

**Hamilton HSA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2023 - 7:00pm – Zoom**

In Attendance: Mrs. Pierides, Jyoti Belani, Melissa Kelly, Sarah Stevenson, Valerie Merlin, Samantha Hiskey, Heather Olenick, Jenelle Wise, Andrea Ceres, Kristen Unger

Minutes:

1. Principal Update - Mrs. Pierides

- Construction coming along, anticipating a July completion date. Some concern with timing for the set-up of the new classrooms and having teachers become acclimated to the updated technology. Furniture has been ordered and new job positions posted. Anticipate interviews to begin after Spring Break. Will be adding additional 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Discussed the process and timing for class placements.
- Bookfest started on 3/1. Trying to increase Hamilton's participation by sharing with families the minutes that students are reading in class daily to add to their at home reading minutes.
- Discussed Talent Show participation and how to improve sign ups in the future.
- Nabisco building demo concerns raised. No real info has been shared with the GR community about actual demo/implosion date. Waiting on answers from Fairlawn.

2. General Updates - Jyoti

- In coordination with the new classroom construction, would like to use HSA funds to gift the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade wing with updated technology since the new classrooms will be equipped with the latest equipment. In addition, the new classrooms will likely need new books, board games, etc.
- 2023/24 Board Lineup – still in need of 1-2 more positions. One person has agreed to be President, but would prefer a Co-Chair. Please reach out to Jyoti for more information.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is 5/1-5/5. Jyoti shared her ideas for the week, including raffles, \$5-\$10 "shout outs" for teachers, and specific food days. Asking for Board input and suggestions. Will involve Class Parents in preparing homemade treats for one of the food days.

3. Federated - Jenelle

- Next Federated Meeting will be 3/21, 7pm at Coleman School.
- Also, all the HSAs were asked to participate in the District Health & Wellness Challenge that Dr. Charleston discussed at the General meeting and Board of Education meeting.

4. Fundraising - Heather

- Bingo Night returned and was well attended by families. Included a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade snack bar.
- Spring Social (5/13) committee is still recruiting volunteers to help with planning/day of the event tasks.

5. Social/Community & Volunteers (Sarah & Liz)

- The Science Fair went well, but participation was down from last year. Question whether having it the week of Presidents Day impacted participation.
- Bookfest (3/6) was very well attended and enjoyed by students and parent volunteers.

- Upcoming events include Breakfast in School (3/10), Readathon (3/1-3/28) and All School Playdate (4/14).
  - TIC TOC Art Docent volunteers are still needed. Please share information with parents so we can continue this program next year. Need to confirm parent volunteer/s by 5/1.
6. Budget/Financials - Andrea & Kristen
- Reviewed current financials, we remain under budget.
7. Communications/Website – Samantha
- No new updates.
8. Class Parents – Melissa
- Reviewed current communication format and type of information shared by class parents to families. Board agreed that messages are redundant to the Sunday e-blasts. Will change format going forward.
9. Basketball Court Refresh Project (Valerie)
- Basketball hoops were purchased (Mega Slam XL) and installation will start soon.