

**Minutes from Home & School (H&S) Meeting
February 21, 2024
Library**

Meeting began at 6:08 p.m. with an opening prayer (delay was due to the Secretary chatting with Mrs. Seldon)

Attendees:

2023/2024 Home & School Board		Teachers/Staff	x
President: Melissa Nelson	x		
President-Elect: Julie Rosales	x	Danielle Behnke	x
Ex-Officio: Denise Howell	x	Katie Selden (Principal)	
Secretary: Alicia Gieck	x	Angie Gustafson	x
Treasurer: Marie Morlok	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Andrea Reilly	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Cassandra Berneking	x		
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Jill Tandy		Community/Committee Chairs	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Maria Stopulos			
Hospitality Coordinators: Megan Wilkinson		Brooke Heckinger	x
Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Winters-Ramos	x	Rose Simmons	x
Hospitality Coordinators: Erin Crigger			
Hospitality Coordinators: Ellie Kretschmer			
Hospitality Coordinators: Becca Armstrong			
Hospitality Coordinators: Alex Bauer			
New Family Ambassadors: Jen Foley	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Bronya Conner	x		
Newsletter: Alison Meier	x		

Publicity/Starry Night: Megan Stopulos	x		
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Agenda can be found here: (I lost it; I'm not even kidding)

Approval for February 21, 2024 minutes can be found: [Here](#)

New Business:

1. Budget/Finances:

There was a donation of \$1,000 to Home & School. God has provided for us through our families' treasures, talents, and time!! We are so thankful!

April will have another fundraiser from Moe's; Melissa will spearhead that, but she will need assistance picking up the meals and delivering them to school. Please contact her if you can help.

The deadline for teachers to submit their reimbursement claims is March 1, 2024. This seems super early, because it is. However, the SCCS are trying to standardize the date, and other schools like to know what has been spent (apparently we like living on the edge). It is assumed that teachers have already spent their allotment by this time.

Marie reported that we are still positive (both financially and in our sunny outlook)!! There are still kinks, but the process is getting smoother and easier to manage. Marie has volunteered to be the Treasurer again next year. We still have several unknowns in the budget; specifically the income H&S will receive from Scrip and the expenses for the teachers' allotments (as not all have been submitted yet). Marie was very hopeful that H&S would go into the next school year with as much as \$3,000 in our coffers (not counting Starry night funds)!! Progress is being made.

Marie would like to request that an expense summary be submitted to her after each event. Ideally, she would like a point person for each event that would report on the expenses, so that she knows what was spent and what to look for on reimbursements and credit cards.

There needs to be a discussion about how unallocated funds can be dispersed—especially when a request for funds is made. (For example, to pay for a field trip that was unplanned or more expensive than expected.) It was discussed that the chair for Starry night and executive committee members would make these decisions on an ad hoc basis. (I looked up ad hoc to make sure I was using it correctly.)

2. Nominations for 2024/2025 H&S board

We will start the nominating process in April. Please consider people who would be interested in joining the board. Families need to better understand the process of nominating and voting. It was suggested that we start these discussions earlier in the year, so that people understand what H&S does and may want to be involved. This has been an on-going discussion to get more family involvement with H&S.

3. School Directory

There won't be one this year. The information was not able to be pulled out of Power School. Hope springs eternal and we are certain this can be figured out next year.

4. Starry Night

By the time everyone reads this, Starry Night will be old business. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, raising over \$111,000!!! Amazing job! I cannot overstate how great this event was.

The Joan of Arc logos were introduced to what I'm sure were impressed "ooohs" and "ahhhs."

The money raised will go towards teacher stipends, \$30k in technology improvements that will go with us to the new building, and the H&S general fund. Additionally, 10% will go to the endowment foundation.

5. Mornings with Moms

This is tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2024. We will need dads to volunteer to make this a success. Personally, I'm thrilled that the name has been changed from Muffins with Mom. I hated the muffins and was jealous that the dads got donuts, simply because of alliteration.

6. Bingo

Bingo was a huge hit. It was fun to have a family-oriented event that wasn't pushed as a fundraiser. Thank you to the organizers who always go above and beyond for the school.

7. Principal Report

Mrs. Seldon did not attend as she'd just finished being a juror and wanted to see her family. However, she did raise the issue of field trip funding. This has been an issue this year. Mrs. Behnke presented us with a "field trip wish list" that honestly, wasn't terribly wishful. The idea is that when H&S is fully funded again, we can contribute more to field trips, as we had in the past.

Committee Updates

- New Family Ambassador
 - No report, so clearly things are going fantastic

- Volunteer Coordinators
 - No report. However, from experience we know that volunteers are always needed and appreciated!
 - Make sure to use the link in the monthly newsletter for volunteer opportunities.

- Room Parents
 - NOTE: THE 7TH GRADERS ARE IN CHARGE OF 8TH GRADE GRADUATION. Brooke Heckinger made the mistake last year of ONLY GETTING COOKIES instead of cookies and cake. We hope this mistake is not duplicated this year. The fact that Brooke even continues to show up at school pickup speaks to her resilience in the face of adversity.
 - **Could room parents please copy teachers on emails involving their class? For events like CSW, it helps them to know who is volunteering to cover their class during the luncheon. For other things, parents tend to ask the teachers questions, even though they didn't send the email.**

- Hospitality:
 - Mornings with Mom and Teacher appreciation are coming up. We feel strongly that this committee has things under control.

- Teacher Update from Mrs. Behnke:
 - Field trip wish list
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- Newsletter:
 - Love it. Working great.

- The next meeting for H&S will be April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 6:44 p.m. THIS WAS THE SHORTEST MEETING OF THE YEAR. GREAT JOB, MELISSA!