

# Alexander Hamilton HSA Meeting Minutes

## June 16th, 2010

### Attendance:

Kathy Heher	Josephine Noone	Joann Van Sciver	Diane Barilla-Kay
Nancy Caputo	Jennifer Smith	Sue Lawlor	Beth Vataker
Patricia Cristadoro	Lynne Boucher	Katie Skilton	Zuri Lopez
Tricia Rosenkilde	Jill Duff	Stacie Giammarino	Susan Schulte
Deanna Quinones	Judy Clemente	Susan Kevis	Jane Della Peruti
Abby Mehlin	Heather Dobbs	Tehzeeb Grossman	

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:45pm.

### Welcome / Thank You:

Parents were welcomed and thanked for attending the meeting/end of year party. Thanks to Tricia Rosenkilde for hosting the meeting and welcoming us into her home.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes for the May HSA meeting were approved.

### President's Council:

Sue Lawlor reported on the June 7th President's Council Meeting.

- Dr. Ficarra thanked all the HSA Presidents for their involvement in the school district and for the active support and participation of the HSA over the past couple of years.
- Dr. Ficarra addressed the issue of the budget cuts and layoffs and what it would mean to the district. Among the positions cut were teacher aides, the SRO officer at FMS, Officer Jason and the security guard at FMS. Dr. Ficarra stated that they are trying to figure out something in regards to security at FMS.
- The administrators' and teachers' contracts are up next year. Discussions and negotiations will take place during the course of the year keeping in mind the current economic situation. Dr. Ficarra is anticipating another tough budget fight next year.
- The German language program at MHS was cut based on enrollment numbers, not the budget. Students already enrolled in German courses will be able to continue, however no German courses will be offered to incoming freshmen. Another Latin teacher was added to MHS and the Mandarin Chinese class will have a new instructor.
- There will be a summer school option for basic skills at Woodland School this year.
- The recent Bullying Program at MHS was discussed.
- The Presidents of President's Council for next year will be Kathy Heher and Sharon Bertram.

### Principal's Report:

- The AH cookbooks were a success and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks were sold at \$12 for one and \$10 for two. Thank you to all who contributed recipes.
- Mrs. Pietersen and Mrs. Kelly got a grant for summer backpacks for ESL students. Each backpack contains a math journal, reading books and a checklist of different assignments to be completed among other things and cost \$20 each. Any child that completes the checklist will get a meal at Portofino's. Thank you to Mrs. Pietersen and Mrs. Kelly for all the work and thought that went into preparing the wonderful backpacks.

- Mrs. Brown showed the DVDs she makes of the children's artwork during the Art & Science Fair. She did a great job with the DVDs. Thank you Mrs. Brown.
- Thanks to all the parents who contribute their time to the school. The HSA is very supportive and the teachers really do appreciate it. This is a great community and AH has had a very successful year and we have accomplished a lot this year. Thanks especially to Kathy Heher and Sue Lawlor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jennifer Smith reported on the budget. The year to date balance (6/16/10) is \$15,764.43. Please contact Jen Smith with any questions regarding the Budget.

### **Committee Reports:**

There are still a number of Committee Chair positions open for the next school year. The Art & Science Fair, Get Out the Vote, Family Fun Night, Public Relations and Spring Fundraiser all need a chairperson/persons. We also need a co-chair for decorations and set-up for Family Fun Night. Please call Sue Lawlor if you are interested.

A big thank you to all our committee chairs for all their hard work this year.

### **New Business:**

It was decided that the annual gift to AH from the HSA this year will be bookcases for the classrooms. There was a real need for the bookcases because the teachers are building their classroom libraries. The total cost of providing the bookcases was \$3769. Since this is a very large amount for a one-time gift it was decided to gift \$2000 this year, which will provide each classroom with one bookcase. The balance could be provided next year depending on the success of the Fall Fundraiser.

Sue thanked Kathy Heher for all her hard work over the past two years as Co-President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Tehzeeb Grossman  
Evening Secretary