



Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, Monday, September 14, 2026

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Co-Presidents Report:**
 - a. Welcome Back - Introduce new Board Members & thank our previous board members
 - b. Committee Chairs/Open Committee Positions - a copy of the current excel sheet was provided for committee members to check if their contact information is correct & identify open positions
 - c. Committee Chair Event Guide Updates to Guideline Review- Discussed the custodial use event form, universal sign-up genius, universal event check-in for volunteers. Shows how to set up an event. Reinforced flyer process. Reach out to copresidents to get lists of volunteers. Confirmed 60-day max for reimbursement. (copies of the custodial event form & QR codes for sign-up genius & event check in were provided)
 - d. Cheddar Up- fees were reviewed to advise that their fees are set by them and cannot be avoided. Advised that cash or checks can be sent to school for any events as well.
 - e. Recess Activities- Introduced the idea of having any parents interested in volunteering to help with or running a recess time program. Advised interested parties to email copresidents@demaresthsa.org or recess@demaresthsa.org
 - f. Reminders for Social Media, Translation, & Virtual Backpack
 - i. Social media - send correct formatted flyer 3 days prior to desired date to be posted.
 - ii. Translation - all flyers/social media posts must be translated. Please submit it to translation
 - iii. committee 1 week prior to distributing flyer/social media posts.
 - iv. Virtual Backpack - Ms. Getic requires all VB entries to be received the Tuesday before Thursday
 - g. Updated Communication Methods
 - i. To enhance communication, we are rolling out a Demarest HSA WhatsApp to serve as a resource for HSA specific items. There will be subgroups within it for individual grade levels (not specific classes) Go live is targeted for October 5.
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Form Review
 - b. Explanation of how funds are allocated
 - c. Proposed allocating budget surplus from 2025-2026 to the playground fund
 - d. Account Balances:
 - a. LGCCC: \$2,641.44
 - b. Primary Checking: \$80,105.27
 - c. HSA Savings: \$25,617.36
 - d. Playground Savings: \$34,723.20
- V. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Sitting committee chairs voted on budget allocation of 25-26 surplus to playground fund.
- VI. Board of Education Representative's Report-Mrs. Greene**
 - a. Back-to-School Nights ECC 9/16 Elementary 9/17 BMS 10/1 BHS 9/24
 - b. Assessment information - No formal word has come from the DOE yet regarding test scores. Mr. Locatore will share more information as it becomes available. - We are confident that the screeners and assessment data from our in-house testing will give us the information we need to meet the students' needs.
 - c. Start With Hello Week - September 21-25th, Bloomfield takes part in this every year.



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- d. Contests
 - i. DAR essay contest is open to grades 5-8. They are also accepting video entries this year. The topic is the Announcement of the Declaration of Independence First Public Reading. Submissions are due to Jenn Khoury by 12/1
 - ii. Unico Essay Contest is open to grade 4. The topic is to describe at least two characteristics that contributed to the success of Christopher Columbus. Submissions are due to Jenn Khoury by 9/26
 - iii. The Fire Poster Contest is open to all grades. The topic is "Charge into Fire Safety! Safe Charging is a Superpower." Submissions are due to Jenn Khoury by 10/5;
 - iv. Winners will receive prizes at the Open House on 10/11.
- e. Elementary
 - i. Oak View has a car wash on 9/19
 - ii. Carteret Spiritwear sales start 9/17
 - iii. Brookdale afterschool enrichment program starts 9/23
 - iv. Watsessing Unified Night is 9/25
- f. BMS & BHS
 - i. SATs were on 9/12
 - ii. Picture days BHS 9/15 and BMS 9/17
 - iii. BHS Homecoming game is 10/2; dance is on 10/3

VII. Principal's Report-Mr. Sullivan

- a. Thanks to HSA, Custodians
- b. Thanks for patience with construction. Due to complete Spring 2027
- c. Back to School Night Thursday, 9.17 7pm in the gym. Two 25-minute sessions
- d. Start with Hello Week
- e. School Pictures 9.29 with a new company- B&L

