

Maugham HSA Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of September 14, 2017 HSA meeting minutes
3. Principal's Report – good turn out for meeting

- a. Dogs on school property policy.

At one of the high school sporting event, an opposing team family brought their dog, which bit a high school student in Tenafly. Child had to get rabies shot.

So Board of Ed – new policy. No dogs on school property during school hours. Do not come onto front lawn with the dogs, even if they are in your arms. Can still walk dog on sidewalk. Cannot take dog through Maugham parking lot on side of building.

To protect our children and some kids are afraid of dogs.

Town looking into the zoning laws concerning where dogs can go on properties around schools.

- b. Halloween schedule & parade.

Cones around the entire property for the Halloween parade for all grades. Parade classes in costumes out the front door in grade level order. No masks please. No weaponry of any sort. No “IT” scary clown costumes. No dogs allowed.

Pick up at 12:45 pm. Day at school run like a half day schedule. Some classes have Halloween parties in morning, some in afternoon.

12:45 can either pick up child for lunch or leave them, but no school lunch that day. School aides help kids into costumes. Bring kids back 1:45 ish. 2:00 pm parade of students. Parade about 15 minutes long. Parents can choose not to have child not participate in the parade, and as long as they are at school until 12:45, then considered at school full day.

- c. Week of RESPECT. Highlight respect throughout the year, but focus to students in October. Ferrara reads books to classes. Ms. Ferrara – read to two 4th grade classes. Book called “Too Perfect” about pressures put on children and looking / comparing to others’ lives. Spotlight celebrating who you are and being happy with who you are.
Assemblies for Week of Respect – paid for by HSA.
 - 1) Zensational kids – mini workshops on finding your inner zen and using calming strategies with yoga. Finding their center and participating in the wonderful program to get yourself to a calm space and feeling empowered. Children shared when feeling stressed or angry.
 - 2) Be Your Own Hero – from Bergen PAC. Mascot was a bee. Find your own inner strength and “bee” positive.
- d. Astronaut school visit. Picture from the astronaut. Did this at the beginning of the year. Message to set goals for yourself and follow your dreams. Story of getting rejected from NASA 5-6 times until his goal was reached. Showed pictures from space. One of only 500 or so people who has actually been in space. See rocket launch and landing look like. Susan Zausner arranged the NASA component, so thank her very much.

4. HSA Committee Reports

- a. Fall Event. Good job committee chairs for a job well done. Good turnout. Chairs said thank you for your help.
- b. 5th Grade – Michelle Roglieri. Kicked off the year with the buffet lunch which was a success. Made money for HSA and Maugham. Good group of parents on 5th grade committee. Started on all projects already, including in touch with other elementary schools to plan end of the year joint events. Yearbook theme decided. Nov 16th have the 5th graders going to the turf to get their pictures taken for yearbook. Will stand in “2018” formation for the yearbook.
- c. Maughamwear. Jill Gabay and Deborah Cohen working very hard to make Maughamwear a success. Tuesday afternoon we got late notice

about spirit day, and it was a missed opportunity to prepare better to sell / order supplies.

Ms. Ferrara didn't realize it was spirit day until the day before (Monday). This week was school violence awareness week, so paired it with this. Student Council will have future spirit week / spirit days, so will give the committee more time to order more Maughamwear clothes.
Parents – Smith school does spirit Fridays.

d. Book Fair

Cathy – sending out sign out sheets. Two day Nov 29th and Thursday half day Nov 30. Volunteers welcome to sign up. Theme is Wild West. Using library and art room for the book fair. K-2 art room. Can shop in the evening at parent teacher conferences.

e. Photo Committee – Soyung. New committee. Main task is to work with class moms and yearbook committee to ensure we have a good representation of all children in school. Take pictures as they occur for each class. Photo committee will reach out to collect pictures and put into one database.

Susan – Looking for volunteers. Online suppository so every year supplement with children's photos. Give it to your photo committee rep. Looking for one parent per grade. One year commitment at a time. Can collect photos from home and work on this from home. Helpful for parents, kids and yearbook.

f. Community Service - Lisa

Giving Tuesday. Collected canned food last year for CFA in Englewood. This year Giving Tuesday is Nov 28th. Will make a heart configuration of all donated food cans for charity. Working with student council to have kids make signs, do can collection, help arrange heart cans for assembly. Kids can start bringing in cans early November.

Will also do Giving Tree around holiday time.

g. Box Tops. Chair Samantha not present. Clip the box tops off food boxes. Need to collect by end of October to get money back. New thing will be a contest amongst the classes. Whatever class collects the

most number of box tops, will be treated to a pizza party. Will be sending out e-news and flyers. Send in box tops in zip lock bags to classroom teachers.

- h. Stop & Shop Rewards Program. Rewards program started last week, so sign up. Ends mid-March. Last year had 79 families, this year only had 11 families. Register online if you have not done so. Can support up to three schools and do not have to register every year.
 - i. Orchestra Hospitality Chair needed. Still looking for parent volunteer to run the orchestra hospitality for the concerts at Maugham.
5. Next HSA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 7:15pm
6. Questions/Comments/Concerns

Maugham Lunch Table - Parent discussion concerning volunteering at lunch and having the special table for the kids to sit during lunch serving. Discussion of Maugham vs. Smith school lunch program. Volunteer level high here at Maugham.

International day- Spring. India. Usually March. Aligned with conferences in Spring. Cheryl Shuster – chairperson. Committee will meet next week and then flyers will ask for volunteers.

Recycling at lunch. Containers for lunches need to be recycled. Water bottles recycled. Works well with liquids.

Tried in the past to do more food containers. Try to have kids clean out containers more. Stored in back of school and animals were getting into the food containers that weren't clean enough.

Question – can DPW do extra pick-ups of recycling? Ferrara – no, but looked into that as well. Recycling in parking lot next to school, and space is limited.