



DEMAREST HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda - 7:00pm Monday, January 9, 2023

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Secretary / Co President Positions Open for next year - Still looking for interested volunteers with the hope of shadowing this year to learn roles. Please see the HSA Board for any questions.
 - b. Open Committee Slots
 - i. Fundraising (2) / Tricky Tray (4) Shadowing / Website-social media
Similar to Board positions, also looking for interested volunteers to help shadow and learn this year to step in next year.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balances
 - i. Primary Checking Account: \$75,234.24
 - ii. Savings Account: \$25,597.59
 - iii. LGCCC Account: \$1,750.01
 - iv. New Playground Savings Account: \$12,124.73
 - b. Update on funds raising for next year - We are doing well in raising funds for next year's activities and are remaining within this year's allocated budgets. So far we have raised almost \$15,000 for next year and have major fundraisers coming up.
- V. Secretary's Report
 - a. Building Use Forms (2 weeks lead time) email: secretary@demaresthsa.org.
 - b. Secretary was absent and Co-Presidents reminded of building use forms which are also needed for ice pop sales and playground area activities.
- VI. Board of Education Representative's Report
 - a. Welcome Back and Happy New Year!
 - b. No School on Monday 1/16/2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - c. Congratulations & Noteworthy Items:
 - i. Educators of the Year
 - ii. High School's upcoming College Night
 - iii. Hall of Fame Announcements
 - iv. Demarest's Social Media is #2 in district!
 - d. Website for more announcements: <https://www.bloomfield.k12.nj.us/#>
 - e. No School on Monday 2/20/2023 in observance of President's Day
 - f. Concern Raised: Dim lighting and crossing in front of the school at night
 - i. Currently an audit is being done with PSE&G re: street lights. Working on the outdoor lighting.
 - ii. For traffic light, will need county road study- BOE has already been in contact with Essex County Officials.
 - iii. Next BOE meeting 1/24/2023
- VII. Principal's Report
 - a. 1st Pep Rally was a huge success and a lot of fun
 - i. Thanks going out to BHS Mascot
 - b. Staff and students looking forward to tomorrow's Chinese Acrobatics assembly
 - c. Concern Raised: Lantern Fly nests on the trees. Mr. Sullivan and custodian's already on this and will continue to follow up to ensure all trees are inspected and eggs scrapped from trees.



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VIII. Teachers' Report

- a. Reminders given for HSA Dues so Teachers can receive reimbursements
- b. Class of 2023 Ceiling Tile is in the works. Currently working on this year's design.

IX. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. Fundraising
 - i. Mini Fundraising: Popalari (1/17/23)
 - 1. 5 Below raised \$172 and ZiZia raised \$200
 - ii. Major Events
 - 1. Gertrude Hawk (1/30/23 flyers go out)
- b. Basketball – Shoot-a-thon - coming up! be on the look out for information on how to sponsor the 4th-6th graders. Can pledge per shot or a flat donation. Monies raised will support Basketball and the new playground.
- c. Spirit Wear (1/23/2023 flyer to go out)
- d. SEPAC- next date TBA
- e. Programs
 - i. Upcoming ones in February (Spirit to Overcome) and March!
- f. Newsletter
 - i. Due date for content is Friday 1/20/2023
- g. Class Parents
 - i. Reminder to start coordinating for the upcoming Valentine's Day Parties
 - 1. There may be some 6th grade classes that aren't covered. Please reach out to the Committee if interested in supporting non-covered classes.
 - ii. Class Parties raised concerns and ideas related to approved foods and repeat foods each party. This is an ongoing discussion and ideas are welcomed. The challenges and tensions are around the taste of approved foods, minimal selection available of approved foods, cost & store availability of allergy safe foods and process for getting foods approved. Some of the ideas discussed included:
 - 1. ALL students bringing their own snacks (provided they do not contain nuts)
 - 2. Allow students with allergies to bring their own snacks and class parents will provide other snack(s) and a back up allergy safe snack.
 - 3. No snacks for the classroom parties
- h. Membership
 - i. Reminder to pay dues, which is important and helpful to 6th grade families. In addition, paying dues is part of the requirements for being a class parent.
- i. 6th Grade
 - i. Families to look out for communications recently sent re: yearbook and membership
- j. Yankee Game - Cut off is 2/1/23. Please reserve your tickets asap if interested in going! Bus not likely as there wasn't a great deal of interest.
- k. Tricky Tray: Save the Date 3/31/23 / Donation request is coming

X. Old Business



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- a. Still looking for recess volunteers - any topic welcome. To sign up, please visit the linktree: <https://demaresthsa.org/category/get-involved/>
- XI. New Business
- XII. Announcements
 - a. Next HSA Meeting: February 6, 2023
- XIII. Adjournment