

Kinnelon High School HSA Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018 - 7:00pm – Media Center/Library

I. Welcome- Melissa Giacoio

II. Administration Report– Mr. Gary Suda

- a. Marking period ends 1/26/18. No Mid-Term exams this year but there will be Final Exams.
- b. No school on 1/15/18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- c. The Guidance Department will have the College Panel 1/17/18.
- d. Intergenerational Prom set for 4/24/18. It will include seniors from the community & Cedar Crest. The KSHSA will pay \$1,000 towards the prom. There will be food, music & dancing.
- e. The administration is in discussions for a Move-up Day for incoming freshman. Seniors will have half-day. The rest of the student body will go through their new Fall Schedule. It will also give the freshman the opportunity to meet their new teachers.
- f. Guidance Counselors will go to PRM for Freshman Orientation on 1/30/18 and Parent Orientation will be 1/31/18.
- g. Screenagers will be held 2/21/18 at 6:30pm.
- h. Every Fifteen Minutes will be held 4/12/18.
- i. There will be a Spring Musical.

III. Administration Report- Mrs. DiGiuseppe

- a. Budget Time- There doesn't expect to be a decrease in budget but with the change in the Governor's office- not sure where we stand. Will try to keep all programs.
- b. School Performance Report- no details being released yet but it "looks good".
- c. Parent Academy- Provides a more rigorous learning environment. The purpose is to challenge students. It is to promote critical thinking.

IV. Budge Update

- a. Fashion Show Tricky Tray Fundraiser- Total profit was \$11,217 which was an increase of \$3,300 from 2017. Very Successful event & the new gym worked out well. Need new chairs for next year.
- b. Membership- Total profit of \$12,413 which was an increase of \$3,827 from 2017.
- c. K-Fest – Total profit of \$2,136. Need more volunteers next year.
- d. Phone Directory- Total profit of \$2,346 which was an increase of \$1,386 from 2017.

V. Project Graduation- Dana Jacko & Terry Lewis

- a. 100 Tickets have been sold.
- b. New price of tickets is \$140.
- c. Project Graduation will end at 2:30am.
- d. Would like to do a Community Mailing to ask for donations.

VI. Dinner To Go- Louisa Colaiacovo & Dana Torsiello

- a. January's dinner will be provided by Trackside.
- b. Sales down from last year.

VII. SAT/ACT Test Prep- Patti Morris

- a. The test is scheduled for 1/27/18 at 8:00am.
- b. There needs to be 50 students enrolled or Kaplan or the test cannot move forward. To date, there are 20 students enrolled.
- c. The correct link to sign up is: <http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/kinnelonsatjan2018>

VIII. Scholarships- Michele Bjornson

- a. Committee in process of being formed.
- b. There are 11 \$1,000 scholarships available.
- c. Applications will be available through the Guidance Department.
- d. Three Scholarships available: Merit, Non-Merit and Service Award.
- e. Discussing the possibility of a new scholarship for Special Circumstances

IX. Mini-Grants- Mary Ramsden

Total Amount Requested: \$31,367.44

Total Amount Granted: \$14,333.92

- a. Danielle Elia- Social Studies- 10 Everlast Rocketbooks & Erasable Markers **\$386.50. *Approved***
- b. Susan McFarlane- Special Ed- Standing Desks **\$500. *Approved***
- c. Melissa Gurth & Liz Yeager- Life Skills- Buy Supplies & Rolling Cart to hold supplies to start a school store **\$500. *Approved***
- d. Lori Robbins- English- In-school performance of Macbeth **\$1,225. *Approved***
- e. Louis Castano- Math Computer Science- Purchase 14 Verb Tables, 28 Node Chairs, 28 Whiteboards & labor to install. Amount requested \$19,533.52. **Amount Approved \$2,500.**
- f. Alan Van Der Sluys- Newspaper Club- CSPA Digital Membership, student newspaper online website, application for Press Association, GSSPA Journalism Contest, bussing for convention **\$1,500. *Approved***
- g. Nancy Rinaldi- Biology- Equipment to perform DNA Analysis to allow students to publish research findings **\$3,130. *Approved***
- h. Gary Suda- All Students- Round picnic tables **\$1,597.70. *Approved***
- i. John Penola- Language Arts/ Creative Writing- 6 moveable desks, 1 2-person rolling desk, 6 stackable chairs/stools, large bistro table, 4 bistro stools **\$2,492.72. *Approved***
- j. Wendy Bruffy- Health Professions Club- 57 members need: 2 Blood Pressure Monitors, First Aid Kit, Pulse Oximeter, 4-5 Sphygmomanometers, 4-5 Stethoscopes- **\$500. *Approved***

Next Meeting February 13 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Melissa Giacoio, Lynn Less, Gerda Haines, Amy Ferrera, Mary Ramsden, Dian DiGiuseppe, Gary Suda, Michelle Pallis, Gilda Lee, Maria Lazazzera