

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HSA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	May 10, 2022	Location:	Zoom meeting
Minutes Prepared By:	Lenore Corry	Time Start/End:	7:03pm – 8:07pm

1. Attendance at Meeting

Amy D'Ambola	Terri Pignataro	Liana Martirosyan
Elisa Davey	Kendra Emmich	Kelly Bertrand
Ingrid Cobos	Jen Nash	Katie Prenderville
Amy Miller	Meryl King	Subhashnee Banerjee
Lenore Corry	Antonio Lopez	Andrea Hicks
Tim Ayers	Janice Kurus	Lisa Linden
Judy Sweeney	Cindy Vasquez	Amanda Pilcer
Maria McDonald	Mike McDonald	Sandra Kraemer
Helen McGowan	Marlena Hiday	Danielle Mack
Aubrey Collins	Melissa Terranova	Susan Bergmann
Laura Cavanaugh	Judy Salsano	Sarah O'Brein
Bernadette Tortorella	Alyssa Rodgers	Stacey Irwin
Cindy Murphy	BJ Kurus	Ilene Holterhoff

2. Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Accept minutes from April 5, 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 April 5, 2022
3. Principal's Report – Tim Ayers – Thank you for the gift card and the lunch for National Principal's Day. Thank you from the teachers for the Benji's Taco Truck lunch and Judy Sweeney's delicious cookies! The staff really enjoyed it – it was a big hit! Thank you, Meryl King and the Literacy Committee, for organizing the Book Swap – we collected 1200 books! The playground renovation is moving ahead and pieces of equipment have been dropped off. Installation will be the week of the 23rd. We have had an uptick recently in regards to Covid, please continue practicing the correct protocols (washing hands, keeping your kids home if they are sick, social distancing etc.) Thankfully it has seemed to be mild, and we appreciate your cooperation. NJSLA testing in math starts tomorrow, and there will be quite a few makeups next week. Thank you to all the volunteers – for their time. It does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I am grateful for this wonderful organization, we have grown so much and I am so pleased with the wonderful committees we have to support the children. The cornhole lawn signs have been approved to go in front of the schools by Dr Conklin.

4. President's Report – Elisa Davey – 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. We will be having a vote tonight for our new vice president between Maria McDonald and Katie Prenderville. Thank you both for signing up. (Both candidates introduce themselves). You may vote thru the link in the chat throughout the meeting. Voting will be closed at the end of the meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report – Ingrid Cobos – As of 4/5/22 the balance was \$69,620.51, Several deposits from Mom's Night Out, Ice Cream Sales, Theme Park Tickets, ReadAThon, Box Tops and Gertrude Hawke fundraiser for a total of \$7539.45. Checks dispersed this month were – the playground, Take It Make It reimbursement, Harvest Fest reimbursement, Ice Cream, Staff Appreciation, Mom's Night Out, Carnival, Staff Appreciation, and 6th Grade T Shirts for a total of \$45,262.63. The main account balance as of 5/9/22 is \$31,667.43. The fundraising account has a balance of \$0 after the check being cleared for the playground. Hopefully our Cornhole Fundraiser will increase this account in the near future.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Back to School Supplies – Lenore Corry – We have sold 32 orders so far. The sale will be going on till 7/1. Lawn signs have been set up in front of the school and paper fliers will be going out soon.
 - b. BOE – Antonio Lopes – The budget was approved with a 2% increase from last year. Two students were recognized for the Film Fest. Students were also recognized as Future Business Leaders of America and have already won in Atlantic City. They will next go to Chicago in June and info will be coming out soon about fundraising activities to support them. The YMCA will no longer be doing the before/ after care. The new company is Champions and info will be going out soon about this. There were some questions and concerns stated about the increasing staff turnover.
 - c. Bike Rodeo – Elisa Davey (Dana Hunkele) – The Bike Rodeo has been rescheduled till May 18th.
 - d. Discount Theme Park Tickets – Amy Miller – The orders have been placed for Hershey Park, Dorney Park & Six Flags. The tickets have arrived from Hershey, but we are still waiting for Dorney and Six Flags. I will coordinate with people who ordered for pick up.
 - e. 5th Grade Planning Committee – Judy Sweeney – On 4/21 we had Mom's Night Out and it was a huge success! Thank you to all who came out – we appreciate your support. Thank you also to all who donated for the gift baskets and raffles. We raised \$2046 – making this our biggest fundraiser for the year. Thank you – Meryl King for spearheading this event. We have gotten positive feedback from the attendees and hope this tradition continues. The yearbook has been completed and submitted to TreeRing. Stephanie Gallo and Marlena Hiday worked diligently. We are certainly thankful for their creativity and technological savvy. Thank you to Abby Lindeblad for getting all the students pages together, making the slide show, and for taking the class photo. On Saturday 4/30, we had a spring service project organized by Lenore Corry & Maria McDonald. Seven kids plus Candace Carr and Cindy Murphy cleaned up Wrensch Park. The kids had a great time giving back to the community. Our Friday Ice Cream Sale has been bringing in \$200 - \$215 a week and thank you to all the parents, especially those who have been helping out. You can check the sign up genius for any open dates. There is an update for a new policy of handing the ice cream out. (Outside instead of inside) The Class of 2025 Make a Difference GCMS tshirts have been ordered and will be in soon. On 6/8 we will be having a rollerskating party for the 5th grade at the Florham Park roller rink from 4-5:30. The

