

Maugham HSA Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Minutes

1. Meeting began at 2:04pm

2. Principal's Report -
 - a) Lunch - Dr Ferrara thanked all those who participated in the Pomptonian Lunch Survey. Ninety parents and all students participated. Results were very informative, lunch is overall more positively received by the kids. The favorite and least favorite item was chicken fingers. Pizza was the favorite across the board. The survey provided great feedback. There were great suggestions such as soups in the winter. One of the bigger complaints was that 1 slice of pizza costs \$5, which Dr Ferrara agreed with. Other issues were with portion sizes. In K-3rd grades the portion sizes were perfect but in the older grades, most kids are still hungry. There were suggestions to keep the food more simple, not so many sauces and have more vegetarian options. 81% of the school population orders lunch. Dr Ferrara will meet with Nick in January to discuss all of these issues including what works what doesn't. She noted there is a lot less food waste. She will report back in January at next meeting. There was an Ice cream issue where people going in freezer and leaving it open which resulted in melted ice cream, this issue has since been fixed.

Questions: Is pomptonian up for contract renewal? The answer to this is unknown.

Are there other vendors? No.

I don't like ordering the plastic water bottles, can we get something else? Kids can bring their own bottles and use filtered water from the water fountains.

Are kids encouraged to bring water bottles to lunch? Yes kids do. We also recycle the plastic bottles.

What if we didn't offer water and people have to bring their own? Yes this is something we can consider however water is one of our biggest profit items for the HSA.

b) Student Council - We had our elections on election day, we heard 24 speeches and then the students voted. We will have town hall meetings where anyone can come share feedback and ideas. Town hall meetings will be 3 times a year, we will announce when these will take place, probably in the morning in the gym. We are always trying to refine the student council process.

c) 5th Grade Invention Convention – The convention is going forward this year, we have a good plan in place. It will be challenging where they have to come up with original ideas, different than Treps. More information will be coming soon. The convention will be during the day in March.

d) Governor's Educator of the Year Program - Dr Ferrara strongly encourages parents to fill out a form if there is a teacher or educator

who has made a difference in their child's life. Please fill out the form by November 30th.

e) Report Cards - Report cards will come out Wednesday, December 5th with conferences following on Thursday, December 6th & Friday, December 7th. Please read over the rubrics for how the kids are graded before the conferences, these are laid out on the school's website.

f) 3rd Grade Play - The 3rd Grade Play is Tuesday November 20th. It is called Magic School Bus Lost in Space.

g) Tenaflly High Schools performance - Fiddler on the Roof will take place November 15, 16 and 17th at 7:30pm at the THS auditorium. Everyone is strongly encouraged to see it .

2. HSA Committee Reports

a) Clubs - The second semester clubs brochure comes out December 3rd. Online registration begins December 9th. Clubs will begin January 7th. We have had a very successful first semester

b) Book Fair - The Fall Book Fair will take place on December 5th 9am-3pm and December 6th 8am-2pm and 5:30pm-8pm. The book fair is open to everyone, we need volunteers especially for setup and clean up. We need volunteers to help kids with money and finding books especially the younger kids. This year we are giving gift cards away along with posters for kids who can guess how many coins are in the container. \$5 gift cards will go to the first winner, second place winners get a poster. There will be two winners per class. This year teachers will view the books on December 4th for their wishlists and will have \$5 gift cards to use for books. There should be an

online money account for kids to use instead of cash or credit which will be easier for all.

c) Maughamwear - Spirit week is first or 2nd week in December. Maughamwear will be doing another push for clothes before then.

d) Teacher's Conference Meals - In December and March we provide lunch for teachers during the first conference day. Please reach out if you plan to bring food and drop off at teachers lounge before noon on December 6th.

e) Community Service – The Coin a Day Challenge raised \$1100. We will do another in the spring, the goal is \$2200. On April 5th there will be a snack packing event at 9:30am, we will need parent volunteers for this. More info will go out as it gets closer.

f) Maugham Night Out - The first Maugham Night Out is May 2nd at The Rockleigh. There will be cocktails and dinner as well as a silent and live auction. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend to raise money for the HSA.

g) Rewards Program - We are placing the order tomorrow, in the next few weeks they will set up a table to purchase gift cards there. If there is any retailer you want to add let us know.

h) School Beautification - The kids love the hopscotch and buddycircle. Our next project is the mural and hand print of all the kids which will take place in the spring.

i) International Day - Philipines is the featured country, if you want to be a part and have a table please reach out to us. The events will take place on March 8 and March 11.

3. Next HSA meeting will be held on Thursday – January 17, 2019 at 7:15pm.

4. Questions/Comments/Concerns

a) On December 10th the BOE will vote to place armed guards in all 6 schools. Regardless of where you stand, please speak to council members and let them know your view, especially in the lower schools. There is a petition if you want more information please speak to SoYung Pak. This would be a level 3 armed guard which is typically a retired police officer who has been retired for no more than 3 years and would be paid for by the schools.

b) Question: Are we doing the Giving Tree this year? Probably