

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HSA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	March 8, 2022	Location:	Zoom meeting
Minutes Prepared By:	Lenore Corry	Time Start/End:	7:04pm – 8:33 pm

1. Attendance at Meeting

Elisa Davey	Sandra Rolston	Val Riker
Dana Hunkele	Jen Nash	Amanda Pilcer
Ingrid Cobos	Helen McGowan	Nicole Maday
Amy Miller	Bernadette Tortorella	Theresa Pignataro
Lenore Corry	Kelly Bertrand	Sarah O'Brein
Tim Ayers	Rosemary Bueno	Katie Prenderville
Judy Sweeney	Susan Bergmann	Sandra Kraemer
Meryl King	Melissa Terranova	Subhashree Banerjee
Antonio Lopes	Maria McDonald	Danielle Mack
Sandra Cabalu	Alicia	Janice Kurus
Kendra Emmich		

2. Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Accept minutes from February 8, 2022
3. Principal's Report
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn Meeting

3. Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Accepted minutes from February 8, 2022
3. Principal's Report – Tim Ayers – Thank you to Judy Sweeney and the HSA for the snacks last week, they were very well received. March is a busy month and this Thursday there will be the district wide Geography Bee with two 5th graders and one 3rd grader representing Jefferson. On Monday, 3/14, the elementary, middle and high school principals will be making a presentation at the BOE meeting highlighting our 5 year plan. (currently 6 months in). We also have 2 parent programs running – on 3/23 Families as Math Partners and on 3/31 Families as Reading Partners, as well as a Q & A at Harrison with the principals, Ms Jones & Ms Jacobs. Our mask optional policy is going well and I want to get the safety patrol up and running as well as getting the kids back to the blacktop before school.
4. President's Report – Elisa Davey (stepping in for Amy D'Ambola) Ground Rules – assume positive intent, work together as a team to come up with new ideas and solutions, don't compare ourselves to others, remain positive and only discuss HSA matters. The Valentinegrams were amazing! Thank you Dana & deliverers.

5. Treasurer's Report – Ingrid Cobos – Beginning balance is \$58,374.50. With several deposits and withdrawals, our ending balance was \$59,025.50 (\$10,380 for Read-a-Thon still pending)
6. Committee Reports –
 - a. BOE – Antonio Lopes – The meeting was pushed back a week.
 - b. Bike Rodeo – Tim Ayers (Val Riker & Dana Hunkele - We contacted Det Mazzio and found that someone else was taking it over. The Rec dept will be coordinating with the police dept to make this event happen. This will be an event for the 3rd graders on 4/20 with a raindate of 4/22.
 - c. Discount Theme Park Tickets – Amy Miller – We are still waiting on 1 of the theme parks to give pricing. We have been sharing the info amongst schools. Sale dates will be announced later this month.
 - d. 5th Grade Planning Committee – Judy Sweeney – Mom's Night Out will be happening on 4/21 at Dough. We have been guaranteed the patio. This is a BYO event and there will be fun basket raffles. This event is open to all and would provide an excellent opportunity for all grade parents to get to know each other! We also have 2 service projects in the works. First, being a coin collection contest between the two 5th grade classes. The coins collected will be donated to a charity of the winning classes choice, which will be running from the end of the month till spring break. Secondly, on 4/30 from 9-1 pm we have an amazing community building opportunity to clean up Wrensch Park. (located behind what was formally Essex County College). ICE CREAM FRIDAYS ARE BACK!! Starting 4/1 and running till 6/10 we will have parent volunteers positioned outside of the lunch room selling \$1.00 ice cream. We were also interested in planning a 5th grade trip afterschool to go rollerskating. Mr Ayers will email Dr Conklin to make sure this would be okay. Yearbook pages are due by 3/31 and teachers are currently in collection mode. Marlena Hilday ran a virtual tutorial that has been emailed to all 5th grade parents and she will be doing a live tutorial toward the end of the month. Lawn signs will be handed out this Friday. Kickball will be 6/1 @ Jefferson (6/2 raindate), 6/6 @ Wilson (6/8 raindate). Promotion will be 6/14 (6/15 raindate)
 - e. Teacher Appreciation – Judy Sweeney – For February, we did a “snack attack” for the teachers which seemed to be well received by all.
 - f. Field Day – Tim Ayers (Judy Salsano) – We are looking to have Field Day on 6/7 (1/2 day) Bernadette Tortorella offered to help out.
 - g. Fun At Lunch – Bernadette Tortorella – Our ice cream day was very successful and the kids were extremely appreciative. We want to run a March Madness Uno Tournament and are waiting to hear from Mr Ayers.
 - h. Gertrude Hawke Chocolate Sale – Helen McGowan – The sale will be running till 3/14. We need \$500 in sales to qualify for free shipping so keeping ordering! (currently have \$161). We will be advertising on FB and putting in the HSA Blast. We will be including the teachers on the emails as well. Delivery through Jefferson Prime. Helen has pamphlets available for people to look thru. In the future, we may change our selling times/ frequencies / products.
 - i. Krispy Kreme – Amy Miller – We are looking into other options like Mrs Fields- frozen cookie doughs, cheesecakes. A lot of other groups also sell Krispy Kreme. We may look into non food options. We voted and will be selling Mrs Fields. Selling dates TBD.
 - j. Helping Hands – Nicole Maday & Sarah O'Brein – Rosemarie's Ranch is a local dog/cat rescue. They are looking for blankets, towels, sheets, newspapers, dog food and cat food. We will be setting up a collection bin and sending out a flyer as well as putting it in the HSA blast. Secondly, St Baldrick's raises money for pediatric cancer,

