

Orchard Home and School Association October 2023 Meeting Minutes

Candidates for Board of Education Presentations

Laura McKenna: curriculum, greater inclusion and more equity and better training for staff and more communication. More support for students in stressful times.

Sarub Dani: full transparency on the board, taxes and facility improvements and academics.

Claud Ginchard: budget to improve our competitiveness and equal treatment across all students and well-rounded students

Mary Mcali: instrumental in Chromebook initiative, very involved in hsa's establish positive relationship within the board, ensure all needs of all students are met - curriculum, make sure facilities are functional for initiatives with innovation.

Malcolm Jennings: parental rights spoken and act on that, parents can watch the class or if they don't like the teaching or if talking to children secretly, know the board members to have a cohesive board and support the superintendent, the village as a serving leader and curriculum- a robust curriculum for all students.

Mike Lumbo: police officer in Ridgewood, student resiliency, security of all students and budgetary.

Julie: works for city of NY, with Laura. Lifelong educator, principal, works for mayor Adam's office, curriculum, social and emotional background, volunteer for music and arts in Ridgewood.

Call to Order: 9:38 am on October 19, 2023

Attendees (Principal and Board Members): Principal: Mary Ferreri, Co-President: Tia Ly, Co-President: Sarah McCourt, Vice-President: Tina Georgiou, Treasurer: Shweta Dixit, Corresponding Secretary: Meg DiMattina & Recording Secretary: Crystal Cambareri

Other Attendees: James Judge, Mugdha Mukherjee, Fernanda Sbardella, Laura DeSantis

Approval of the September meeting minutes, and Tia Ly and Crystal Cambareri approved said minutes.

President's Report (Tia Ly):

Lots of activities happening, thank you to everyone, landscaping done in rain beautifying the landscape, huge task for B2SP, amazing Ladies Night Out, thank you to Alex and Amy, Turkey Trot, Movie Night. Tracy, Kristen and Kate, Sean and Todd for being Omni at events, Meg for organizing all bake sales, Liz Suri for organizing picture day, Crystal birthday board, Phil and Jimena for Turkey Trot.

Treasurer's Report (Shweta Dixit):

Everything that hit the account in September was \$3,239 in expenses, \$3,611 in \$371 net income. Shout out B2SP \$630, Membership \$2,976.

CheddarUp will streamline payments

Vice-President's Report (Tina Georgiou):

Thank you to all the committees for all of the events, will be reaching out for turnover reports, we are starting coffee cart!

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Meg DiMattina):

Any chairs wanting info in HSA newsletter must send info by Thursday.

Committee Reports:

Fun Day (Jenna Hammond): Come to Fun Day, Vanessa co-chairing, Rothmans assembled wristbands at Rothman house, those that have stepped up to volunteer, middle school volunteers to help out, 7th graders need to do community service and 6th graders want to help also, thank you to the board for supporting fun day and letting parents know this is a great year to volunteer.

Birthday books: Closes November 3rd

Charleston Wrap (Dana): Sales could be better

Yearbook (Dana): Met with vendor and will be working on photos next month, upload pics to google photo albums. Pictures will be pulled to make yearbook and 5th grade memory book. The more you post the more you will see your kids in the yearbook.

- GroupSpot training will be coming out with a tutorial to turn on notifications.
- Mini photo sessions as a family 11/4 and 11/12 images will be received by 12/1

Co-President's Report (Sarah McCourt):

Attended the Federated Meeting: the YMCA has a social media talk they are giving on 10/24 with Timothy Shoemaker, highly recommended. Talk invitation for additional help tonight on vaping at 7pm. The fields is a hot topic. There is a field committee and resident subcommittee. Contact Tia for info to join that group.

Teacher's Report (Laura DeSantis):

Thank you to HSA, the Turkey Trot was so well organized and thought out, coffee cart is also very appreciated.

Principal's Report: (Mrs. Ferreri)

All testing has been completed, and results will be sent home. If necessary, invitations will be sent for additional assistance. More details at November meeting regarding state testing.

Alex Hayes: Can we switch Pizza Day from Friday to another day during the week for families who like to have pizza night at home on Friday?

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am