

MAUGHAM HSA MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 14, 2019

2:00pm

1. Principal's Report

- a) International Day - Dr. Ferrara thanked all parents who volunteered, it is such a great way to immerse kids in the diverse cultures at our school.
- b) NJSLA (replacing PARCC) - This test will be for 3rd-5th grade students replacing the PARCC, it will still be comprised of ELA and Math. NJSLA is more aligned to the standards and the time of test and number of units have been reduced. A letter will be sent out soon introducing the new test.
- c) NJQSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) Next week our school is assessed to make sure everything is up to standards. They look at curriculum, grounds, special ed services, processes etc. They will share report once the assessment is complete.
- d) NJ School Performance Report - Last night Superintendent Demarco sent school reports. These are based on absenteeism and test scores. We did not perform well as a school compared to other district elementary schools. We were in the 60s while other schools scored in the 90s. We are working closely with Superintendent Demarco and the Assistant Superintendent to see the matrix of the scoring. We will report back when we have more information.

- e) Pomptonian Update - We will be reducing the price of pizza to \$4 for one slice and \$6 for 2 slices. The warmers have been great. We will be continuing with Pomptonian next year. Next year we will have parent volunteers on Fridays. More info to come. There will be another survey at the end of April.

- f) 5th Grade Invention Convention - On March 26th 5th graders will reveal their inventions. With a partner or alone, students had to come up with an invention from start to finish by either improving an existing item or creating a new item. Dr Ferrara has been working with them since December. It has been an awesome process with great ideas. The kids will present to all students during the day and 5th grade parents are invited.

- g) Kindergarten Screening Process - We are trying to refine our Kindergarten screening process so we can target students who could use extra help. We will keep you posted with the new process.

- h) Jump Rope for Heart -2nd -5th graders will participate during the day on 3/29 in Jump Rope for Heart. It is a fun day for the kids.

- i) Additional –
 - The 2nd grade play was hilarious and such a hit. The sound was tough, we ordered more microphones. We plan to show the board a clip of the show next week.

-Parent teacher conferences are March 28th&29th. Please look at reports and letter we send out regarding reports. Please give teachers ideas of what has worked socially what hasn't for your child. You are able to request social pieces but cannot request a certain teacher. Teacher fit is our number one priority. In addition, please tell teachers what teacher has worked and what hasn't worked in the past for your child.

-We upgraded our security systems and cameras, we now have blue squares which allow announcements to be heard outside the building. If you come up to school during a security drill and you see blue lights flashing don't come in. It means a drill is in progress.

2. HSA Committee Reports

a) Maugham Night Out - Maugham Night Out is May 2, 2019 from 6:30-10:30 PM at the Rockleigh. You can buy tickets at maughamschoolhsa.com. We are looking for sponsorships and donations, gift baskets etc. The last day for sponsorships is March 22nd. It will be a great night, hope to see you all there.

b) Book Fair -The Spring Book Fair coming up. We are still looking for volunteers for set up, clean up and during the fair. We are offering the e-wallet again.

c) Coin-A-Day Challenge - Thank you to those who sent coins in. We raised \$900. We will use

for snacks for our packing event.

d) CFA Snack Packing is April 5, 2019 at 9:30am

e) Go Green - Bergen county utilities is holding a household recycling event

Idling issue – We want to put up signs reminding people not to idle in their cars . It is very bad for kids to inhale. We hope to get approval for the signs soon.

f) Search for New Committee Chairs and Executive Council Positions - We are looking for chairs for next year, if you recommend anyone– please let us know.

3. Next HSA Meeting will be held on May 16, 2019 at 7:15pm

4. Questions/Comments/Concerns

Parent Question: For the past couple of days, there has been an officer at pickup, is everything ok? Dr. Ferrara assures all is fine. It depends what officer is on duty and when it is nicer out they come out of their cars.