



DEMAREST HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda

7:00pm Monday, September 11, 2023

- I. Call to Order at 7:15 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Co-Presidents' Report (Nathalie Schairer/Natalie Timoteo)
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Noted Committee Openings and way to access signup
 - i. Co President and Treasurer positions will be open for next year
 - ii. Fundraising, Library, Newsletter, Programs, Holiday Shop, Pumpkin Patch and Social Media will need new chairperson as of next year-looking for volunteers to shadow this school year
 - iii. There will be a sign up for parents to volunteer to oversee the Gaga Pit during recess
 - c. Virtual Backpack (Tuesday Before to be included in Thursday Email) – email to copresidents@demaresthsa.org
 - d. Web Design / Email forwarding Assistance
 - e.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Jackie Burns)
 - a. Balances
 - i. Primary Checking Account: \$60,705.36
 - ii. Savings Account: \$25,601.00
 - iii. LGCCC Account: \$1,750.00
 - iv. Playground Savings \$14, 262.47
 - b. Reimbursement Forms / Use forms on website (http://demaresthsa.org/?page_id=20)
 - c. Reviewed Budget – voted on budget reallocation – passed.
 - d. Building use form instructions reviewed at meeting
 - e.
- V. Board of Education Representative's Report (Jill Fischman)
 - a. Bloomfield was awarded 17.2 million dollars for Building updates. AC's are being updated, windows at BMS installed currently. New turf at Foley Field as well as a new stack stand and Bathrooms, restriping of the track will be done soon.
 - b. Thank you to the Custodians for maintaining the buildings over the summer. Great Job!
 - c. Fall sports are beginning and sign-ups are out
 - d. Kindergarten playdates went well. Thank you!
 - e. Take a Wal Tuesdays with the BPD begins soon. Demarest date 10/17 meeting location is at Clarks Pond.
 - f. Back to school dates are all listed on the Bloomfield BOE Website [Bloomfield School District](#)
 - g. Social Media is a great way to involve families.
 - h. September 18-22 Start with Hello Week
 - i. Bloomfield Parent Academy information on the website [Bloomfield Parent Academy - News and Announcements -](#)
 - j. Fill out your lunch forms for free/reduced lunch
 - k. Ensure families are signed up for PowerSchool
 - l. Robocalls will go out for announcements to families but must be connected to PowerSchool so contact information must be up to date



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- m. There are new Wingman initiatives for this year
- VI. Principal's Report (Mr. Sullivan)
 - a. Thank you to HAS and Parents for their involvement
 - b. MLK Literacy Day Thursday from 330-500
 - c. 9/15/23 – School Closed Holiday
 - d. 9/19/22 – Picture Day
 - e. 9/21/22 – Back to School Night- 2 sessions-Evening begins in the Gym
 - f. 9/25/22 – School Closed Holiday
 - g. 9//28 – Color Run
 - h. Reminder to not use the designated drop off section in the front of the building for parking
 - i. No parking in the staff parking lot
 - j. Hopes to see everyone at future HAS meetings
- VII. Teachers' Report (Ms. LaBattaglia)
 - a. Reminder to have parents sign up for Power School
 - b. During Back to School Night the Library will be open for parents to stop in
 - c. Any tech questions send them to Ms. LaBattaglia
 - d. Teachers say Thank you for the Support the HAS provides them with
 - e. September 15th – October 15th will be discussing Hispanic Heritage Month
- VIII. Committee Chairperson's Reports
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Major Events
 - 1. Spirit Wear currently going on-deadline extended to 9/17
 - ii. Mini Fundraising
 - 1. September Fundraiser – Jersey Mike 9/20
 - 2. We will be doing photography Mini Shoots again closer to November
 - 3. Will be doing Five Below fundraiser near holidays
 - b. Fall Social – 10/13/22 – Rain date 10/20/23
 - i. Flyer will go out soon
 - ii. Sign up Genius will go out for Volunteers to help and decorate cars etc.
 - iii. Cheddar up will be used to make payments
 - c. Spirit Wear- Going on now-deadline extended to 9/17- Items will be delivered 10/2
 - d. Pumpkin Patch – 10/25/23- Rain Date 10/26/23
 - i. Sugar Plum Pumpkins – each child goes home with a pumpkin
 - ii. Will have sign up for volunteers throughout the day
 - e. SEPAC-10/2 for 1st meeting which will be virtual
 - f. Newsletter – used to monthly communicate with parents – email events to include in newsletter to newsletter@demaresthsa.org
 - i. Looking for someone to take over the committee preferably this year to be able to shadow
 - ii. Newsletter goes out with the weekly virtual backpack



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- iii. 9/29 is the deadline for committees to submit for the October newsletter
- g. Programs – Looking for someone to take over the committee preferably this year to be able to shadow
 - i. Most of the year is planned out already-Great things to come
 - ii. October 3rd Dance begins Tues/Wed by Shooting Star for 1st and 2nd Grade
 - iii. October 6th Anti-Bullying BMX presentation
- h. Membership
 - i. Forms went out
 - ii. 15 one kid / 25 multiple
 - iii. 10 dollar off field trips
 - iv. 6th grade membership provides yearbook, t-shirt, all graduation perks – worth the membership fee
 - v. Make sure you put kid/grade and pay cash/check in envelope – no staples
 - vi. Dues should be paid by 9/29
 - vii. Accepting cash, check and cheddar up
 - viii. Teacher Membership information is on the website
- i. Class Parents
 - i. Luann / Raquia / Tracy running this committee
 - ii. Need to pay membership dues to be a class parent
 - iii. Need to attend 4 HAS meetings
 - iv. Volunteer @ 2 events or Chair a committee
 - v. Sign up will go up from 7PM – 9PM on Friday 9/15/22 – open for 2 days
 - vi. Parties are Halloween (10/31), Holiday (12/22), Valentines Day (2/14) and End of Year will be 2 parties (6/12 outdoor field day)
 - vii. Will meet before next HSA meeting to discuss
- j. 6th Grade
 - i. Ice Pop Sales 9/22
 - ii. Car Wash and Clothing Drive 9/23/22-need volunteers
- k. Playground Committee
 - i. Shelly – Luann – Tracy will be running committee
 - ii. Upcoming Color Run on 9/28/22 1:00-3:30 pm
 - iii. 9/27 they will prepare the items they need for the Color Run
 - iv. Grant Writing person needed – contact committee if interested
- l. Pep Rally- Flyers went out to returning committee
 - i. We will be keeping the pep squad small for it's first year in order to ensure all participants have a great time and the committee can manage it
 - ii. Events include Back to School 9/13, Basketball Pep Rally and Rock the test around NJSLA time
- m. MLK Literacy Day-9/12-need volunteers to help set up from 3:30 to 5:00 pm



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- n. Demarest Community Fund-new committee focused on giving back to the community examples-requests can be sent via email
 - i. Economic assistance
 - ii. Social emotional support
 - iii. Care cards
 - iv. Meal trains
- IX. Old Business-None
- X. New Business
 - a. Question about Chromebooks – Ms. Labattaglia advised – Fines reinstated if damage/lost
 - b. Birthday Book club – donate books for library
 - c. Start with Hello
 - d. Parents would like virtual HSA option – we were told we cannot have that right now
 - e. Both board motions 1-new social media position 1-reallocation of funds-Both PASSED
- XI. Announcements
 - a. Next HSA Meeting: October 2, 2023
 - b. Committee Chair Person Meeting October 2. 2023 Following HSA Meeting
 - c. Class Parent Meeting October 2, 2023 Before HSA meeting
- XII. Adjournment