

**Maugham HSA Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 7, 2018, 2:00pm**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to order by Michele Goldberg.
2. Principal's Report: Dr. Ferrara
  - a. Staff Updates: Mrs. Wicker will continue to be out all year for maternity leave. Mrs. Garrett will be in again. Mrs. Smith who has been out all year will return next year (she adopted baby boy). Mrs. Bross will continue to be out and return early March 2019. Ms. Taha will continue in the fall for Mrs. Bross until she returns. Mrs. Kim (ELL teacher who had replaced Ms. Lee) is currently out for maternity leave. Ms. Lee decided to stay home full-time with her two young boys. Mrs. Kim will return next year as a tenure track employee. This is the current update but over the summer sometimes unexpected changes can occur.
  - b. New Lunch Program: We have been looking into other options for our lunch program. Some of the concerns among the elementary principals include: parents being responsible for letting vendors in and out of the building, security issue, and inability to change lunch orders until change order time. Searching for option that provides safety and flexibility. The four elementary schools are looking to switch to Pomptonian Food Service. Ridgewood and Glen Rock elementary schools use it. We had a chance to visit and it appeared to be a well-oiled machine. Kids have a full 22 minutes to eat lunch instead of waiting in line for their food. At Maugham, some kids have to wait 8-9 minutes before they get their food depending on the order of their table. Under the Pomptonian lunch plan, families can order lunch up until the morning that lunch is served. Maugham School will pilot the program next year and work with Pomptonian to make it work best for our kids. Information will be sent out over the summer and there will be tastings. We hope to iron out any issues before all four elementary schools enter the program the following year. Our current HSA run lunch program is a significant fundraiser for Maugham. The HSA has tried to help financially disadvantaged families with lunch costs but that required Dr. Ferrara to disclose family names which never sat well with her. That would not be an issue under the new lunch program which would be run by the school.

Parent: Could we go back to a more simple lunch program with less choices, perhaps using one vendor per day?

Dr. Ferrara: We will be giving this new program a try and there will be no more parent volunteers serving lunch delivered by outside vendors.

Parent (Councilwoman Lauren Dayton): From a local business perspective, this will impact our local vendors.

Dr. Ferrara: We will still use some of our local businesses (eg. Pomptonian will get pizza and bagels from our local vendors).

Parent: What percentage do we get from the new lunch program?

Dr. Ferrara: \$15,000 -\$20,000 which is much less than what we receive from our current HSA run lunch program. I plan to review the HSA budget line by line as I have not studied it before. Change is difficult but this is something that is important. We will be asking for feedback as the program evolves.

- c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities (Graduation, Clap Out, TMS Visit & Pool Party): Dr. Ferrara just came back from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade pool party and the students were having a great time. 5/21 they went to TMS for a tour and are super excited to be moving up there. Graduation is the last day of school and starts at 9:00am in the auditorium. Doors will open at 8:30am. Following graduation there will be a reception that is provided by the kindergarten parents. We will end graduation with a clap out. The entire school and parents participate in this send off for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- d. New Superintendent: There will be a board-approved new superintendent on 6/11. Dr. Ferrara has met her but will not reveal more details. The new superintendent has multiple experiences as a teacher and on the administration level.
- e. School Security Updates: Dr. Ferrara walked around our school on Tuesday with Yas Usami (District Business Administrator) and Tommy (District Building and Grounds Dept.). We are getting updated cameras with high resolution. Currently we have 6 cameras outside the building but the resolution is poor. We have no cameras inside the building. We will receive cameras inside (Library, hallways, entrances) and outside. Dr. Ferrara will be able to receive images on her phone. These cameras will serve as a deterrent at night to those high schoolers who like to hang out at certain areas of our building.

Parent: Will there be any change in how parents enter the building (currently they are buzzed in at the main door and then they are in the building)?

Dr. Ferrara: Some of the elementary schools have a vestibule. The High School has a vestibule. The District is looking into ways to have that at all the schools including ours (eg. person trap). At Maugham, foot traffic has been reduced and teachers

have been communicating to our office who should be expected for meetings or parties so this has been working well to help monitor building entries.

- f. Lip Dub: A few years ago the High School did a lip dub to Katy Perry's song "Roar." Some of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders wanted to do a lip dub. We are hoping to film on 6/18. Mrs. Herbst and Mrs. Farrell will help along with some older students with film experience. The kids are super excited about it. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will do the lip synching. The rest of the kids will be lined up along the hallways and filmed. The video will not go out to anyone but the Maugham community. This is a community building and school spirit project.
- g. Spring Event: coming up this Friday.

Parent: Can the HSA consider doing more free activities (eg. Variety Show stopped charging admission last year)?

Dr. Ferrara: Agrees that we should be mindful and keep that in mind.

HSA: Fall Event is free and Spring Event is the only event that we charge admission for.

3. HSA Committee Reports:

- a. School Supplies: There is free shipping until June 30th and all boxes will be delivered to your homes not to school. In the past we had 300 boxes delivered to school but they take up a lot of space and required too much hard labor to distribute to classrooms. Students do not need to bring all classroom supplies on the first day of school but rather they can bring it in little by little. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have a separate list which will be posted separately because each classroom is different.
- b. Spring Event: We need more volunteers. Please sign up.

4. Swear in New HSA Executive Board: New HSA Executive Board members were welcomed – Jiyun Park (new Co-President), Sam Endick (new Co-President), Sheenam Khosla (new Co-Treasurer), and Lori Capon (new Co-Secretary). Outgoing HSA Executive Board (Co-President Michele Goldberg, Co-President Susan Carlin, Co-Treasurer Natalya Michaels, and Co-Secretary Lauren Dayton) were thanked for outstanding service and given flower bouquets.

5. Questions/Comments/Concerns:

HSA comment: While the lunch fundraiser is going away, there are still other ways that the teachers can get money for their classrooms but requires paperwork on their part. The change in lunch programs at all the elementary schools is going to happen. The School District does not want the extra foot traffic entering the school buildings for security reasons. Pomptonian Food Service is the vendor currently used at the Middle School. Maugham School is the pilot school and the other 3 elementary schools will join after one year. Maugham will be one year ahead of the other schools. Since this change will happen regardless, at least Maugham has some control in that we can give feedback to Pomptonian as the pilot school and try to have it more suited to our needs. Pomptonian will install warmers to keep the food warm. All of their staff is background checked. The same person will be serving our kids everyday. Lunches will be labeled with their names and grouped by class. We also are in agreement about trying to support our local vendors.