

Northern Highlands Regional Home and School Association, Inc. (HASA) minutes of the general meeting held June 7, 2017.

Present at meeting: Andrea Pennington, Ariana De Lucia, Kathy Travers, Barbara Garand, Stacy Paton, Jill Webb, Ann Ho, Dipti Singh Chauhan, Christine Ferrarie, Gloria Dreyer, Christy Soell, Margaret Engkvist, Cathy Squasoni, Michele Madonna, Maria Abrahamsen,

Staff at meeting: Dr. Scot Beckerman, Mr. Joseph Occhino, Ms. Kelly Peterfriend

President Ariana De Lucia called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Scot Beckerman: After two years of pushing we received approval from the county for the stoplight to remain green for an additional 15 seconds between 7:30-8:00 and 2:30-3:00 to help better flow for the traffic pattern. Six cars can make it through the light every 15 seconds. We used to collect the tech devices after graduation, this year we have started collecting the Seniors devices now and they are all due during finals week. The rest of their time is taken up with doing fun senior activities. All devices will be cleaned out over the summer and updated to get them ready for the new school year.

Principal's Report – Mr. Joseph Occhino: The Senior awards were lovely and held on 6/8 and graduation is coming up on 6/21. The Prom was held at the Rockleigh Country Club and was wonderful and everyone was pleased at how most of the kids stayed until the end at 11:30 PM. Mike Koth wanted to say thank you to all because he cannot make this meeting due to resolving end of the year attendance issues. Lastly, I would like to thank the HASA board for giving over \$30,000 worth of projects including money towards new Project Adventure pieces that we were unable to get without your contributions!

Director of School Counseling – Kelly Peterfriend: Sign-ups for basic training camp for rising seniors are still going on if you are interested please sign up. The PSAT's are 10/11 and the deadline is before the end of the school year. With regards to our current senior class we had approximately 370 applicants with approximately 4000 applications processed. For the upcoming school year out of 1100 students we only had 175 students who had changes to their schedules which is great! Our AP Policy this year is if the students take the test then they don't have to take the final exam. Since this policy change, the kids are relaxed this year because you can also exempt more finals. This summer I am doing two days of boot camp so the athletes can participate as well and the week of 6/26, Julie Goldberg is doing a camp for essay writing.

BOE – Jill Webb: We will set our school goals for next year, over the summer, and are busy planning for the upcoming school year. We would like to thank HASA for the Project Adventure ropes course allocations.

MCAA – Kristy Soell : We will be having a Caleigh once again in the fall.

Northern Highlands Sports Association (NHSA) – Andrea Pennington: We made \$20,000 at our Golf Tournament Fundraiser and we are busy planning for next year.

Project Graduation – Belinda Alward: The senior dinner and yearbook signing will be held in the cafeteria on 6/10. The Lawn signs are in for pickup. This year there is time after the graduation

ceremony to take photos as much as possible before they go to Project Graduation. The graduation gowns can be given to the parents to hand in after they go to the Project Graduation gathering.

HASA President – Ariana De Lucia: Thank you to all the staff and Kathy and Andrea for their hard work and help this year. Proud of all the money we raised and that we could allocate to the ropes course for Project Adventure.

HASA Secretary – Andrea Pennington: Approval of May Minutes. Thank you to Ariana and Kathy for their hard work and service on the board and to Joe Occhino. Goodbye and good luck to the new board.

Kathy Travers – Treasurer: The treasury report was presented. Kathy also presented gifts to Ariana and Andrea and thanked them for their service on HASA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ariana De Lucia made a motion to present the new slate of officers for the year. Andrea Pennington seconded the motion. The motion was approved to have Stacy Paton as the new President, and Kathy Travers as the Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.