and to honor Bella, a Washington student who recently passed away, we would like to do something in the future with them. Will be looking into it and getting more information.

- k. Literacy Committee – Meryl King - Our 2nd Annual Read-A-Thon was a huge success. 197 students set up pages – logging 114,233 minutes read. We will receive \$13,504.00 which exceeds the estimate of \$8,000.00. Congratulations to Ms. Brittany Ubitz 5-U Class for logging the most minutes 27,841 Minutes. The class has won a special Pajama Day! Date TBD. Congratulations to the top readers in each grade! Mia Rodgers 750 Minutes - LLD1, Matteo Tucci 1000 Minutes - LLD2, Logan Bueno 1449 Minutes – Kindergarten, Harris Linden 980 Minutes - 1st Grade, Ronan Capozzi 2405 Minutes - 2nd Grade, Max Levine 1560 Minutes - 3rd Grade, Shane Ellis 3436 Minutes – 4th Grade, Verity Lindeblad 8521 Minutes - 5th Grade As Ingrid mentioned we collected our first of two checks in the amount of \$10, 803.00. Big Thanks to Mr. Ayers and Ms. Smeraldo for getting the word out about the Read-A-Thon those weekly emails helped so much with our success. Thanks to our Jefferson Teachers for encouraging students’ participation and getting them to set up their accounts. Sometime more than one but, it was a small headache for the great participation. Just a reminder – Please visit the Jefferson Book Box.... Take a Book Leave a Book!! reviewed the details for the Book Swap with Mr. Ayers and we’re hopeful the event will happen in May – further details to follow as we grow closer.
 - l. Restaurant Fundraiser- Dana Hunkele (Meghan Hodgson) – March 22nd we will have a fundraiser at Cloverleaf, and we are looking into the food truck from Benji’s for May.
 - m. School Spirit – Val Riker – We spoke to Llkewear and have a pending meeting to set up our store. It take 1 – 1 ½ months to deliver. We will be starting the sale at the beginning of April and delivery will be sometime in May. We will be featuring 6 – 8 items with all new designs. We will run it by the Board before we select the items.
 - n. Spring Carnival – Dana Hunkele – It will be during the school day, we will be sending the dates to Mr Ayers for approval. More to come!
 - o. Talent Show – Sandra Kraemer - Planning on doing it virtually again. Looking into some dates.
7. Old Business – Cornhole event to be discussed at Board meeting. Ms Moran’s retirement gift, as well as Mrs Burns
 8. New Business – Looking into doing a FunRun in the future
 9. Adjourn Meeting

5. Next Meeting					
Date:	April 5, 2022	Time:	7:00pm	Location:	Zoom Meeting
Signature	Lenore Corry				