

Ho Ho Kus Home and School Association May 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by Maggie Liljegren at 8:52am.

In attendance: Christine Stecker, Wendy Paquin, Audrey Galetti, Debbie Rourke, Liz Wilkomm, Chris Batt, Kathleen Gallagher, Ying Yen, Karina Ferrales, Lauren Einhorn, Julia Rosenfeld, Chris Haemmerle, Jules Hughes, Erica Conway, Melissa Dooley, Mary Ellen Nye, Dana Koenig, Shannon Talercio,

March minutes were approved by Audrey Galetti, second Shannon Talercio.

Maggie began the meeting by thanking Shannon Talercio and her volunteers for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. The "Oscar" theme was a huge success and all the teachers loved it!

Also a special thank you to Jenny Stam for organizing the Kindergarten Screening the week before Spring Break. We had plenty of volunteers for the 57 children that went through the process.

Committee Reports:

Lauren Einhorn spoke with regard to the Country Fair that will be held on May 20th. We are desperately seeking volunteers, in particular for the 4:15-6pm time frame. If not the fair may be forced to close early.

Lauren also asked for raffle donation for all - boys, girls, K-8 - feel free to drop it at her house by Tuesday.

Tool Box - pick up is set for 6/6.

Box Tops - last one is due 5/18. We made \$615 last round.

Dana Koenig spoke about all her Unplugged events. We had a great concert with the Highland Voices. Dana is working on next year's schedule already. She would love a few volunteers to help her with some of the activities. Also, if you have any ideas please free to send them her away. The last Unplugged Event is the Mets game on 5/22/16.

The directory for 2016-2017 year is on sale now. Please drop off your flyer as soon as possible. \$20 for the first copy, \$5 for each after.

Class Parent flyer for next year will go in backpacks next week.

Please remember our Amazon Smile fundraising when you order. We raised over \$500 this year.

Lastly, Farmigo will continue over the summer when the produce will be at its peak. Please don't forget to order!

HSA Award Season: Awards Night is 6/9.

The HSA sponsors 3 different awards. First, there is the 8th grade history essay. Second we sponsor the QUAD/Senior Award for a HHK graduate and lastly, we have 3 x \$1000 merit based awards.

Superintendent's Message:

Dr. Mardy thanked the HSA and all the volunteers for a wonderful teacher appreciation week. The teachers felt celebrated and appreciated and it was very heart warming!!!

Principal's Message:

Dr. Eckert thanked the HSA for the year long support. She mentioned that there were a lot of positive things that happened this year. She mentioned the wellness factor for children and teachers and helping kids manage stress. Dr. Eckert also mentioned talking to children, specifically middle school about social media and digital citizenship and how to manage their social lives. In addition, she referenced our partnership with ECLC and how it has grown. There may be joint art show next year.

Community Reports:

Ed Foundation- Auction was a huge success raising over \$70,000. The Ed Foundation is currently working on grant requests and for the first time the student body requested a grant (3D printer).

Board of Education- Mary Ellen Nye said a huge thank you to the HSA for all the support and money we have given the school. She also said that next year's school budget is available for review on the school website.

YAC- Chris Batt gave a huge thank you to Maggie and Shannon Talercio for helping the YAC spread the word about their programs through class parent emails instead of flyers. In addition, the YAC is already gearing up for next year, looking for volunteers to help bring ideas and run programs.

Angel Fund - Thankfully it has been a quiet year so far and we are hoping the Shoot-a-Thon will return in November.

Tic Toc - We will have new collections going out in the next few weeks. We are also sending out a survey to find out what we can do better to integrate tic tic into the school.

HSA Year in Review:

Maggie - we had a very successful year fundraising this year. We granted 2 teacher request lists, donating over \$30,000 directly to the classroom. Some of the most popular items you may have heard of are the star party, the play, visitors to the school, books and series to the classroom etc.

This is our last meeting of the year. Please send in all receipts to Audrey by 6/30.

Thank you again for your support and we will see you in September!