



CRESSKILL MIDDLE /HIGH SCHOOL HSA MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 8, 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

Facilitator: Gerri Cristantiello & Limor Kovar, Co-Presidents

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The minutes from the November 6, 2018 HSA Meeting are pending review and will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Rowley presented the report. A printout as of 1/8/19 of revenues and expenditures the fiscal (calendar) year to date, and the prior 2 years, was distributed. Since the last HSA meeting,

- Revenue –
 - We received a \$500 sponsorship check from Crestron, and a \$450 sponsorship check from the Spina family, for Casino Night. We also received a \$500 check from Catalyst for September SAT/ACT boot camps.
 - Once we start selling Casino Night tickets in the next week, we will bring in ticket sale revenue.
 - We expect \$4,679.33 as our distribution of the 5k/10k fundraiser proceeds, which is split 3 ways with the 2 elementary schools.
- Expenditures -
 - We paid \$60 for a fee to accompany a NYS information return
 - \$200 to the Cresskill Board of Education to rent a room for the Catalyst SAT/ACT Mock tests (which will be offset by the 'royalty' we receive after the event from Catalyst)
 - \$230 for thank you/holiday gifts to school custodians, administrative and other school personnel



As of 1/8/19—we have \$5,594.95 available (without the 5k/10k proceeds receivable). A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee Chair Updates

- a. Board of Ed (BOE) Update – Alba Shick reported that Mr. Gorfin was the newly elected Board member, replacing Ms. Rabinowitz who did not run for re-election. She further reported that since the voters approved the referendum, the properties purchased by the Borough were sold to the Board and construction of the addition to the Bryan School project was well underway.
- b. Korean Parent Association Report – Soo Park represented the KPA at the meeting. She indicated that the KPA teacher appreciation lunch is in the next week. She also shared parents’ concern about the discontinuation of some middle school clubs without notice or communication to the parents. Mary Klein responded that the BOE is aware of this issue. They are reviewing future multi-year faculty contracts as it relates to club stipends to address this. At a minimum, the middle school environmental, debate and ski clubs were impacted. The HSA co-presidents will contact school administrators regarding the communication gap.
- c. Parent Education Speaker Series -
 - 1/24/19 - “Yikes! My Child will be Driving Soon” (open to parents & students) – This is a Share the Keys event and the trained facilitator is a driving instructor and Cresskill parent, Elia Borelli Ferolie.
 - 2/7/19 – “How to Talk to Your Child About Sex” (tentative title). Speaker is Helaina Altabef (www.tametheteen.com). After discussion, the requested speaker fee of \$250 was approved.
 - 3/14/19 – further discussion was deferred due to time constraints however more information was already included in the December 4, 2018 meeting minutes.
 - 4/11/19 – See above
- d. Annual H.S.A. Fundraiser (Casino Night): February 22, 2019 – The committee had a meeting earlier tonight. Donations and contributions are needed; solicitation requests will go out in the next week. Early bird ticket sales will start this week (related communications to go out this week). The next committee meeting is January 22, 2019.
- e. Parking Space Fundraiser – No update.

- f. SAT/ACT Bootcamp Weekend & Mock Exams –Lara reported that the next event planned is a mock SAT practice test on 1/12/19 and a mock ACT practice test on 1/19/19. 30-40 kids in total are signed up. No registrations accepted at the door.
- g. School Logo Wear – Gerri has been working with Angelica Moutran and others on a more modern and stylish Cougars’ logo for logowear. Nancy Chin has already ordered some racerback shirt inventory with the logo on behalf of the soccer club. We can buy them at cost from either Nancy or from Angelica at \$17/shirt or \$30 for 2, and then the profit would remain with the HSA. This will be further discussed. It was suggested that we could take orders at Casino Night.
- h. Communications – No update, however it is anticipated that our communications Chair Laura Wells will assist in preparing communications for the upcoming Parent Education Speaker Series events.
- i. 6th Grade Orientation – The date of this event is March 14, 2019.

Other Business

- a. Cresskill H.S.A. Logo – Gerri’s short-term goal is to create a logo for the HSA and the long-term goal is for it to be tailored and used by other school organizations. Ms. Grossman’s class worked on some options. After Casino Night, in March, we will reach out to other parent and possibly school organizations to obtain their feedback.
- b. HSA website: <http://www.cms-hs-hsa.com> – This is the new website and is live. Gerri will ask the school to eliminate old information from our current HSA webpage on the school website, and to add a link to our new website.
- c. Talent Show – No update
- d. Principal’s Perspective – Gerri suggested to Mr. Massaro that his Principal’s Perspective newsletter be posted on the schools’ website. Discussion was previously held to add the link to the H.S.A. website. After further discussion, it was suggested that if it is on the school’s website, there is no need for it to be linked on the H.S.A’s website as originally discussed.



Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 | 7:30pm, MS /HS Media Center

Adjournment

There was no further business. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.