

Home & School Meeting

3/1/2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Karen Stipa, Kelly Bell, Erin Gallagher, Cathy Fontana, Karen Gergel, Dara Lyon, Amanda McCarthy, Shannon Stahl, Lynette Smith and Leah Bustraan

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- 7:00 p.m. led by Lynette Smith

Kudo's

- 2 Teacher Luncheons – Cathy will send a sign up sheet for food items and a request for clean up and set up help. Cathy wanted to thank Mira Holloway and Stefanie Baker for helping with the luncheons along with the other parents who signed up to donate items for the luncheons.
- Feb Box Tops – Chrissy
 - The group discussed other ways for publishing the collection of box tops, for example, collections at Church. Miss Golden and Mrs. Logan's classes were the top winners. The profit for February was \$331.00 and last October was \$376.30. Last year was over \$1000.00 in total.
- Iron Hill Spirit Days – Leah
 - The sales were \$659.50 and the profit earned to HFS was \$111.00. We will plan on having this event monthly if possible. The next event is 4/25/2018.
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Janice and Erin cleaned and decorated the teacher's lounge and added paper products. The teachers really like the grab and go snacks and paper products. Erin talked about having the teachers create a wish list of items they would like to have added to the teachers' lounge.

Treasurer Report

- Review Current Expenses/Profits
 - The balance in the HFS H&S account is \$4388.88. Some expenses recently paid from the account were the Reading Phillies deposit, 5 k race permit and teacher appreciation expenses.

Calendar Review

- 3/11 – International Festival
 - Please remember to RSVP to the event.
 - The event is being held in Griffin Hall and there will be 10 different cultures represented along with traditional Mexican folk dancers and games from Kenya and Egypt. This is always a fun family event that everyone enjoys!
- 4/9-4/13 – Book Fair
 - This is the largest money making event for the school. H&S is looking for helpers for this event. There will be specific time slots and the library times seemed to work well last year.

Thank you Missy Hirst for running the book fairs! Please let Missy Hirst and H&S know if you would like to be one of the chairpersons for this event going forward.

- 4/21 – Father/Daughter Dance
 - Everyone is looking forward to this event! There will be a Save the Date and more information to come! The theme is Boots and Beauties under the stars!
- 5/6 – Mother/Son Fightin’ Phils
 - More information to come. This is a nice event for mothers and their sons...everyone gets to sit in the same section!
- 5/12-5K
 - This event is being marketed as a community event. The school is looking for sponsors. The event needs 200 runners to hold the event. More information to come. Karen and Chrissy attended the March 14th borough meeting to obtain approval for the event.
 - This is a new event this year for HFS. The proceeds will go to HFS.

Hot Topics

- Dogwood Parade
 - HFS will not be part of the Dogwood Parade. There were too many new and existing events scheduled around the same time. H&S will revisit this idea for next year.
- Possible Farmers’ Market
 - H&S would still like to be present at the Farmer’s Market in Phoenixville. Please let H&S know if you are interested in helping with this.
- Open Positions for Board and Events
 - Karen Stipa will send an email out with open positions. Please let H&S know if you are interested in chairing an event or helping with an event or position.

Principal’s Report

- Facilities committee is looking to include changes to enhance security as well as aesthetics.
- Board will be sending a communication update soon.
- Feb. –Teacher training was on ALICE. Mr. Dever is an ALICE certified instructor.
- Stephanie Bahr will be coming to the April meeting to discuss the school budget.

Closing Prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Notes	To-Do	Responsible
Agenda		
Kudo's	MLK Service Project – the younger grades made cards, the middle grades visited the Senior center and the older grades went to the YMCA. Overall it was a successful day! Perhaps, next time, we may want to have the younger grades participate in something more than card making. Maybe card making along with something else. Thank you Tara Simonic, Megan Myers, Kerri Crowne and Maureen Pallante and all of the other volunteers that helped out with this event!	
	Ice Skating - There were fewer people in attendance this year. The event netted \$177.00 this year and over \$600.00 last year. Was it too long of a day with the service projects in the morning? The Science Fair started the next day. It was still \$5.00 per person. Thank you Mira Holloway and all of the other volunteers that helped out with this event!	
	<p>CSW – Mass/Teacher Doors/Gifts/Thank you cards</p> <p>The theme is Catholic Schools – Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed</p>	<p>Thank you to the Parishes, students and families who supported the start of Catholic Schools' Week. It was wonderful that so many kids wore their school uniforms, and it was great to see the kids read, bring up gifts and parents speak at the Masses. H&S would like to</p> <p>Special thanks to Theresa C., Patricia S., Bridget B., Lynette S., and Mrs. Abell. Along with the homeroom parents who decorated the staff and faculty doors as well as Erin G. and Janice M for coordinating the baskets of items for the teacher's lounge.</p>

