

Alexander Hamilton HSA Meeting Minutes February 17, 2010

Attendance:

Kathy Heher	Josephine Noone	Jenn Smith	Stacie Giammarino
Sue Lawlor	Patricia Cristadoro	Diane Barilla-Kay	John Rickershauser
Nancy Caputo	Jean Bowers		

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Jean Bowers informed us of this year's Coins for a Cause. In the first day alone, we raised \$325.00. The three charities that the children will be voting on this year are Employment Horizons, Community Soup Kitchen and SNAP – special needs athletic program. Coins will be collected until April 19th. The winner will be announced on voting day for the school budget at the Ice Cream Social on April 20th from 6:30 – 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events/Thank You's:

Kathy Heher thanked Diane Barilla-Kay for the refreshments; all staff members, parents, and student volunteers who helped make the Family Fun Night a huge success especially Lynne Boucher, chairperson; and Stacie Giammarino, Allison Arakelian and Diane Barilla-Kay for the Staff Appreciation.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the January 14th meeting were unanimously approved.

President's Report:

No Child Left Behind was discussed. Alexander Hamilton received an “early warning” in Special Education and Economically Disadvantaged (both in Language Arts). We passed on 39 out of 41 areas. Dr. Patricia Camp will be leaving the District. Andy Williams and Dr. Mary Ann Riley will be taking over her work. Project Graduation will take place on March 18th. The District raised \$19,545 to help Haiti. AH raised \$1,789.59.

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to all staff, parents, students, and community members who volunteered for our Family Fun Night. Everyone had a wonderful time and we raised approximately \$1,374 after expenses to use for HSA sponsored events.
- Thank you to Ms. Bowers for providing us with information on this year's Coins for a Cause fundraiser. If you wish to volunteer to assist with Coins for a Cause events, please email Ms. Bowers at jean.bowers@msdk12.net. The three organizations students may vote for this year are: Employment Horizons, the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown, and SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Programs). There are links to all three organizations' websites from the Coins for a Cause website, which can be accessed from all MSD websites.
- Mrs. Noone provided an overview and explanation of No Child Left Behind reporting and results for Alexander Hamilton School.
- Due to an administrative reorganization, Dr. Patricia Camp, one the Directors of Curriculum for the Morris School District, will be leaving the district at the end of February. Her responsibilities have been reassigned to other district-level administrators.

- Parents, please send in notes with your children regarding pick up arrangements. Please do not call the school unless there is an emergency. Please try to remember students' homework, lunches, instruments, etc. as all calls into the classroom interrupt students' learning.
- There is no supervision of students, with the exception of instrumental music rehearsals and Quest, before 8:55 a.m. Please be sure that students do not arrive at school before 8:55 a.m.
- If you are picking up students after school, please do not park in the front of the school. There is parking available behind the school on Colonial Drive. Please use the entrance by the basketball hoops and sign students out at 3:25 by the inside gym door. Do not come to the main office. If you park in the Senior Parking Lot across Mills Street, please go to the lights/crosswalk to cross. It is very dangerous to cross in the middle of Mills Street!
- Events in January and February:
 - Everyone enjoyed the Hayes Greenfield "Jazz-a-ma-Tazz" workshop for Jazz Band students and assembly for all students on January 15th.
 - Students and teachers enjoyed the Junior Achievement New Jersey Financial Literacy Program on January 20th.
 - On February 5th we had our kick-off pep rally for Coins for a Cause. Voting will be on April 20th. Please keep sending in coins. More information about Coins for a Cause can be found on the Alexander Hamilton Website.
 - On February 8th, the 3rd Grade students went to the Community Theater to see an engaging performance of *Charlotte's Web*.
 - On February 9th, the 5th Grade students and teachers visited FMS. 5th Grade students took the FMS math placement test.
- Events in February:
 - February 17th-Report Cards sent home
 - February 17th and 18th- Snowdates for Grade 5 trips to the Museum of Early trades
 - February 18th-Snowdate for Grade 5 Parent Orientation at FMS 6:30 p.m.
 - Kindergarten Registration will take place at AH on 2/23, 2/25, 3/2 and 3/4, and 3/9 (snowdate)
 - February 22nd-Earth Dome Assemblies for Grades 3, 4, & 5.
 - Third Grade Quest begins the week of February 15th.
- Events rescheduled to March:
 - March 12th -FMS Guidance meets with Grade 5 students and parents in the AH Library.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance is \$19,929.14. A vote will be taken at a later meeting as to how this money will be used to benefit the school.

Committee Reports

The clothing sale will commence in early March. Nancy Caputo is the chairperson. Fifth Grade Talent show is 3/25.

Old/New Business

The light bulb sale was very successful. We raised \$1,800.

For the March 24th meeting, wear comfortable clothes, as YOGA will be taught at the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next meeting is on March 24th, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stacie Giammarino
 Day Secretary