

St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

2017- 2018

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HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

May 1, 2018

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Phone:	Steve N.	Mrs. Lewis

Antoinette started the meeting by stating that unfortunately Mrs. Lewis is sick. She was sorry to have to miss the meeting in person. We have Mrs. Kozar speaking on the Student Council but let's first start with a prayer.

Antoinette, on behalf of Mrs. Lewis, then announced the new HSA Executive Board for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 years. Kate Ruebenacker as President, Nikki Rice and Laura Connors as Vice Presidents, Kelly Tweed as Secretary and staying on for one more year is Danielle Piscioti as Treasurer. Antoinette said these are a great bunch of women dedicated to our school and they will be great.

Treasurer's Report- Danielle said all the finances look good and are in line with previous years. Thanks again for all the support of our fundraisers as the kids reap the benefit.

Guest Speaker-Mrs. Kozar spoke about Student Council. She said it has been a tradition at the St. Elizabeth School for over 40 years and it was expanded a few years ago to add the 4th grade as Class Representatives. The Executive Board can only be from Grades 7-8. There are 3 Class Representative's in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and they are elected solely by their own grades. The 4th Grade Class Reps only handle the 4th Grade but the Class Reps in the 5-8 Grades cover lower grades (Pre K-3rd) as well. The kids need to think about the responsibility, apply and gain approval from their teacher. There is an application and

a checklist of things like keeping their grades up and being responsible, etc. The teacher either approves the application or could suggest the child wait another year. For the Executive Board, there are General Elections where grades 4-8 vote to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There is campaign week where the kids make posters, and some give out pins to support their candidacy. The Executive Board candidates give 2-3 minute speeches in front of grades 4-8 in the cafeteria. This happens around the second week of October. Mrs. Kozar is always so proud of them and their confidence to get up and speak in public.

Then the vote happens and the results are given out before the end of the day.

Once elected, there are meetings (typically 2-3 times a month in the beginning and more like once a month toward the end of the year).

Student Council heads fundraisers such as Candy Grams and other raffles. Thank you for supporting the events. All the finances are logged in and the money is used to get new balls for recess and games for the classroom, etc.. The Student Council also does some service type activities such as recently planting daffodils in front of the school.

A Parent asked about running in repeating year. Mrs. Kozar said that it cannot be 2 consecutive years so a 4th Grade Class Rep will have to wait until 6th Grade to run again. The Executive Board can be consecutive (7-8th grades).

And that is what Student Council is all about.

We thanked Mrs. Kozar for her time and review of the Student Council.

Antoinette then continued with the meeting with her President's Report.

President's Report- Antoinette asked for a review and approval of the April Meeting Minutes which were on the tables. There was a motion to approve and a second so the meeting minutes were approved as is.

Antoinette mentioned that Mrs. Palmieri was very thankful and appreciative for the Administrative Assistant's Day gift that the HSA gave her.

Mrs. Slack wrote a nice thank you note to the HSA for providing the Wallaby Tales Assembly to Pre K. She was very appreciative and the kids loved it.

Scholastic Book Fair- This event comes up very fast in September and last year the chair had very few volunteers. We wanted to bring it to everyone's attention now to be on the lookout for sign ups in the fall and to help out. It makes a lot of money, which is usually converted into Scholastic Dollars which doubles the cash value and Mrs. Lewis has been able to buy many great things for the kids in school. It is usually held the night of the younger grade Back to School Night for parents to shop for their kids. We will try and have the date at the Volunteer Thank You Breakfast so people will be able to sign up now to help in the fall. Thank you, volunteers, for supporting this and all fundraisers.

Committee Reports:

Used Book Fair- Maura reminded us it is Wednesday, May 9th. There will be set up in the Elizabeth Room Tuesday 5/8 from 12:00-2:30pm. Mrs. DeWitte will be sending out the class schedule in the e Envelope. Please donate used books to the bin in the lobby. Thanks Trish and Maura for running at again.

Dad's Night- Maura stated that Dad's Night is Friday 5/18 starting at 7:00pm and will be about 75 minutes long. It is a lot of fun. Contact TJ or Tim if a dad wants to help. There will be Tee shirts made and the kids can wear them in school that Friday. You can pre pay for tickets or buy them at the door that night. There will also be a video for sale after. This is not a drop off event- parents need to stay with their kids. Thanks TJ and Tim!

Clothing Drive- Stephany spoke for Corinne about the clothing drive which will take place May 19-20. Drop off your clothes, linens, stuffed animals, shoes (bagged separately), etc. in the gym. There is a full description of what can be donated in the e envelope. Thanks Corinne!

Volunteer Thank You Breakfast- This lovely breakfast will take place right after drop off in the Elizabeth Room the day of the May Crowning (5/15). We thank you for past volunteering and it is also an opportunity to see how you want to help out next year. 2nd Grade parents can come down before the May Crowing.

Walk to School Day- Veda announced that we will meet at 7:15 at the Wyckoff Library and leave by 7:20 and walk to school. The kids love it- but please remind your kids to walk safely and parents need to watch their kids. Apples and water will be provided at SES and the kids can wear their Dad's Night Tee shirts if they have them. Thanks Veda!

Shoparoo, Stop and Shop and Box Tops- On behalf of Joanne we wanted to recognize that Stop and Shop brought in over \$500 as did Box Tops. There is a collection date for Box Tops so please cut, paste and return by 5/15 so we can earn more money.

\$4\$- The monthly order is due this Thursday 5/3 and the cards will be returned Thursday 5/10. You can order on line or thru the paper form. There are a few cards we would like to push for sale- JC Penny (2), Sears/ Kmart (12), and Outback (1). In addition, we have many Ped-Agree Shoes gift cards so plan now for summer or even fall uniform shoe shopping. The \$4\$ Program runs from June 1- May 31 of each year.

Lunch Duty- For some reason we are really short these next few weeks. Please sign up if you can- even if only partial duty to prepare snacks and prep food. Even with every K-8 family doing their required 3 shifts per kid, we are about 90 slots short, so we really need all families to try and do a few more times than what is required. Pre K parents- please come if you can. Younger children are allowed to tag along. The safety of our children and the efficiency of serving lunches are important. We do have subs and they have been repeatedly asked and have helped out so many times. THANKS! We have sent out Sign Up Genius messages asking for assistance so please come if you can. Thanks.

There was discussion about having the kids wipe down the lunch tables thinking maybe they would be neater if they actually had to wipe them down themselves. There was also discussion about allowing the 7-8 graders the opportunity to eat lunch outside during the nice weather. Mrs. Lewis would need to evaluate these.

Meeting Adjourned 8:47 am