



DEMAREST HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes - 7:00pm Monday, March 6, 2023

- I. Call to Order at 7:12pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Co-President Position Open for next year - Announced need to fill this position, reach out to copresidents@demaresthsa.org if you have any questions
 - b. Open Committee Slots
 - i. Fundraising (2) / Tricky Tray (4) Shadowing available while we go through this year's event / Website – Social Media help needed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balances
 - i. Primary Checking Account: \$65,975.52
 - ii. Savings Account: \$25,598.42
 - iii. LGCCC Account: \$5,794.01
 - iv. New Playground Savings Account: \$12,125.71
- V. Secretary's Report
 - a. Building Use Forms (2 weeks lead time) email: secretary@demaresthsa.org
 - b. Read Thank you cards
- VI. Board of Education Representative's Report
 - a. Read Across America – success this week with various guest speakers
 - b. One Book Initiative continues
 - c. ECC Registration live as of 3/1/23
 - d. Kindergarten Registration – 3/20/23, there will be an info session on 3/16/23
 - e. Strategic Planning will be discussed at next BOE meeting on 3/28/23 (5 year district goals)
 - f. Wrestlers Success – Kira Pipkins – won another state title. 1st female to win 4 titles – only 4 males have done this previously. She will be going to Columbia after graduation.
 - g. Thespians have finished spring play
 - h. Bengal Talks – talk to HS students on what they want to do career wise
 - i. 4/27 – Hall of Fame Dinner – go to website to sign up
 - j. Elementary School celebrated 100 days
 - k. 3/30/23 5th & 6th Grade tour with lockers / 6-7PM
- VII. Principal's Report
 - a. Women's history month – celebrated Kira Pipkins
 - b. Taking Votes on who to add to posters
 - c. Thank you to Ms. Labataglia & Volunteers for Read Across America
 - d. Knitting offering successful
 - e. Multicultural Mondays successful
 - f. March is music appreciation month
 - g. 3/12 Daylight Savings Time
 - h. 3/17 end of 2nd trimester (green bagels will be served by the HSA)
 - i. 3/23 is a half day



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- j. 3/24 report cards will go out and 3/31 is the tricky tray!
- VIII. Teachers' Report
 - a. One Book Initiative – Admin dressed up as Humphrey – fun event
 - b. 4/4 One Book Family Night 6-7PM
 - c. Thank you to the mystery readers
 - d. Read a thon ends 3/31 (69,679 minutes read and over \$6K raised)
 - e. Teachers are putting baskets together to donate for tricky tray – coaching time and tutoring time will be raffled off
 - f. SLA every Monday will be featured on the website
- IX. Committee Chairperson's Reports
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Mini Fundraising: Town Pub raised \$200 and Obal's will be on 3/15 and 3/16; upcoming April Photoshoot Fundraiser in Branchbrook Park 4/23 and 4/29 – 40 Photo packages
 - ii. Major Events
 - 1. Gertrude Hawk – Pick-up week of 3/27 date TBD
 - b. Basketball – Shoot-a-thon successful – last weekend for 4th & 5th this weekend, 6th 4/1, will have Pizza party to celebrate season
 - i. Suburban Travel Team 5th Grade won championship vs Nutley
 - c. Spirit Wear – will be delivered this week
 - d. SEPAC
 - i. next Wed 6PM virtual link on SEPAC website – Facebook page;
 - ii. 4/26 @ 6pm Media Center at High School – Special Ed Attorney guest – understanding child rights in education
 - iii. Resource Fair in collaboration with Montclair was a success
 - e. Programs
 - i. Green Magic 3/23
 - ii. Author Visit, Alliah Agostini, "The Junteenth Story"
 - iii. MSU – Modern take on Shakespeare Classics for grades 4th – 6th
 - iv. Musical Presentations on Nutrition/Wellness for K – 3rd
 - v. 2nd Grade Dance Program
 - f. Newsletter – 2 weeks from today due for April Newsletter (3/20/23 for April Backpack)
 - g. Class Parents – thank you to V Day parents. Will be meeting for activity ideas on the end of year party after the next HSA meeting
 - h. Membership – working on getting notification of payment go forward. Will be advising teachers of membership for upcoming field trips
 - i. 6th Grade – looking for volunteers 6/23/23 at 10am
 - j. Yankee Game – will be emailed a few days before the game
 - k. Tricky Tray: 3/31/23 / Send in your donations / buy your tickets
 - i. If you get a table of 8 it will be reserved
 - ii. Will have wrapping basket sessions in weeks leading up to event
 - l. Read-a-thon



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- X. Old Business

- XI. New Business
 - a. Will need help for Green Bagels passing out to younger grades on 3/17
 - b. Make sure all rules for Tricky Tray are being followed – regulators have been auditing
 - c. Vendor Night in combination with Talent Show – more to follow

- XII. Announcements
 - a. Next HSA Meeting: April 3, 2023

- XIII. Adjournment at 7:50PM