

Harford Day School Parent Association (HDSPA) “Partners in Excellence” Regular Meeting – <i>Meeting Minutes</i>	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, May 23, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	Scheduled 8:05 am EST Meeting called to order 8:14 AM Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Harford Day School – Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
<b>Minutes Recorder:</b>	Alana McDonald
<b>2016-2017 PA Officers:</b>	President .....Jay Jacuzzi                      Treasurer .....Greg Jastrab Vice President.....Stephanie Hallock              Secretary..... Alana McDonald
<b>Meeting Attendees:</b>	See sign-in sheet; total of 20 attendees (inclusive of HDSPA board members)
<b>AIMS PA Mission Statement:</b> To be successful, every independent school needs the cooperation of its parents, who must understand and embrace the school’s mission, share its core values, and fully support its curriculum, faculty and staff. When joined by a common set of beliefs and purposes, the independent school and its parents form a powerful team with far-reaching positive effects on children and the entire school community.	

HDSPA Class Representatives – List and Attendance				
CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE		REPRESENTATIVE	
<b>K-Prep</b>	<i>Open position</i>	-	<i>Open position</i>	-
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Kimberly Nygard	×	Crystal Adams	×
<b>1<sup>st</sup> grade</b>	Greg Jastrab	×	Tara Weeks	✓
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>	Michael Faby	✓	Eric Wilkes	✓
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b>	Jessica Hensley	×	Patti Wade	✓
<b>4<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Caroline Benfield	✓	Karen Mergerian	×
<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Mary Fitzpatrick	✓	Susan Roarty	✓
<b>6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Bob Fritz	✓	Jenn Mathur	✓
<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Holly Plescia	✓	<i>Open position</i>	-
<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Janice Kurzmann	×	Sandra Madigan	×

#### GENERAL — Jay Jacuzzi

- The President called the meeting to order; all officers were present except for Greg Jastrab, Treasurer.
- Roll call of HDSPA Class Representatives was completed.
- Motion was made to approve the minutes (without reading) from the April 20, 2017 HDSPA Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved without changes or addendums.
- This regular meeting was rescheduled from May 18, 2017 to May 23, 2017.

#### HDSPA SPEAKER SERIES —

##### Lisa Wetzel – Middle School Science and Academic Dean

- The HDS faculty attended the annual National Association of Independent Schools Conference (NAIS) on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (which only comes to the Baltimore region about once every 15 years; attendance was made possible by the HDSPA). A wonderful and informative presentation was given highlighting the workshops attended by the HDS faculty which included:
  - Be Resilient – Bummer, Glitch, Disaster
  - The Homework Dilemma
  - Digital Data Abuse
  - Stressed Out Students
  - De-entitlement

- In addition to the workshops, faculty attended presentations by distinguished Key Note Speakers, participated in Community Exchanges, and discussed Practical Strategies.
- Feel free to contact Ms. Wetzel for additional information on the NAIS Conference.
- The next opportunity for conference attendance is the *Building Learning Communities 17 (BLC17) Education Conference 2017* in Boston. Educators can join colleagues who care deeply about bringing the best innovative and practical learning resources to students. The conference provides attendees with inspiration, practical skills, and opportunities to expand their professional network with educators from around the world. HDS is looking into sending 2 faculty members (see Wish List).

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT — Jay Jacuzzi**

- The 2016-2017 was a terrific year!! Thank you everyone for making it possible!
- Report was reviewed detailing receipts, disbursements and current balance including the receipts from the March and April (May – Greene Turtle not in yet) Restaurant Nights.
- Final account balance (to remain in the account for activities in the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year) was discussed in order to allocate HDSPA funds for the Wish List.

#### **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE — Donna Decker**

- It's not too late to give a contribution to the Annual Fund! We will try to get an update on the class participation numbers for the upcoming bulletin. We've had a great year of fund raising, but we need (and want) to keep our parent participation levels up.

#### **ADMISSIONS NEWS — Diane Russell**

- Admissions is going extremely well for the Fall and we are beginning to welcome our new families.
- We continue to be busy with visits and always welcome your referrals and support.

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS — Fun Events and Committees**

##### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament — HDS Advancement Office, Eric Wilkes and Greg Jastrab, Co-Chairs Monday, 5/22/2017 — Maryland Golf and Country Clubs**

- We had a wonderful Golf Tournament and a great turnout, not to mention a lot of fun and no rain at tee time! The total amount raised at the event has not yet been tallied, but it was a super fund raiser for the school. Final details will be shared in the Wednesday Bulletin.
- The club was filled with HDS current parents, new parents, and alumni – which fills our hearts with pride!

##### **Restaurant Night (RN) — Stephanie Hallock, Chair**

- The HDSPA will consider a different approach to RN next year. Perhaps a way to re-connect or how these events are set up.

##### **Box Tops — Ruby Gold (not present)**

- Thanks to Ruby for taking over as chair for the Box Tops and for keeping the updates current in the Wednesday Bulletins!

##### **Spring Book Fair — Jay Jacuzzi, Chair**

- We did not earn a huge amount (as is typical with the timing of the book fair in spring as compared to the fall event), but the huge plus is that nothing had to be done for set up or to carry out the event.

##### **Grandparents Day — Friday, 5/12/2017, Patti Wade and Jennifer Nesaw, Co-Chairs**

- Thank you to the committee for a fabulous event! A wonderful event for the school – an absolutely *super* day.

### **The Wish List**

- It was agreed that the below Wish List items would be paid for from the 2016-2016 HDSPA funds to equal a sum of \$17,000. Amount remaining in the account will be saved for the 2017-2018 school year HDSPA starting budget and a gift to the Annual Fund:
  - Three teachers to attend the NAIS in Atlanta (a lottery for one teacher from each division)
  - Two faculty members to attend BLC17 in Boston, July 2017
  - Sound system replacement
  - Annual Fund gift

### **ALL OTHER BUSINESS / IDEAS / FEEDBACK**

(feedback or ideas related to items already on the agenda, can be found within the respective sections of these minutes)

- Information and a way to vote on a slate of new HDSPA Officers will be communicated.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MEETING — to be scheduled at the outset of the 2017-2018 school year.**

**Congratulations graduates!**

**Have a wonderful summer everyone! See you next year!**