

Orchard Home and School Association January 2024 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 9:12 am on January 18, 2024

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

Other Attendees: James Judge, Jen Zolcinski, Melanie Amores, Yeliz Kaymak, Mary Saglimbeni

Tia requested approval of the November meeting minutes and Jimmy Judge and Sarah McCourt approved said minutes.

President's Report (Tia Ly):

Thank you to all of the volunteers for all of the events; Coffee Cart was a huge success; Teacher Holiday Luncheon was amazing, and Abigail has been doing great activities in the classrooms for TICTOC.

Treasurer's Report (Shweta Dixit):

\$2,012.51 was raised from the holiday luncheon. 5th Grade Celebrations have raised \$6,482, \$4,274 in Directory Dues (more than planned), Book Fair numbers will be available in February, Fun Day raised \$6,278 in 2 hours, a special shout out – the bake sale at Fun Day raised \$700. Thank you to everyone for being so supportive.

ACME shopping bags – Each bag is \$3, for every bag sold \$1 will be donated to Orchard.

Mughda will work with Stop & Shop on bag purchases for Orchard.

Shweta would like to propose a motion to have Liz Segarra added to the TD Bank Account now as she will be the Orchard HSA Treasurer this fall.

Motion Approved by Tia Ly and Sarah McCourt

Vice-President's Report (Tina Georgiou):

Big Thank you to all the parents and volunteers of Orchard School. The parents make it easy; they are pros and have passion. Kindergarten parents want to participate! Thank you to ongoing committees, Johnny Segarra – Box tops, Birthday Board, Omni – Liz makes sure we have coverage at every event, Yearbook – Dana and Stephanie (load your photos) & TICTOC – Abigail and Alison are teaching culture to our students, Auction is doing well – Alex & Emily, and the Safety Committee – Rachel.

- New volunteers will be needed for the teacher's holiday luncheon next year.
- Turnover reports are important.

Tia thanked Tina for being so proactive with volunteers for next year.

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Meg DiMattina):

Reminder to have updates for HSA news sent in by Thursday, thank you to class parents and everyone for helping and filling in to volunteer and bring in activities.

Committee Reports:

Science Fair: The Science Fair is on 2/29. Students who participate will receive a homework pass.

Orchard Auction: Sales on tickets is good, good collection of auction items from the community. Spread the word in person.

Bingo Night: Last big 5th Grade fundraiser. Still working on volunteers for the event and thank you for all of the donations from our community. You can pay with cash or check and CheddarUp will be reactivated to pay at the door. And credit card squared. Bake Sale and pizza will be available. For fundraising, maybe another photo shoot with Stephanie or a car wash. Graydon seems to be able to work out this year.

Talent Show: Mrs. Chicas is running the talent show again this year. Planning has just started. Star bags suggested again for this year – raised \$600 towards the 4th of July Float last year. Need to discuss crown control.

Wizards: Games are on 2/25 at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets go on sale 1/30 at 7pm with a max of 6 tickets per purchase. Pizza and goods will be sold at the event. Teachers for each game will be added to eNews and HSA News.

Co-President Report (Sarah McCourt):

The next LRP meeting was moved to 1.23, last meeting to discuss any new ideas. Working on a new logo. Have received some parent communications.

Teacher Report (Mrs. Saglembini):

Thank you for all the events over the holidays, coffee cart and treats in the break room and class gifts. Overall thank you from the staff. Thank you for the teacher books from the book fair. The teacher holiday luncheon is one of the more special days for the teachers since they ALL get to spend time together.

From Mr. Stahl: Sneakers are needed for PE. Remember to bring in sneakers if wearing boots and label all items with your name.

Principal's Report: (Mrs. Ferreri):

Being back from winter break is a favorite time, it is a big learning time of the year.

The extended day opportunity for students who have extra services in language arts and math have started this week. There is a lot of mid-year assessing, 1X1 meetings, and older grade assessments on the computer that gives the school a sense of where they are at this time of year. Along with Mrs. Rubin we review the data and make sure those needing support are provided and others no longer needing are released.

Incoming kindergarten and new 1st grade students can register for next year.

At the next HSA meeting we will discuss the new partnership with West Bergen Health which is a mental health support group in town. There will be a parent liaison working with Orchard. She will do a presentation and discuss some parenting sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02am