

# St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

2016-2017

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## **HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved**

**May 2, 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Giovanna M.	Rosanna Y.	Erica M.
Crystal W-E	Laura C.	Colleen M.
Maura S.	Teresa P.	Amy N.
Dana W.	Lindsay D.	Cathy C.
Claire N.	Maria B.	Melanie W.
Mrs. Lewis	Antoinette G.	Krista B.
Stephany G.	Lynne D.	Denise L.
Phone:	Veronica R.	Trish S.

### **Principal's Report**

Antoinette started the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming. She also thanked those on the phone for dialing in. Antoinette then asked for an approval of the April meeting minutes that were on the tables. There was a motion to approve and a second so the meeting minutes were approved as is.

Antoinette then said that Mrs. Palmieri was so very touched by the flowers the HSA sent to her for Administrator's Day. It was our way to say thank you to her for all that she does for the school and the HSA.

Antoinette also thanked those who came to The Nerds concert and thanked the Gala and those who helped put it together. It was such a fun night!

A new page was added to the School website under Resources/ Lunch Volunteers. It describes the duties and provides substitute contact information. This way it is easily accessible if needed.

A reminder that the \$4\$ extended order is due this Friday and the gift cards will be sent home in Thursday's Brown Envelope.

**Treasurer Report:** Lynne had nothing specific to report.

Rosanna provided a financial update on the Gala. The total profits have increased to over \$158,000, which includes additional revenue from the Nerds Concert and a few items that were sold after the event. We again extended a huge thank you to Rosanna, Jenny and the rest of the Gala Committee.

**Principal's Report:**

**School Calendar-** Mrs. Lewis discussed how there was a miscalculation done over the summer before she came to SES and because of that school days need to be added. The Friday before Memorial Day 5/26 will now be a half day and one additional day will be added to the end of the school year making Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> the last day of school. Report cards will be handed out (not mailed) on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Aftercare will be extended, as will Pre K and a few other days will be changed to full days. An updated June calendar will be coming home this week via hard copy in the Brown Envelope so everyone will be aware of these changes.

The 2017-2018 calendar will be finalized soon. Mrs. Lewis stated she accounted for 3 snow days and will tell us the days off if we do not use them. The first day of school for the children is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The School Play-** The practices are moving along nicely and the kids are getting excited about the play so please come and attend to support the children. There is a flyer in the e envelope for you to fill out for tickets. The Play is Wednesday and Thursday May 10-11 at 7:00 at DePaul High School.

**Math Testing-** Children in grades 2-7 will be tested in May to group them for next year. It is a diagnostic benchmark test and the Terra Nova's will also be looked at to assess for placement purposes.

**English Language Arts (ELA)-** Mrs. Lewis is also planning an ELA block for grades 6-7-8 to assist in scheduling. Science will be scheduled next to ELA to provide the opportunity for labs, if needed. She plans to have reading and writing be delivered in a more coordinated manner.

**Clef Notes-** The Music company that teaches children after school will be having a recital on June 1 so please come if interested in learning more about the company and hearing our children perform.

**FACTS-** Next year every family must be on FACTS to pay for fees. American Express will not be available as an option to pay via FACTS.

**Spring Fever-** Please remind your children that school is not over yet and that they should stay focused on school until the end of the school year in June.

**Uniform-** Please remind your children to wear the proper uniform including predominantly white socks. A small colored logo on the sock is fine but not colored stripes, etc.

**Summer Work-** A parent asked if the summer work was finalized. Mrs. Lewis has been speaking with the teachers and will do so again this Friday. Overall she wants the work to be consistent and of value and to know what the teachers plan to do with it once the school year starts. Math should be a review and prep- not new work. She will announce the summer work plans shortly.

**Allergies and A/C-** A parent asked why the windows are open during the school day when so many are suffering from allergies especially starting this week. Mrs. Lewis said this was the first real week the allergies have been so bad and the teachers will manage it accordingly.

