Castelli, Friday May 5

Amish said that it went very well this year. She will no longer be doing it as of next year, so hopefully we are able to find someone else to take over. Thank you to all of this year's presenters and helpers.

D. Teacher Appreciation Week- Adrienne Deussing, May 1-5

This was held at the LES with Adrienne Deussing as chairperson. Each day was a different theme, and the teachers really loved it. Some suggestions for next year are to have decorations, like balloons, signs, etc. Shelby Buron created daily favors for each day of the week, and it turned out great. Deborah Peckman suggested next year we have a committee, not just one person, to run Teacher Appreciation week, and definitely include a budget to purchase these items. The Send a Hug was a part of it this year, and that went very well.

Teachers loved the chocolate, and every teacher received at least one note. Jin Joshi suggested that we not charge money for this next year, but just have the HSA do this for the teachers as part of the week.

4. Upcoming Events

A. Trenton Thunder- Fri. May 19, Gretchen Reilly/ Roxanne Apparies

Tickets should be sent home today for Friday night's game. Gretchen stated that they reserved 400 tickets and sold 485 total. The Naturals will be singing the National Anthem before the game.

B. 5th Grade Promotion Party- June 6, Deborah Peckman/ Adrienne Deussing

The ceremony can be attended by parents, but the party portion afterwards is only for students. This year is a carnival theme, and they have received a good amount of funds for this. The HSA gives \$500. Any leftover money stays with the class up through middle school graduation. Pictures of every fifth grader will be displayed on the walls of the cafeteria. Students picked the music to be played, and there will be a slideshow of students at the ceremony. This should be a fun event.

C. Volunteer Appreciation Party- Wed. June 7, HSA Board

This year's party will be at Deborah Peckman's house at 10 AM. Everyone on the HSA Board should bring something to brunch. Please get Deborah a list of volunteers that helped out at each event this school year.

5. Board Updates

A. LES VP Report- Nancy Aguilar

The LES Brick Pavers sheets will be going out this week. The deadline is June 9, the last day of school.

Mr. Mark is retiring, and they are having a small gathering with pretzels and popsicles and all of the kids to say goodbye.

B. Treasurer Report- Roxanne Apparies

Please make sure check requests and all receipts get in asap before the school year ends.

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

