



**Parents' Association Agenda
January 14, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Updates from Mr. Cissel

COVID:

- 11 cases last week, down to 4 this week (7% last week, 2% this week positivity)
- We will probably switch to masks off outdoors next week
- All School Meeting remote this week, moving to in-person next week, we hope, based on next week's testing results
- Band will be in gym next week
- Remote option is allowed for anyone between now and 1/15
- Feb-March predictions are that rates will be similar to what they were in the fall
- Basketball is happening this month and next and hoping we can invite spectators
- Wednesday's scrimmage will be live-streamed
- Testing will likely end later this winter as we are hoping we won't need it

Mood in the Building:

- Kids are doing great
- Teachers are holding it all together (remote and in-person teaching is happening)

NYSAIS Self Study taking place this year

Board Retreat Coming Soon!

Harborcott:

- There are 19 books nominated and the 4th grade chooses their favorite and then they create award logos, vote on them and chose one

Today's All School Meeting

- Bingo
- Winners of Read-a-thon announced



Updates from the Parents' Association

Read-a-thon:

- Grace Hammons: 4,568 minutes;
- Those who reached 500 minutes or more will get a coupon for a free dress day; those coupons will be backpacked home next week
- All school participation award will not be given this year as we didn't hit that threshold
- Top 10 readers will be announced at today's all school meeting:
 - Grace Hammons 4,568
 - Astrid Larsen 2,220
 - Chloe Roc 2,127
 - Cristina Lombardo 1,715
 - Simon Bear 1,065
 - Javier Fleming 908
 - Katherine Farr 775.5
 - Sidney Puchner 754
 - Alexander Labelson 675
 - Eyupcan Yazici 670

Family Fun Night:

- Usually this event is held in February but due to COVID we have decided to postpone it to April. Our goal is to enjoy an event outdoors together in person. TBA

Spring Benefit:

- Virtual event to be held on Friday, March 11th at 7:00pm
- Theme is "Back to the Future"
- Givergy - new online platform
- Items needed for silent auction!
- Calling all volunteers for committees for benefit
- Auction (Jen Tona)
 - Think about who you know and what they may be able to donate, just ask!
 - Go through your closet and think about things you have received or like and see if we can get things like that
- Partnerships (Cynthia Lippe)
 - Friend (\$250) to Presenting (\$10k) levels available



- Benefits for each level increase as you go up in dollar value
- Any new families in your grades, who may have a business who could benefit from PR/exposure to HCDS community, reach out to Cynthia or Devan and they can do outreach to try to solicit a gift
- We also have some families who partner with us for the event but don't need corporate exposure benefits so they do family partnerships
- Another thing we do for small businesses who don't have the funds to do a partnership, they can still get some degree of exposure by donating coupons or small items to our event 'swag bag'
- Last year's swag bag was very successful and had all sorts of different types of coupons like hair salons, restaurants, etc.
- Class Basket Theme (Lauren Kolbeck)
 - Proposed idea that each class is solicited to do a themed basket for the auction from each class
 - In the past Lauren did a beach themed basket for a past event she supported
 - Class parents would solicit the parents in their class and then do a \$ collection, purchase the items and then assemble the basket to be donated for the event
 - Sign Up Genius can be used along with Venmo (Devan)

Next meeting: February 11, 2022 at 9:30AM

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Bergen, PA Chair
John Cissel, HCDS Head
Devan Finamore, PA Chair
Bart Jones
Lauren Kolbeck
Stephanie Labelson
Cynthia Lippe
Christine McBrien, HCDS Director of Admission & Parent Relations
Margaret Pai
Nancy Puchner



Jen Taggart, HCDS Director of Advancement
Jen Tona
Symone Vogeney, PA Chair