

# SUNNYMEAD HSA MEETING

## 9/18/2018

- I. Meeting called to order 7:01 pm
  - A. Members in attendance: see sign in sheet
  
- II. President's Report: Michele Di Puma
  - A. Introduction to 2018-2019 Executive Board
    1. President: Michele DiPuma  
VP: Sherry Sills  
Treasurer: Kym Blair  
Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Edolo,  
Recording Secretary: Vivienne Larrea-Kopko  
Staff Member at Large: Mrs. Stockman
  
- III. Principal Report: Dr. Jenkins
  - A. Back to School Night: presentations shortened or eliminated due to excessive heat, will communicate information electronically
  - B. Student Growth
    1. Currently at 470 students enrolled (50+ were over the summer which led to adding sections at the 1st and 4th grade levels)
  - C. Traffic/Parking Issues
    1. For safety reasons, new drop off system in place. It is safer, but ultimately temporary. There is not enough parking to accommodate growing school population and staff.
    2. Parking on the lawn is discouraged as it is unsightly and destroys the lawn, leading to more money being spent to repair it.
  - D. Beautification of Courtyard
    1. Over the summer the Yager family donated materials, machinery and labor to completely overhaul the courtyard. We are extremely grateful for this amazing gift and are committed to maintaining it.
  - E. "Cool the School" initiative
    1. 4th grade classrooms were outfitted with units last spring. Because of last minute changes in rooms the HSA executive board donated enough funds to ensure equity across all classrooms and put in units in 1 remaining 4th grade class and 3 remaining 3rd grade classes.
    2. We need parent support and participation to keep the initiative going and install units in the rest of the classrooms.

#### F. Referendum

1. Over the past two years the Strategic Planning Committee has been studying, evaluating and giving recommendations for district.
2. Some highlights: a new high school, bigger middle school, full day kindergarten and preschool.
3. Not enough state aid or budget to cover all desired projects.
4. Dr. Schiff will be attending a meeting this fall to present and discuss referendum (Date TBD, looking at 10/16 or 11/27)
  - a) All former BOE meetings are available on youtube. Parents are encouraged to view and familiarize themselves with information. Please plan to attend this very important meeting to hear the plans and ask questions.

#### G. Ranking

1. Over the summer Sunnymeade was ranked #2 elementary school in NJ by niche.com. This past week patch.com released rankings and we were #47 (2 other Hillsborough elementary schools in top 100). Ranking formulations go far beyond state testing and take many different aspects into consideration.
2. Great leadership, amazing faculty and staff, involved and supportive families
3. NJ studying Sunnymeade as an "outlier"
  - a) Sunnymeade has highest number of economically disadvantaged families and highest ELL population in the district but still performs higher than schools with more affluence.
  - b) When compared with similar demographics at the state level Sunnymeade is above and beyond average results.

#### H. Q&A

1. Q: Has the BOE given any recommendations as to where to park?  
A: No. Bring this question to the BOE to be included in the referendum discussion.
2. Q: When will the other grades get AC units?  
A: We have a tentative timeline of long term goals, but it all depends on fundraising. This is why it is so important to support fundraising efforts.
3. Q: How does money raised end up paying for the AC units?  
A: The HSA must donate the funds to the BOE as a gift for the AC units and installation, then the BOE purchases the units and has them installed.
4. Q: Is the bussing getting better?  
A: Yes. An issue is the the majority of busses are subcontracted. There is a high turnover rate for the bus drivers, and this affects the bus routes because there are higher incidences of new drivers and/or substitutes who have yet to learn the routes. Also, some busses may be arriving late

for the bus stop, but they arrive within the acceptable time frame at school (between 8:20-8:30). Instruction begins at 8:40, if busses arrive after that Dr. Jenkins has been getting involved.

