



MINUTES OF THE Cresskill MS/HS HSA Meeting held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Cafeteria

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

Welcome remarks; Introductions of HSA Officers and attendees; Thank you and welcome to new 7th Grade Rep – Alyson Kelly; 15 parents in attendance

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

Our fiscal year began 8/1/17, but we had some funds carry over from last year. Currently we have \$12,700. Our 2017-18 Budget still needs to be finalized. Due to meeting time constraints, a discussion about last year's \$1K donation to pay for the Graduating Senior Class breakfast was "tabled". Please contact Gerri with any questions or opinion on this matter.

The following monies were disbursed to the school in 8/2017:

- CMS - Robotics Club \$1K, 6th Grade Advisory Program \$2K, and Recess Resources \$1.5K,
- CHS United Nations Art Exhibit bus \$1K,
- CM/CHS Assemblies – Dr. Michael Fowlin (Mykee) Presentation on celebrating differences \$1.5K,
- CMS/CHS Special Ed – 8 standing desks \$700,
- CMS/CHS Presentation Screens for art/civic shows, etc \$1K,
- CMS/CHS LED Cyclorama Lighting for Auditorium \$3.4K,
- CHS Senior Class - buses \$250 and breakfast sponsorship \$1K.

Additional items that we have committed to funding:

- CHS College Essay Writing Workshop \$2K,
- CMS/CHS - Clubs & Activities funding \$1K and Enrichment Series \$1K

3. **MS/HS Administration Report – John Massaro** Mr. Massaro welcomed all the parents and thanked the H.S.A. for all their dedication and commitment to the school.

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

- a. Secretary – Open Position
- b. 9th Grade Representative – Open Position

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

6. **Committee Chair Updates:**

- a. Board of Ed Liaison – **Alba Shick** The BOE Referendum passed – thank you for your support!
- b. Directory – **Tracey Naccarella** Due to work of Gerri Cristantiello, this year's Directory production costs have been fully covered by generous sponsors; namely, Alma Bank and Crestron Electronics; and Premier Plumbing, Coldwell Banker, Cristantiello Carpentry, and the Printer of the directory. The 2017-2018 Resource Directory will go home with the oldest child with an envelope for a suggested donation of \$10. No one is obligated to return the envelope.
- c. Back to School Information Tables: – **Aline Ho**. Thank you to Lara, Aline and the wonderful Back-to-School night Volunteers for their coverage and management of these important tables. We had great sales of car magnets and flannel pajama pants.

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- d. **Middle School Halloween Celebration: October 27 – Lara Mor Zilberstein/Kelli Yee**
Party will be held in Cafeteria from 6-8pm. Committee is responsible for decorations, all snacks and drinks. Need to confirm that pizza will be provided by CMS Administration.
- e. **Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation:** Held in the Spring, Actual date TBD – **Need Volunteer**
- f. **Administration/Parent Meet & Greet: Tues, October 3 – Lara Mor Zilberstein**
Event will be held in MS/HS Cafeteria from 7 – 9 pm. This is a fantastic event where parents can meet the Administration team including Supervisors and Mrs. Michele Blanco, new Guidance Supervisor, as well as have Q & A. Email has been sent to community for food donations and volunteers to help with this event.
- g. **Parent Education Speaker Series – Julia Kislevitz**
Committee is organized & excited for 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 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 Aud
 - The Teen Brain and Communication (Wed. 12/6/17)
 - Family Dynamics and Adolescent Behavior (Wed. 2/7/18)
 - Internet and Social Media Safety (Wed. 4/11/17)
- h. **Annual H.S.A. Fundraiser (Casino Night): DATE TBD – Volunteer Needed to Chair**
Co-Chairs responsible for Vendor Setup (Venue, Casino Operator & Beverages), Donations for Raffle Baskets & Event Sponsorships. Please see Gerri if you are interested. Kelli Yee has offered to loan her fabulous Casino Sweater to the new event chair ☺
- i. **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:** Week of May 7 – **Lara Mor Zilberstein** No report at this time.
- j. **Parking Space Auction – Kelli Yee**
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.
- k. **Mock SAT/ACT – Rosalind Ferstenberg**
Choice of either exam. Cost is \$25. Informational email and Link to be sent shortly.
- Saturday, October 14, 2017 – Post Parent Meeting Wed. 10/18/17
 - Spring Dates to be determined
- l. **8th Grade Moving On Celebration: June 20 – Chair is needed**
- m. **School Logo Wear – Nancy Raymond** No Report at this time.
- n. **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.

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- 7. Other Business
 - a. By-Laws – Need Committee/and current copy of by-laws. It was noted that there is no electronic version of the by-laws
- 8. Adjournment

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tues, Oct 17, 2017 | Tues, November 28, 2017 | Wed, Jan 10, 2018
Tues, Jan. 27, 2018 | Tues, April 10, 2018 | Tues, May 22, 2018 | Tues., June 12, 2018