- 5th grade committee will be paying for each kid to skate. On 6/14 we will have their moving up ceremony and Lenore Corry & Abby Lindeblad have been working hard on the decoration for this event. Thank you to all of the members -for all your time and support. They are so dedicated, creative and supportive and I am truly grateful for you all. And from the committee – Thank you Janice & Judy for being our fearless leaders
- f. Field Day -Judy Salsano – There is a sign up genius that will be set up for volunteers (30). I have spoken to Mr Squires and he has it all layed out. He will also be sending out a letter for volunteers. The event will take place on 6/7.
 - g. Fun At Lunch – Bernadette Tortorella
 - h. Teacher Appreciation – Judy Sweeney – We have been very busy since last month! On 4/27 (Admin Professional Day) Ms Smeraldo was gifted lunch, flowers and a GC to TJ Maxx. On 4/29 (Principal's Day) Mr Ayers was gifted with lunch and a GC to the Yard House. On 5/11 (School Nurse's Day) Ms Moran was gifted lunch, flowers and a GC to TJ Maxx. The teachers and staff were gifted all week long including 5/2 – Dunkin Donuts Coffee, croissants and parfait bar with yogurt and fruit, 5/3 – Restocking of Supplies for teachers that included markers, pens, pencils, paper clips, expo markers and post its. On 5/4 it was Philly Pretzel Day. On 5/5 (Cinco de Mayo) there were offerings of chips, salsa and lemonade. On 5/6 plants were given for all staff to take home and on 5/10 Benjis Taco Truck came for lunch for all the teachers.
 - i. Literacy Committee – Meryl King – We held our 2nd Annual Book Swap last week. We handed out over 1200 books – it was amazing! Part of the reason why we received so many books is I reached out to both the Middle School and the High School. We were able to offer each 4th and 5th grader 3 books. The younger grades – K & 1 & 2 each received 5 books and 3rd each received 4 books. Special Thanks to Stacy Irwin, Jen Nash, Aubrey Collins, Helen McGowan, Bernadette Tortorella, Abby Lindeblad, Amanda Pilcer, Elisa Davey, Amy Miller and Katie Prenderville for all your help sorting and setting up. Ladies you are Rock Stars! The literacy committee – specifically Aubrey Collins and Stacy Irwin worked with Mrs Berkman writing and submitting a grant application, and Mr Ayers signed off on it. Its been turned into the Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation. We are seeking \$1,225.25 to secure 325 copies of The Waterhorse – to hold a One School One Book event during the 2022/2023 school year and after completing at Jefferson School the goal is sharing the books throughout the district. That is why we looked to garner money from the Education Foundation since it's a district initiative. We are eagerly awaiting word back from CWCEF. Lastly, we want to continue to encourage everyone to utilize the Jefferson Book Box.
 - j. Walking School Bus – Meryl King – After sending out our Spring flier on 3/21 and communicating with families on 4/5 their bus stop locations. I received emails confirming participation and photos from some parents of their kiddos walking! So Great! This is such a great committee – getting families together and walking! We want to remind families they can always participate – here is a list of Bus Stops *Gladding Rd & Oak Ridge Rd *Park St & Lane Ave *Lane Ave & Westville Ave * Gould Pl & Westville Ave * Elizabeth St & Westville Ave * Prospect St & Westville Ave *Klimback Ct & Lane Ave *Prospect St & Academy St Next month Jen Nash will speak for the Literacy Committee & Aubrey Collins will speak for the Walking School Bus Committee. Tonight's my last meeting as a chair. Ive officially turned over the reins. Im so excited to see them in their new roles! And now I turn my attention to the 5th Grade Committee and helping with the Graduation Ceremony and the pool party etc... Im really proud to say Ive led fundraising that's totaled over \$30,000 – between the ReadAThons, Lawn Signs and Mom's Night Out. I want to

thank Mr Ayers – thank you – without your ok – we’re not here.. we work on these committees for your school – so thank you for letting me! I want to thank the Board, I want to thank Lenore for her help with my notes over the last 2 years. Cheers Everyone!

7. Old Business – Elisa Davey - By the next meeting we should be able to announce who is taking over each role. Our Cornhole Tournament will take place Sunday June 12th from 11-4. It is advertised on our FB page, lawn signs and flyers with QR codes and links. Emails will be going out asking for donations from families and later for volunteers.
8. New Business – Lenore Corry – I want to thank both candidates for putting themselves out there. We have tallied all the votes... and the winner is Maria McDonald. Congratulations!! And on behalf of the HSA Board – WE WELCOME YOU!!
9. Adjourn Meeting

5. Next Meeting					
Date:	June 8, 2022	Time:	7:00pm	Location:	Zoom meeting
Signature	Lenore Corry				