		<p>continue this event. A card was made and signed by all HFS students and presented to each of the parishes.</p>
	<p>1/28 – 2/2 – Catholic Schools Week</p>	<p>The teachers’ luncheon is on Friday, 2/2. Cathy Fontana has everything she needs for the luncheon.</p> <p>Everyone enjoyed Grandparents’ Day. The school was nicely decorated and the teachers liked the timing more than at the end of the year. It was nice having Mass as part of Grandparents Day. There was some concern that the weather could have been a problem, but it was not this year. Going forward that could affect attendance.</p>
<p>Treasurer Report</p>	<p>Review Current Expenses/Profits</p>	<p>Melissa provided an updated on the H&S budget: The balance in the H&S account is currently \$5300.00. The profits earned school YTD is \$2100.00. The skating party earned \$177.00 and ice cream so far has earned \$700.00.</p> <p>Thank you Melissa for the update!</p>
<p>Calendar Review</p>	<p>Spirit Days</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who had lunch or dinner at Vecchia’s. The Home & School mailed a thank you card to the owner for partnering with HFS.</p>
	<p>February Box Tops</p>	<p>Flyer to be sent Friday, 2/2</p> <p>End Drive 2/21, Submission Date 3/1</p> <p>Thank you Chrissy Halliday for your help with Box Tops!</p>
	<p>2/19 – Teacher luncheon</p>	<p>Cathy Fontana will send a sign up request for the teacher’s luncheon on Presidents Day. The request will be</p>

		<p>sent to the Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade parents. Please also let Cathy know if you are able to help with setup / cleanup.</p> <p>Thank you Cathy Fontana for your help with teachers' luncheons!</p>
	2/21 – Wednesday – Iron Hill Spirit Day	The next Spirit Day will be at Iron Hill on Wednesday 2/21. More information along with the coupon is to come.
	3/11 – International Festival	<p>Will be held in Griffin Hall this year! There will be a meeting coming up soon with the committee. Please let H&S know if there is a cultural group that you would like to take part in the event. More information to come. There is a reimbursement offered for the food made for the event.</p> <p>Please let Lynette Smith know if you would like to help and/or participate in this event!</p>
	4/9 – 4/13 – Book Fair	<p>It was discussed to potentially invite students that attended our HFS open houses. Is the book fair open to everyone? Can we add it to the Parish bulletins?</p> <p>Thank you Missy Hirst for running the book fairs! Please let Missy Hirst and H&S know if you would like to be one of the chairpersons for this event going forward.</p>
	<p>4/21 – Father/Daughter Dance</p> <p>5/6 – Mother/Son</p> <p>Fightin' Phils</p>	<p>Everyone is looking forward to these events! There will be a Save the Date and more information to come!</p> <p>Thank you Meg Cellini and Lori Laskowsky and Christy Flynn for running these events!</p>

	5/12 – 5 K	This is a new event this year for HFS. This is great HFS event along with CYO and the overall community. The proceeds will go to the HFS.
	5/19 – Dogwood Parade	HFS will be participating in the Dogwood Parade this year! Some ideas that were discussed are: HFS cheerleaders, a convertible, band (we will need to check with the band director). Mr. Ireland suggested that we look to see what Spring sports can participate in the parade (the kids could wear their spring sports uniforms). How about members of the Drama club?
Hot Topics/Principal's Report	<p>Going forward, pictures will be added to Facebook instead of the Monday communication.</p> <p>Next Home and School Meeting is Thursday, 3/1.</p> <p>Mr. Ireland made the point that HFS has the resources and electives like the public middle schools and have a lot to offer. We have more one on one with the students than the public schools and have a smaller environment that can help with getting through those middle school years that are tough for a lot of kids.</p>	
Closing Prayer and Thank you	Thank you Mr. Ireland for attending the H&S meeting. It was very helpful having a teacher there for ideas and input.	