



**MINUTES OF THE Cresskill MS/HS HSA Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017  
at 7:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Cafeteria**

**1. Welcome – Gerri Cristantiello, President**

Welcome remarks; Introductions of HSA Officers and attendees

**2. Treasurer's Report – Susan Rowley, Treasurer**

Susan reported that as a reminder, we operate on a cash basis and our fiscal year is August 1 to July 31.

Since our last meeting on September 27, 2017 we:

- Collected additional expected directory sponsorship amounts of \$2,250 plus \$470 from parents donation's in the envelopes provided, so net of \$645
- Collected \$300 in parking spot income and \$375 from the Fall Mock SAT/ACT test
- Collected \$464 in logowear sales and purchased more items to sell, so net of \$105 earned
- Paid deposits to SPACE and the casino vendor, and other casino event related fees of \$200 for our January 2018 event
- Currently have \$5,901.65 in bank

**3. Open HSA Positions for 2017-18** - Please contact Gerri for additional information or to volunteer.

- a. Secretary & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative – Still seeking **secretary** and currently taking turns with Minutes which is most important responsibility. Also seeking a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative. Those that are interested in helping on the Board as Secretary, please email [cmschs.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:cmschs.hsa@gmail.com)

**4. MS/HS Vice President Update – Lara Mor Zilberstein & Kelli Yee** No Report at this time.

**5. Committee Chair Updates:**

- a. Board of Ed Liaison – **Alba Shick** Tabled
- b. Directory – **Tracey Naccarella** We are continuing to collect donations toward for directory. All have been distributed on a complimentary basis.
- c. **UPDATE Middle School Halloween Celebration: October 27 – Lara Mor Zilberstein/Kelli Yee** Party was held in Cafeteria from 6-8pm. All went well.
- d. **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation:** Held in the Spring, Date not confirmed. We will need a volunteer to encourage parents to become involved in H.S.A. Should have a flyer explaining what H.S.A. does and why they need to get involved. In the past the President or a Representative of H.S.A. has made a presentation. Gerri will ask Mr. Massaro whether we can be put on the agenda.
- e. **UPDATE Administration/Parent Meet & Greet: Tues, October 3 – Lara Mor Zilberstein** Event was held in MS/HS Cafeteria from 7 – 9 pm. It was a fantastic event where parents were able to meet the Administration team including Supervisors and Mrs. Michele Blanco, new Guidance Supervisor, as well as have Q & A. All went well.
- f. **Parent Education Speaker Series – Julia Kislevitz** Committee is organized & has a great year of special programs. Flyers will be distributed to Edward H Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School as well as posted on district web site. Laura

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Wells will be designing the flyers and the press releases to be sent to the community media outlets. These presentations are open to all neighboring communities. Please feel free to invite your friends.

- The Heroin Epidemic and the Impact of Narcotics and Alcohol Abuse, Wed, Oct 25 at 7:00pm, CHS  
This was low in attendance. It was suggested that next year we change the topic name and possibly encourage parents to bring their children ... specific ages will be determined and announced
- The Teen Brain and Communication (Wed. 12/6/17)  
This is being promoted and it has been printed in the Suburbanite and possibly other newspapers.
- Family Dynamics and Adolescent Behavior (Wed. 2/7/18)
- Internet and Social Media Safety (Wed. 4/11/17)

**g. Annual H.S.A. Fundraiser (Casino Night): Shari Jacobson Thomas**

Shari agreed to Chair this fundraiser and work is underway. She is very excited to making this a successful event. Anyone interested in helping her should contact her at [cudlfish@aol.com](mailto:cudlfish@aol.com)

**h. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast: Week of May 7 – Lara Mor Zilberstein** No report at this time.

**i. Parking Space Auction – Kelli Yee**

We have had some issues with parking in the spot. The student who is parking there has found someone in the spot more than less times and because of this has been late for class. Mr. Massaro and Gerri are aware of this issue and some solutions have been suggested.

Brian Hamburger and Susan Rowley are working to move this fundraiser auction to EBAY.COM site to allow for flexible bidding and increase visibility of all bidding action. Auctions will be conducted via email until that site is ready. Gerri reported it is almost ready and hoping to have the first auction in December for January parking.

It has also been suggested to do a raffle for February parking. The winner will be announced at Casino Night.

**j. Mock SAT & Mock ACT – Rosalind Ferstenberg**

The testing took place on October 14 with a post parent and student meeting on October 18. All went well. Will determine a Spring date.

**k. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving On Celebration: June 20 – Chair is needed** and Date will be determined

**l. School Logo Wear – Nancy Raymond** No Report at this time.

**m. Communications** – Laura Wells will work on the event flyers so that there is a consistent image; she will also create and distribute the press releases. Limor Kovar will be posting the events and news on Facebook pages.

**n. SAT/ACT Bootcamp – Lara Mor Zilberstein** – Lara is working on getting a weekend in the spring for a bootcamp for both SAT and ACT.

**6. Other Business**

- a. By-Laws – Need Committee/and current copy of by-laws.
- b. PARCC Exam– This is necessary testing and students must take it seriously

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- c. Website – Limor Kovar will be creating a website for the Cresskill MS/HS H.S.A. Gerri will send her the information she needs. Our current website needs to be updated and Gerri needs to get the information to the IT department at the school.
- d. Assemblies – Discussion took place about various assemblies and it was believed that parents should be notified of the assembly before it occurs so that they may speak to the children about it and can follow up accordingly.
- e. Holiday Gifts – A suggestion was made that we coordinate with Merritt School and Bryan School and also extend a gift to the crossing guards. NOTE: After the meeting the Korean PTA agreed that they would be giving a gift to the crossing guards near the Middle & High School as well as to the secretaries.

7. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**. Followed by meetings on  
Tues, Jan. 27, 2018 | Tues, April 10, 2018 | Tues, May 22, 2018 | Tues., June 12, 2018

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.