VIII. Teacher's Report- Mrs. LaBattaglia

- a. Review of class library experiences
- b. Back to school night will review Chromebook insurance; all specials will be in the library
- c. Reminder to follow the Instagram account for updates
- d. Introduced Mrs. Ponterero as the other teacher liaison

IX. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. 6th Grade
 - i. 6th Grade Membership: All 6th grade parents are encouraged to become members of the HSA. The benefits include: the class dance, T-shirt, yearbook breakfast, and class trip discount.
 - ii. September 18 Fundraiser: The committee is trying a new fundraiser...Bengal Brews! Bengal Brews will serve Refreshers after school on the black top for parents.
 - iii. Details: Friday, September 18 at dismissal | Cost: \$5. We also plan to sell them at the car wash and clothing drive.
 - iv. Popsicle Sales: To date, the 6th grade committee has raised \$1,336! Huge thanks to Maribel and the team!
 - v. Car Wash and Clothing Drive: Saturday, October 3rd. A sign-up genius is forthcoming for volunteers.



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- vi. 6th Grade Sweatshirts: Congratulations to Vivianna Stec for winning the design contest. Order forms will be coming out in a few weeks.
- vii. Lastly, 6th grade parents start going through your photos for your Demarest class trips, Pumpkin patch, Fall Social, other school related event pictures, and one baby picture for submission for the yearbook. Deadline dates to come and more information will be included in a 6th grade Newsletter.
- b. Fall Social
 - i. 10.16.26 / 6-8:30pm
 - ii. Candy Monster e-mail will be sent by Sept. 23rd + IG post.
 - iii. Monsters will be put out on the 28th.
 - iv. Top class wins ice pop party.
 - v. Fall Social email will be sent by September 5th + IG post
 - vi. wrist bands will be delivered to classes on Oct 14th.
 - vii. snacks, popcorn and pizza available for purchase.
 - viii. Fall Social committee planning to review last year's inventory next week.
- c. Hospitality
 - i. gift for custodian appreciation on October 2nd
 - ii. fall treat for teachers sometime in October (date tbd)
 - iii. request for BTSN snack and drink donations
- d. Community Service
 - i. Explained the purpose of the committee and encouraged use of funds for families needing assistance
- e. Community Kickball
 - i. Saturday 9.19 10am-12pm
 - ii. 7 children signed up to sell
 - iii. Request for sign ups
- f. Recess Activities
 - i. Reiterate request for interest in volunteering to reach out
- g. Mini Fundraising
 - i. Angelo's to donate 20% back for BTSN for sales made all day long
- h. Pep Squad
 - i. squad size- 44 girls
 - ii. team practices in app
 - iii. Back to School rally
 - iv. Fall Social and Halloween performances
- i. Class Parents
 - i. Google form sign up to open on 9.20 and close on 9.27. Flyer will be sent home
 - ii. Reviewed criteria- 4 HAS mtgs, volunteered at 2 events
 - iii. Reviewed selection process and parties available
 - iv. Noted the class parent meeting that will take place at 6:30 preceding the HSA meeting
- j. Programs
 - i. upcoming assemblies scheduled/planned for October- Hispanic heritage music and salsa dancing tentative for 10.9



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- ii. loose plan of the programs and activities we're looking at for the remainder of the school year
 - 1. Multicultural events, stem, black history, theater, etc.
 - k. Spiritwear
 - i. Flyers have gone out to place orders by 10.4. 10.19 orders arrive.
 - ii. Used spiritwear drive in October run by Community Service
- X. Old Business**
- XI. New Business**
 - a. Vote to allocate of surplus to playground fund passed unanimously
- XII. Announcements**
 - a. October meeting 10.5 and will be a hybrid meeting. A zoom link will be sent out.
 - i. If you are a class parent or sitting committee member planning to speak, you must attend in person
- XIII. Adjournment**



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