

Hawes HSA Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019 7:30pm

The meeting began at 7:35pm.

Meeting Attendees: Colleen Tansey, Summer Foerch, Valerie Auyeung, Kirstin Walsh, Yoojin Yoo, Marianne Griffith, Jennifer Tozzi, Sheila Brogan, OJ Sikes, Reem Iqbal, Erin Yates, Deena Atlas, Joanne Callahan, Janet Reilly, Dr. Semendinger

Valerie Auyeung, HSA Co-President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Board of Education member Sheila Brogan who joined the meeting to discuss Super Science Saturday.

Super Science Saturday

Sheila Brogan introduced herself and said she was there to discuss Super Science Saturday – happening March 2, 2019, 9:00am-1:30pm at RHS.

There will be a professional science show from Liberty Science Center – “A Dose of Gross” about the human body – gross functions, why the body does that, how our brain makes decisions and controls bodily functions. There will be a 9:30am show in Gym 3.

The Hall of Science will be an experience zone. Because of the success of the elementary schools (Hawes has a lot of science projects there), more grandparents are bringing small children, and they put together a preschool area, and moved the egg cradle competition to the Campus center and the families were able to see the students’ exhibits. The egg drop is from 31 feet. They are also building a pinewood derby racetrack and are excited about high school graduates coming back to talk to children about careers in science. They usually have 50+ presenters. They also have Dr. Muller – “Professor Tennis” who will talk about throwing a ball faster, etc. The Robotics team and Aeronautic engineers will be there. The Maker Space will be open for projects; Ridgewood Public Library will be there with the 3D printer. The rocket launch will happen at 1:30 on the HS field. They are offering a free workshop – Saturday, February 9, free to children interested 10a-4p, location TBD. All children/presenters should register so there is table space for them---presenters will receive a free cup of juice and a bagel for participating.

Sheila also shared a BOE update – The school budget election is April 16, which is during spring break. If you will be out of town and unable to vote, you can fill out an application for a mail-in ballot which can be found online or contact the Bergen County Board of Elections/clerk and you can get a mail-in ballot. It has to be in their office 7 days before the election.

Corresponding Secretary Update

Colleen Tansey shared that the Teacher Appreciation Lunch caterer has been booked. They gave KitKats to all the teachers before winter break saying “Enjoy your Break”. Dr. Semendinger commented that it was a great idea and well received.

Treasurer Update:

Marianne Griffith said all of the bills are paid. She is comparing Community Pass fees from last year (\$1,300) to Wix fees this year (\$1,125). Even though the fees are higher this year, much more has been done this year online, and it makes it easier for people to collect money. Val Auyeung commented she is thinking about how she will add LNO to Wix this year.

Yoojin Yoo updated on field trip collections - all but 2 kids are paid. Mr. Trubac is ordering space shirts for space week. The kiln was approved in the BOE meeting and will be ordered. \$384 Box Tops was received; \$200 was received from the May 2018 Scooper Night, revenue was down from the prior year because there was a big rainstorm that evening.

VP Update:

Kirstin Walsh and Dr. Semendinger shared information regarding assemblies that Joe Lennox (space guy) is coming on January 25 (\$300). There will be an Artist in Residence after the PARCC in May; Mr. Otterstedt came up with the idea, the cost will be \$500 for the author to hold workshops for a week at Hawes and be accessible to the students for that week.

One School One Book – In February, may overlap with the Reading Marathon a bit. It is a hardcover book and is space themed, one book will be provided per family because it is hardcover.

Committee Updates:

Bowling (Erin Yates and Deena Atlas) – the event is sold out; they could make more money if we charged more in the future. Some people asked to hold lanes, and they didn't hold any lanes without cash in hand. Erin plans to go to the alley early to ensure pizza is being made so there isn't a delay in serving pizza.

International Fair (Reem Iqbal) – the first planning meeting was Tuesday night. They will likely have a few new countries, and sent out the sign-up sheet. Last year, there were 25 countries, they will probably have about 21-25 this year. Reem, Miho and Aruksha's children are all graduating this year. Cinthya Herrera and Shilpa Shiam may take over next year.

Bingo night (Kirstin Walsh provided email update from Jamie Ng) they are all set for this Friday. Laura Waisnor will pick up the Orange Leaf frozen yogurt.

Gardening (OJ Sikes) – Gardening is quiet, Beautification for Valentine's Day underway.

Safety – Dr. Semendinger mentioned a new fire system is coming; the fire system hasn't been updated since the building opened.

5th grade activities – Summer Foerch shared that dues still need to be collected from 10-12 families, Valentine grams are underway, second payment was made at Powerhouse Studio for the June 17 party. Fun Run donations were less than last year. Once the dues are in and ValentineGrams are complete, a budget will be set for the remaining events for the year. The

5th grade class may sell concessions at Kids Night for some additional funds. Reem Iqbal shared that as part of the 5th Grade Class fundraising, she and Kelly Ashford decided to offer sequin stuffed hearts and magnet dry erase markers for Valentine's Grmas, which can be purchased for children or for teachers and staff for Valentine's Day.

Reading Marathon – Deena Atlas shared it will take place during the month of February; it is currently unknown if Ben & Jerrys will offer coupons as they did a few years ago. They are going back to the reading log rather than the Bingo card.

LNO – Valerie Auyeung shared the committee had a meeting last night, they are getting donations and posting on FB

Holiday Boutique – Valerie Auyeung stated that vendors were hoping for more traffic. Everyone liked story time; some children were scared of Frosty. \$300 made from the children's items, made \$1,000 on the tables. A suggestion was made to advertise more of the vendor fair part of it, because calling it Winter Wonderland made it sound like just a children's event. Also, it was suggested it may be helpful to list the vendors on the flyer.

Kids' Night – April 5 – Reem Iqbal will be accepting auditions via video this year and may schedule one after school session if need be, but figured it would help everyone's schedule to be able to submit auditions this way.

President Update:

Valerie Auyeung stated that the Board of Ed is addressing the swastika found at the high school. They don't know if it was new since it was carved into the surface and possibly could've been there for a while; they are training the janitorial staff to identify and bring anything like that to the administration's attention immediately. The Wizards game sold out in 21 minutes, they are tracking a wait list to see how many people are on the list and to see if they can justify a second game sometime in the future.

Principal Update:

Dr. Semendinger shared that the planetarium arrived and was blown up twice so far. There are movies inside, teachers are going to be invited in during a faculty meeting, and Mr. Trubac will reach out to the parents and invite them in to take a tour. Space week is coming up and One School One Book is coming up.

The next Hawes HSA meeting is March 14 in the morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.