



DEMAREST HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda - 7:00pm Monday, November 7, 2022

- I. Call to Order at 7:10PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Committee Email Addresses – please use committee email addresses when doing HAS business. All subcommittees have email addresses assigned @demaresthsa.org
 - b. Secretary / Co President Positions Open for next year – we are looking for volunteers for these open positions. Current people in these roles would like prospects to shadow them and teach the role.
 - c. Open Committee Slots
 - i. Fundraising (2), Holiday Shop (2), Tricky Tray (4) – This year we have all set for Holiday shop and need someone to run it. Fundraising is mostly catalogues and we are happy to show someone what to do. We are open to suggestions for Tricky Tray or another large event instead. We are looking for people to shadow on the event this year so they can run it next year.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Reviewed Balances:
 - i. Primary Checking Account: \$60,025.62
 - ii. Savings Account: \$25,596.73
 - iii. LGCCC Account: \$1,750.01
 - iv. New Playground Savings Account: \$2,305.00
 - b. Accurate event accounting – please keep track of as much info as possible when running events for example expenses for certain items so people who run in future years have an idea of what to spend and if we need to charge more entry to make up for inflation of costs.
- V. Secretary's Report
 - a. Building Use Forms (2 weeks lead time) email: secretary@demaresthsa.org
 - b. Read Thank you cards
 - c. Noted that it is helpful to shadow people in current roles on committees and board while we are here to show people how to do things hands on.
- VI. Board of Education Representative's Report:
 - a. ELECTION DAY - District Wide VIRTUAL Learning - Schools will only be open for voting, all students will have a virtual instructional day. Any questions or inquiries please reach out to your child's teacher or school principal.
 - b. ADULT ESL Classes offered - Bloomfield Schools Offer Free ESL Adult Classes Starting 11/29/22
 - c. CONGRATS/Newsworthy
 - i. BHS Esports Program
 - ii. Program at Bloomfield HS is thriving
 - iii. Essex News Daily Article
 - iv. BHS Key Club members are visiting our 3rd grade classrooms across the district to deliver valuable Key Traits lessons (Kindness, Empathy, Tolerance and Courage). Please check district social media for this great collaboration among our students.



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- v. Bloomfield HS Band Great performance Marching Bengals! Best performance and score of the season! 2nd place music, 3rd place guard, 3rd in class out of 12 bands with our highest score of the season! Congrats BHS Marching Band!
 - vi. BHS Business Department - Successful College and Career Fair held @BHS
 - vii. BMS and BHS Spanish Club - Successfully hosting a wonderful Hispanic Heritage Celebration on 10/20/22. Included parade of nations, poetry, dancing, food and tons of fun! Thank you to all who helped make this event such a great success.
 - viii. BMS Congrats to our new NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) Inductees @BMS.\
 - ix. Wingman - ALL of our schools are successfully participating in our district-wide SEL Wingman Initiative. Please check social media for great snapshots of this program in action.
- d. Important dates: (please check our district website for more dates district wide)
- i. 11/2/22 Foley Field Ground breaking ceremony for new snack shack
 - ii. 11/3/22 -Scholarship info night @BHS
 - iii. 11/3/22 -BMS ONLY ½ day
 - iv. 11/8/22 District wide VIRTUAL day for Election Day
 - v. 11/10/22- SCHOOLS CLOSED NJEA CONVENTION
 - vi. 11/11/22-SCHOOLS CLOSED NJEA CONVENTION
 - vii. 11/15/22- BOE meeting
 - viii. 11/17/22- ½ day for all elementary schools for conferences
 - ix. 11/18/22-½ day for all elementary schools for conferences
 - x. 11/21/22- ½ day for all elementary schools for conferences
 - xi. 11/22/22-½ day for all elementary schools for conferences
 - xii. 11/23/22- DISTRICT ½ day Thanksgiving
 - xiii. 11/24/22- SCHOOLS CLOSED, Thanksgiving
 - xiv. 11/25/22- SCHOOLS CLOSED, Thanksgiving
- VII. Principal's Report (Teacher rep stepped in for Mr. Sullivan – absent)
- a. Reminder to dress kids appropriately for the weather as they do go outside if above freezing
 - i. Parent asked if kids go out in rain and the answer is no but if it starts to rain while they are out they get them in as soon as possible
 - b. We will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month
 - c. November 8th Election Day – Virtual Learning – screen time and activities will be adjusted by grade level.
 - d. Reminder – parent/teacher conferences – in person unless virtual requested
 - e. There will be half day before Thanksgiving
 - f. 2nd grade teacher resigned – will be reassigned and they are doing best to cover for now
- VIII. Teachers' Report