**Terra Nova's and Parent Teacher Conferences-** A parent asked when we would be getting Terra Nova results back. Mrs. Lewis was hoping for Mid May. Another parent asked why the Parent Teacher Conferences were so late in the year. Mrs. Lewis agreed that earlier in the spring would be better and next year they will be earlier. She reminded everyone that she will be sending out "refrigerator calendars" next year with important dates for each month. You may also synch with the Google calendar on the website calendar so all the important school dates will be on your phone/ home calendar so you won't miss a thing.

**Drug Education-** A parent asked if there was a replacement to the DARE program or if something can be provided. DARE no longer exists and a new program called Law Enforcement Against Drugs or L.E.A.D. was formed. Some parents would like to see a drug education program at SES. Mrs. Lewis spoke with Detective Soto at the Wyckoff Police Department who said nothing is available at this time. If anyone knows of a program please provide suggestions to Mrs. Lewis for research. As a reminder, the program needs to be approved by the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Homework-** Based on the survey Mrs. Lewis conducted most parents feel homework is not excessive. She is looking to make sure that homework provides value and that the teachers are assessing it. It is all about value and quality over quantity.

### **Committee Reports**

**Spin Class-** This class is set for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am. Please join us by signing up on line from the flyer in the e envelope.

**Used Book Sale-** This event will be held on Wednesday and Thursday May 10-11<sup>th</sup> in the Elizabeth Room. There is a bin in the lobby for you to drop off gently used books and DVDs. Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius to help with set up, for a shift during the sale and for clean up. A class schedule will be coming out from school listing when each class will attend the fair. Mrs. Giunta will take any books left over to needy libraries. Thanks Maura and Trish.

**The Play-** The play is Wednesday and Thursday May 10-11<sup>th</sup> at DePaul High School at 7:00. Ticket prices are \$10 for children and \$12 for adults. Please see the flyer in the envelope to get tickets to see the show and support the children.

**Dad's Night-** Please join our SES Dads on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> - Doors open at 7:00. Show starts at 7:30. \$8 each or max of \$30 for each family. Tee shirts will also be sold at \$16 each- the kids can wear their shirt that day in school. The show is about 1.5 hours long. Thanks Dads!

**Volunteer Thank You Fair-** Please join us in the Elizabeth Room after drop off (before the May Crowning) on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> for light refreshments as a Thank You for volunteering this past year. There will also be opportunities to sign up to volunteer for next year. Anyone who has volunteered this past year and those who come to the breakfast will receive a family NUT pass for a date to be determined. We thank those who have devoted many hours for the benefit of our children and the school as a whole.

**Walk to School Day-** Please join us on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Plan to meet at the Wyckoff Library at 7:15 and walk to school with a police escort. Receive an apple and water upon arrival at school. Thanks Maria!

**Spring Clothing Drive-** Please bring your clothing, small toys, stuffed animals and other assorted items to the gym on May 20-21. Refer to the flyer in the envelope for a more complete listing of acceptable goods. The items will be picked up Monday morning. Thanks Corinne!

**Field Day-** Field Day is set for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Amy Nightingale, the Field Day Chairperson, needs volunteers from 8:30-11:45. Please sign up with name, email and grade so she can place you at a station. Thanks Amy!

**SES Towels-** Amy has arranged for a limited supply of custom towels (no more will be available after the initial order- so get your order form in before they sell out). Personalization is available. They should be delivered before Memorial Day Weekend just in time for the beach/ pool. Towels are \$15, or \$20 for personalization. Thanks Amy!

**Fun Friday-** Teresa said the April Fun Friday activities were well received. May is too busy for everyone so she will start back up in the fall. Please forward any ideas or suggestions for activities. Thanks Teresa and Giovanna!

**Chubby Chico Charms-** Thank you to Luisa Adely for these great bracelets. \$528 was made so far and there are still some custom SES bracelets available for sale.

**Track-** Denise thanked those who attended and helped at the SES Meet on Sunday. Overall the Boys came in 4<sup>th</sup> and the Girls came in 7<sup>th</sup>. The meet also raised about \$4,000 for the school. The next meet is this Saturday hosted by Sacred Heart in Lyndhurst.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05