

Maugham HSA Meeting & Budget Presentation

Thursday, March 16, 2021

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1. **Welcome**
2. **District Budget Presentation - Superintendent Shauna DeMarco – presentation customized for elementary school on budget**
3. **Faculty Representatives - Mrs. Brown: no updates. Dr. Ferrara says first grade has been immersed. Figured out how to do trip to Italy. Will still do gondola. Trying to find a farm to have chick hatching still.**
4. **Dr. Ferrara's Principal Report**
 - a. Phase 2 - Day 2 has gone really well. Everyone seems to be fine. More plexiglass ordered and will be delivered soon. Cardboard to be phased out. Total count for phase 2: 42 out of 364 virtual; and 20 students coming back. A couple families decided to go fully virtual, but more kids in the classroom learning, which is great. Yesterday, refresher of rules.
 - b. G&T Program - 1st, 2nd, or 5th parents received emails about testing. 3rd and 4th may be later in the year; on hold for now. Naglieri given over 2 days. 40 minutes each part. Not about finishing but about doing the best you can on what you get done. Spatial, visual pieces. Game-like, not a lot of reading. Supposed to give an insight into aptitude, not necessarily measuring skills like reading and writing. One piece of puzzle for new G&T program. Going toward more meaningful programming and better training for teachers. First graders taking covat test in April. Naglieri must be taken in person, spaced out. Postponed state testing: haven't said no but also haven't given date window. Figuring out how to test kids at home because such a secure test. Will send out a communication when they know. Will send out reminders for groups getting upcoming testing.
 - c. Testing – see b above
 - d. Mrs. Smith Memorial – Will be doing a memorial scholarship this year. Will open brick donation to middle & high school communities. Dedication ceremony in June with her family.
 - e. 5th Grade Graduation – The plan as of now for graduation- would like to host indoor graduation and 2 adults the child chooses to join. Would do over at TMS. There would be plenty of seating, all elementary schools are planning to do same type of graduation.

Students would sit with their families. Will have live speeches, teachers involved. Virtual students can still participate if don't feel comfortable. Will be inside to include virtual students. In order to limit crowding at end of graduation, we will ask families to hop in their car and will do car train to Maugham School to do clap out. Ironing out with 5th grade committee final details.

Questions for Dr. Ferrara

** If anyone traveling for upcoming break, are we supposed to send email to Mrs. Martin? – Ms. Demarco sent email on how to share if you will be traveling over spring break. With phase 2, if you have selected full on site instruction and you are going away only during April break, then when you come back and your child has to quarantine, they can join virtually because they failed symptom tracker and have to quarantine. If you leave early and miss school, those days will be considered an absence and cannot join on virtually. Children can go virtual only when they fail symptom tracker.

**What should you do if your child misses one of the standardized tests? -- If you miss test, you can reach out to teacher to take it when virtual kids take it. Test isn't mandatory.

**We are still in orange zone. The date Mrs. Martin would give to return to school would be based on 14 day quarantine. If there is a shift to yellow during break, will quarantine date change? – The decision comes from district.

5. HSA Updates

a. International Week - March 15th-19th

- i. Greek family cuisine experience via Yasou Santorini -
 - **Order Online:** yasougreekfood.com - type "**Maugham**" in the notes
 - **Order by Phone:** 201-569-1000 - mention "**Maugham School Fundraiser**"
 - **Order via Yasou's Free App:** Download App by texting "yasou" to 337-33 - mention "**Maugham**"

We are in the thick of International Day. Hopefully kiddos are coming home with fun activities in their bags. Been seeing short videos and participating in hands on/classroom activities. Kids have been receiving virtual handouts or goodie bags. So

far they went to El Salvador and China. Yasou will give 25% of proceeds to Maugham HSA. It is a different format this year but glad we were able to pull it off. Impressive what the parents pulled together. It's been a great way, even for a short while, for kids to absorb one country at a time.

b. Community Awareness & Giving Committee

- i. Coin-A-Day Challenge/CFA Donation - *Special Thanks to Rachel Goldberg*

We want to thank Rachel Goldberg for organizing. We are still counting coins, but so far we raised over \$850. We are donating money to Center for Food Action. This year just donating money. In past years the children helped pack up food.

c. Book Fair - March 22nd-April 2nd

Starting Monday, we will be having another virtual book fair. We will send email Sunday with more details. 5% of sales will be given back to school in Scholastic Dollars. We were able to restock a lot of teachers' libraries with fall book fair and previous Scholastic Dollars. Read a thon coming up so good time to buy books. The book fair will be strictly with parents ordering at home, won't be done at school.

d. Author Visits – April

Mrs. Herbst organized 2 author visits. One for K-2 another for 3-5, dates still need to be finalized, will be after April break.

e. Open Board Positions: Co-President, Secretary

Still need another co-president as Linda ends her term. Daryn ending term as secretary. We have a great team we are building so let us know if you are interested.

6. HSA Committee Reports

a. 5th Grade Committee

- i. 5th Grade Yearbook – in the throes of ordering the yearbook. Thanks for all pictures.
- ii. 5th Grade Celebration Event - *Drive-In Movie – in past did skate & pool party. Doing it differently with a drive-in movie theater at Demarest farms. Please rsvp. Won't be allowed in without name at the gate. reach out to Cheryl Shuster or HSA presidents if any more questions.*

b. Read-A-Thon Committee - April 19th-May 3rd

Julie reported. Trying to figure out what to do for kick off on April 12th. Have meeting tomorrow with all elementary schools & TMS. Not sure if district wide or all individual schools. Smith & Stillman did kick off at

Tenaflly library last year. Trying to figure out how to do it virtually. Maybe have Mayor Zinna and Lauren Dayton involved. Have to cater to K-8. Check out readathon.com to learn more. You will have to enter your child's info by teacher. Working on uploading info now. Launch will be April 12, when we want parents to set up accounts. Lots of prizes. Been a very successful fundraiser for Stillman & Smith. Trying to come up with a goal to get everyone involved.

7. Upcoming Events and Reminders

a. Tenaflly Food Distribution - March 17th @ 5pm @ Tenaflly Senior Center

Had meeting this morning with Ms. Demarco, Councilman Adam Michaels heading up food drive. Wants to get word out for families who may need help with food can reach out to Adam Michaels Amichaels@tenafly.net

b. Parent Teacher Conferences - March 25th & 26th 12:45pm Dismissal
Next week are spring conferences with early dismissal. Make sure you have your times booked with your teachers.

8. Questions, Comments, Concerns...

Former Maugham student, Gabby, freshman at high school, and her mom have been successful in helping those who qualify to get vaccine appointments. They helped 150 people so far. They want to help as many in community.

Has there been any efforts from town getting teachers vaccinated? Yes, this weekend, March 20th and couple of dates to only allow teachers & staff to get vaccinated.

9. **Next HSA Meeting:** Thursday, May 13th @ 7:15pm

Dr. Ferrara will put tother spark video for kindergarten parents to watch before kindergarten orientation. There will be meeting before last HSA meeting, probably 6:30 pm. Will introduce new board members.

Join Zoom Meeting

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