

Maugham HSA Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Agenda
2:02pm

1. Principal's Report

a. Staffing Changes

There are a few changes. Ms. Wicker and Ms. Bross were out on maternity leave. They have both resigned. Ms. Garrett will replace Ms. Wicker. Ms. Zodda will replace Ms. Bross in first grade. We are currently looking for a 3rd grade replacement for Ms. Zodda. In addition, two paraprofessionals have resigned to further their education.

- b. Kindergarten Orientation meeting is tonight. Since there is no HSA meeting afterwards, we will have more time to spend with the parents. Orientation is a little different this year, we are still doing screenings but we are trying to get a handle of the socio-emotional component of the kids to see how successful they are with not getting first choice or doing a non preferred activity etc. Screening/orientation is on Wed June 5th. It will be one day, parents can sign their kids up for morning or afternoon sessions. Each group will have 18 or 19 kids, we will observe and show them what it will be like in September. All four schools will be participating in this new format. It is important that we get a sense of what kids work well together and which ones need a change from pre school. Parents will get a questionnaire to fill out as well. The orientation will take place in the library which is a more intimate setting.

- c. Testing – We just finished testing on NJSLA . It looked identical to PARCC but shorter. It was nice not to have the whole day occupied by testing. 5th graders will have a science test coming up soon. All scores will be mailed in September or October.
- d. Bus Safety Drills – On Monday we will be doing bus safety drills. Each class will have a mini lesson and will be taken through a bus evacuation drill with a video. We will do this once a year.
- e. First Grade Play – The play is next Thursday May 23rd. The entire school will get to see it.
- f. Fifth Grade TMS Orientation, Pool Party – 5th graders will spend a morning at the middle school on June 3rd. They will have a tour, learn about the schedule and get to ask questions. Middle school does an amazing job at acclimating the kids. Pool Party is coming up on June 10th.
- g. Maugham Night Out – The Maugham Night Out committee did an outstanding job! We made over \$12,000.
- h. Misc. Teacher Appreciation week - Thank you to the HSA for teacher appreciation week, we were shown so much love. Teachers lounge is amazing and envy of the other schools.

2. HSA Committee Reports

- a. Field Day –Field day will be postponed due to weather forecast.
- b. Variety Show Friday – The show is on Friday at 6pm. There will be some great acts.
- c. 5th Grade Graduation and Pool Party –Graduation is June 20th.

The Kindergarteners get to help the 5th graders set up for graduation, it's a very special day. June 10 is the pool party .

d. Rewards Program

Thanks for the support. We raised \$200 from Box Tops, \$675 from Stop & Shop and the Gift card program raised \$750. There will be another round in June for gift cards.

e. Volunteer Breakfast – There will be a breakfast for all volunteers at Davis Johnson Park on June 5 9:30-11am.

f. Spring Event – The Spring event is June 7th (raindate June 14th). All families are welcome. This year the art fair will be open at the same time.

3. New HSA Board Members

Cheryl & Dara are leaving, Linda Heitner is replacing them. Sam and Jiyun will be staying on. Daryn Katz is the incoming secretary.

Sabrina Malik is joining as treasurer. We are looking for chairs for Variety Show and Fine Arts for next year.

4. Questions/Comments/Concerns