If there are concerns in regard to bus safety, written communication is best. Email the dept of transportation and CC Dr. Jenkins so she can escalate if necessary.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Kym Blair

A. 2017-2018

1. Great year, we ended with a \$33,000 reserve

B. 2018-2019 budget

1. HSA budget operates independently from school and district budgets. Funds are used for enrichment and other projects at Sunnymead. Budget has had a hard time keeping up with the rapid growth rate of Sunnymead's student population, needs to be closely monitored to ensure we can accomplish all our goals for our students.
2. Starting the year with \$19,174
  - a) There were some expenses late summer:
    - \$13,040 for additional AC units
    - Beautification of grounds
    - Run for FUNd startup
3. Motion to vote on 2018-2019 budget: Danielle S.  
YES-20 NO-0 ABSTAIN-0  
Budget approved

C. Q&A

1. Why is there a deficit in yearbook accounting?  
-There were unaccounted bills at the beginning of last year, and the free yearbooks for 4th graders were also not accounted for.
2. Since Designer Bag Bingo is the biggest fundraiser, are we looking for a larger venue to try to raise more money?  
--We are open to suggestions, but from our research the JCC is the most flexible and accommodating for our needs (budget, BYOB, parking). Also most off the attendees are outside of the Sunnymead community.

V. Vice President Report: Sherry Sills

- A. Konstella: please sign up as this is the best method for quick and easy communication between HSA and parents. All committees are listed in Konstella.

## B. Committee Reports

1. Otis Spunkmeyer/Cherrydale (10/15-11/1)--Vivienne Larrea-Kopko
  - a) Packets will be going home beginning of October. Frozen cookie dough, candy, snacks, etc. We will distribute limited catalogs, but anything available online can be ordered. Delivery will be first week of December
  
2. Halloween Howl (10/26 6:30-9:30 pm)--Cindy Carlisle
  - a) DJ, crafts, photo area, costume contest, guessing jars, cornhole toss (donated with Sunnymead logo for reuse), door prizes (no raffles), trunk or treat (still working through logistics/parking lot safety issues)
  - b) Admission: limit to students and siblings. Charge \$5-\$7 per child (adults free). Advanced sales only, no admission at door
  - c) Need to confirm RAS room capacity
  - d) Costumes should follow same guidelines as for school day: no masks, weapons, gore
  
3. Run for FUNd (11/14)--Stacey Womack
  - a) Proceeds for "Cool the School" initiative
  - b) Tshirts will be \$10, color coded by grade, and will be used for Run for FUNd, Jump Rope for Heart, Outdoor Education Day, and Spirit days. There is an inclusion plan for families who can't afford a shirt.
  - c) Working on multilevel incentives: individual, grade level, schoolwide.
  - d) Goal: \$15000. If every student raises \$40, this goal can be met!
  - e) Tshirt orderform and event flyer should be out in a few days.
  - f) Decision about parent involvement/volunteers will be determined after meeting with Get Movin Crew (scheduled for 9/20)
  - g) Pep rally 10/16
  - h) Rain date 11/15 (Needs to be decided by 11/13 to allow time for teachers to plan)
  
4. Family Movie Night (1/11/19)
  - a) Need chair asap
  - b) nominal admittance fee with free bag of popcorn per ticket. Snacks available for purchase
  
5. Designer Bag Bingo (3/15/19)--Sherry Sills
  - a) Need co chair asap and committee members to make this year's even more successful than last year.

6. 4th grade function
  - a) Have a committee, need chair asap
  
7. Class Parent --Sherry Sills
  - a) Will be announced by 10/6/2018 to ensure parents have enough planning time for Halloween party
  - b) Duties include Halloween and Winter parties, attendance at HSA meetings to relay information to parents.
  
8. Box Tops--Michele DiPuma
  - a) Flyer went home, send them in!
  - b) Every month winning class gets trophy
  - c) Working on more incentives/prizes now that committee has grown.

VI. Motion to adjourn: Jackie Edolo. Second: Vivienne Larrea-Kopko. Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm.