

Northern Highlands Regional High School Home and School Association, Inc., (HASA) minutes of the general meeting held on June 5, 2019.

Present at Meeting: Joy Wenberg, Maria DiMartino, Kelli Moss, Lisa Kulick, Felicia Bechtel, Dana Sileo, Cathy Squasoni, Christine Ferrarie, Linda O'Brien, Jess Carlin, Andrea Pennington, Lisa Monard, Tamara Doyle, Jane Bodnar, Christy Soell, Jean Onufrak, Ellen VenGraitis, Barbara Garand, Dipti Chauhan, Naomi Ono, Joann Meyer, Audrey Flynn, Andrea Pennington

Staff Present at Meeting: Mr. Joe Occhino and Ms. Kelly Peterfriend

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: Joy called the meeting to order at 9:06am. Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Principal's Report - Mr. Joe Occhino: - We have a lot going on at end of year. We had Scout Recognition breakfast with scouts this morning, there were 15 present at the breakfast. There were a total of 25 recognized. 15 girls received gold and 10 boys received Eagle rank. The Senior Awards are tomorrow night. Graduation 24th June. Genesis is open at the moment, but will be closed for maintenance soon for teachers to get grades in. Mr. Occhino expressed gratitude to HASA for everything they do for the students. He talked about the documentary made by student, Katie Corren, on mental health. It was well received and very powerful. The feedback was unbelievable it has made such an impact on everyone. It was because it was done by a student about their peers. Teachers are also in the film. Mr. Occhino said he really admired everyone who was in the film and participated, it was a brave thing to do. He said he met with the parents of students in the video to show it to them first to make sure they were ok with it. It has been posted to canvas and is now available to watch. However, your student will need to log into their canvas for you to see it as a parent. We are considering showing it to public. Katie Corren wants to post it on her FB page. Waiting to see if there are anymore concerns. Question asked: Was there a release form? Maybe a good idea to get participants to sign a release. Answer: It's a good point and suggestion. There are no personal identifiers in the film, NHRHS is not mentioned.

School Counseling Report- Ms. Kelly Peterfriend: - Thanked HASA for their support and for the donation for scholarship fund for seniors. Super busy in guidance office. Juniors - there are still spots left for the summer boot camp. The master schedule updated for any subject conflicts with students. To Senior parents congratulations. Personnel update, Jen Kuo leaving for a new district. A new counselor has been hired to replace her, another woman, with great qualifications. Will meet with all her students. Jenn's students will transfer to new counselor. Chinese 2, 3 & 4. will be running. Sign language, there will be 4 sections, and feels confident that we will be able to build to next level.

Question: If a kid appeals a class will we find out over the summer before school starts? Answer: Middle of August students get their schedules. They will get notified in July about their appeals.

Question: When can you sign up for Summer online courses? Answer: You can sign up anytime. You will get approved form back. We usually recommend to students to wait until after their finals to start online courses. Students can go to Mrs Malloy with request form, which has all the information in and then they sign up. It's just so we can see who to look for.

A parent commented that the NHEA page on FB is very informational. It's has a great sense of what's going on in classes.

President - Joy Wenberg's Report: - We received a thank you note for the allocation for an Option II luncheon, to thank the program mentors, who are members of the community. We've also been

giving an allocation for senior scholarship to NHRHS for many years. Last thing we have to do this year is to provide water to graduation attendees. We need 2 people to volunteer, who do not have senior graduating, to hand out water. Jean Onufrak volunteered to help. Maybe a good idea to split water stations/locations. Introduced the new members of the board.

Treasurer's Report- Linda O'Brien: - As of June 2, 2019 the Money Market Account balance is \$21,864.86 and Checking Account balance is \$43,234.04.

Secretary- Lisa Kulick: Motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, May 15, 2019. It was motioned to approve by Maria DiMartino and seconded by Jean Onufrak.

Membership- Linda O'Brien and Christy Soell: -

On May 30, the day the membership email was sent out, 28 people signed up with the electronic payment method. We have 75 members so far, it's going well. Forms and checks are also available, if preferred. We will know immediately who has paid and a confirmation email is sent to you. If there is a different last name to the student on the PayPal receipt, it can cause confusion, but we can likely find out who the transaction belongs to, by using the email address. Directory will be mailed to you in August, if you pay before July 30. If not you can pick it up in September on back to school night.

Grocery Cards- Audrey Flynn & Naomi Ono: - Updated form is on HASA website. We can sell Shoprite cards immediately. Stop and Shop may be a little longer.

TD Bank Fundraiser Jane Bodnar:— Small change in contact for TD Bank. Not sure who the replacement is yet. We will know by September have been told we will be updated by August. We will need to cultivate the relationship with his replacement, as Joe was so helpful and always available.

Refreshments: Dana Sileo Coordinator: There's been great help throughout the year. Please see sign up. You will be fully reimbursed, by HASA. Thanked Haneeta for providing refreshments today.

Board of Education - Christine Ferrarie: - Barbara Garand is with us today, she has been on the BOE 19 years. Started out in HASA. There's been two BOE meetings since last HASA meeting. Kim Hayes, Option II, presented to us. She mentioned summer internships and what she has planned for next year. Relay for Life, BOE had a team. Made over \$70,000 total at the event. On behalf of Board of Ed. we thank the outgoing and incoming board. The energy and dynamic have been and is fantastic.

MPAA Report: - Lisa Monard Thanked in and out boards and support. Auditorium flyer is out for fundraiser to purchase a plaque for seats in the auditorium, the proceeds will go towards a new grand piano.

Sports Association - Andrea Pennington: - Thanks for support from HASA. Girls track and field have been amazing they won the counties. Freshman team won counties and state. It's the most we've ever sent to the League of Champions. Our last fundraiser of the year is the PGA tour fundraiser. We are having a harder time selling tickets because of the timing of the event, also athletics are off and many families are away. Plus last year venue was closer. Putting out another constant contact email to try to get more volunteers and tickets sold. Kids under 18 are free. It's the week of August 5th.

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: June 7 Senior Prom, June 24, Graduation. Joy adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am