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- a. Beazley will be leading a mental health Monday with coping strategy being announced during the morning announcements and kids can visit her for weekly worksheets
 - b. Wingman kids were chosen this week – being led by Beazley, Rappaport, Manzueta and LaBattiglia – put in place to end student isolation – kids went through application process. 15 kids chosen for 5th and 6th.
- IX. Committee Chairperson's Reports
- a. Fundraising
 - i. Mini Fundraising: Le French Dad raised \$200 and Wing Champs raised \$85. Will be doing 5 Below from 12/12 - 12/18/22 for December fundraiser.
 - ii. Major Events
 - 1. Pie Sale – pick-up 11/22/2022
 - 2. Stuff by SJ (Cocoa Bombs) Due 12/5/2022 – flyer going out next week
 - 3. Spirit Wear – raised \$710 and we will be having another sale in the fall. We also had some Magnets, Water Bottles, Stickers made that will be sold at events starting with Paint Night.
 - b. Holiday Shop – starting 12/6 in the Library – need volunteers to help run it
 - c. Basketball for 4th – 6th team registration complete
 - i. 4th grade Girls: 10
 - ii. 4th grade Boys: 14
 - iii. 5th grade Girls: 15
 - iv. 5th grade Boys: 22 (may do Team A and team B)
 - v. 6th grade Girls: 6
 - vi. 6th grade Boys: 12 (Coach Volunteer needed for this team)
 - vii. Practices to start after Thanksgiving
 - d. SEPAC – held 2 meetings last month and 3 new families showed up. Next month they will hold a virtual meeting. Contact Nicole at sepacbloomfield@gmail.com or sepac@demaresthsa.org if you would like to connect with others regarding special needs children.
 - e. Beautification – thank you for the assistance and donation of time and supplies from Demarest families. They have gotten bulbs in and will be doing the planting on 12/19/22 from 9:30 – 12:30 if you would like to come out and support.
 - f. Programs
 - g. Newsletter – Info due for 11/18/22 for the next Newsletter for 12/8/22. Thanks to all who provide info for recent Newsletter.
 - h. Class Parents – thank you to the Halloween volunteers. Next Monday is deadline for reimbursement. Reminder to pay your dues.
 - i. Paint Night – 12/2/22 – Will be painting Snowman and Gingerbread Person from 6 – 8:30. Then will have a special Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas activity at 8:30 for 30 minutes. Will send out for volunteers.
 - j. Membership – Make sure you pay your dues – especially 6th graders.
 - k. 6th Grade – clothing drive coming up on 11/19



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- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - a. Sunday at Foley Field Bengal Football teams made playoffs – come out and support several grades
 - b. Recess Volunteer sign up started if you would like to come up and lead a class to benefit the kids. Wingman may also assist. Contact recess@demaresthsa.org
 - c. See Instagram for Signups
 - d. Yankee Game – Community Even 4/1/2023 – comes with backpack, ticket, hotdog. May separately arrange transport. May also do Experience Package for gifting for the holidays.
 - e. Food Drive - flyer went out – food to be dropped off in bin in front of school. Reach out per flyer if you want to donate a gift card or turkey.
 - f. Calling for help for cutting for teachers. – there will be sign up.
- XII. Announcements
 - a. Next HSA Meeting: December 5, 2022
- XIII. Adjournment – 8:07PM