



GW HSO May 2025 Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 -Virtual

Meeting Started: 6:02 pm

Attendance:

Jessica Forkins, Danielle Sovak, Jillian O'Shaughnessy, Elania Ferenczi, Micheal Hagopian, Alison Rigby, Ariella Sikora, Jen Petrie, Jessica Edwards, Katy Mei, Kylie De Maggio, Dana Marciani, Lisa Siervo, Elena Christie, Nora Rispante, Elli Paleoudis

- **Principal's Report** – Mr. Hagopian
 - End of year is upon us will be emotional couple of weeks as school year wraps up
 - A lot of activities that have happened- teacher appreciation week, staff lunch, principal day, nurses day, administrative assistant day- level of appreciation is incredible thank you is an understatement- thank you to the community for coming together and giving extra love- felt great to be appreciated
 - 2 successful field trips for kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd grade heading out tomorrow (5/15) to Museum Village, 3rd grade will be in June
 - Science day what a success- thank you volunteer committee, Mrs. P, community professionals, parents, high school kids coming back really made the day- highlighted on weekly news and Thunderbird Times
 - Book fair coming up 5/20 & 5/21
 - Staff is working really hard on student placement for next year-a lot that goes into it- #1 goal is to have balanced classes that meet the needs for all our students –next year will have 2 sections for each grade
 - Spirit day coming up end of the month
 - Really fun Family Night coming up in June- parents can visit classroom with child to show work they have been doing
 - Cultural Night (same night as family night) with 16 countries represented in the all purpose room- will get a passport that

you can have stamped as you go through the building & all purpose room-after there will be a sweet treat!

- o All info will be in GW weekly news- apologizes for all the extra emails because there is a lot going on end of the year especially for 3rd grade moving on to JK
- **President's Report** –Jessica Forkins & Danielle Sovak
 - o 2025-26 Committee Sign Up please sign up for next year if you have not already volunteered to help out- takes a lot to run all of these events we need help to make it happen again next year!
 - [25-26 Committee Sign Up](#)
 - o Science Day - big thanks to Elli for chairing the day and planning from the beginning of the year, all the parent volunteers who came in to do lessons- all kids loved it and still talking about it
 - o Author Day end of April- HSO sponsored pizza lunch for some 2nd & 3rd graders that had the opportunity to have lunch with the author, we also helped with book orders where students could preorder signed copies of the author books- a lot of books were sold this year
 - o Book Fair next week- thanks to the parents that already volunteered & to Nora Raspanti for chairing and getting it up and running- you can still go in and set up e-wallet for students to spend-money not spent rolls over to next year- still need more volunteers please sign up on website, social media page, email
 - o Family Night obsessed with the passport idea and Cultural committee (including Chairs, Nora Raspanti and Karen Fasouletos has done a great job to make the evening amazing
 - o Field Day we have a lot of volunteers that signed up-sign up for that day will be going out soon- if more are needed will let everyone know- going to be another great day for the kids-appreciate everyone coming forward to help
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jillian O'Shaughnessy
 - o Well on track with our budget affording us the opportunity to have some exciting end of the year activities
 - o March Income:
 - \$223 in Minted, \$234 in winter Apparel Sales, \$93 Chocolate Central
 - o March Expenses:
 - \$2,400 theme dance, \$74 water bill, \$21 monthly teacher appreciation, \$81 WAT teacher/principal of the day McDonalds, \$260 Kindergarten/ 1st grade Mindfulness class
 - o April income:

-\$355 Bingo Event (snacks/pizza), \$20 librarian gift, \$400 BMX assembly balance (got a discount for having Betsy sign up)

- o April Expenses:
 - \$235 Bingo Event, \$80 water bill, \$150 monthly teacher appreciation, \$1,170 Science Day, \$100 Author Day pizza lunch, \$70 Rose Administrative Gift
- o In the month of May will have a lot of expenses due to field trips and teacher appreciation week
- o Shout Out to Oasis Pool Construction - this GW family has generously offered to donate the Ice Cream Truck for Family Night and a Food Truck for our end of year Teacher Appreciation- please support those that support our children because that is saving us a lot of money!

- **Open for Questions/Share Ideas**

- o Kindergarten graduation- 6/13 at 10am traditionally parents/grandparents come, doors open 9:50, will be in the all purpose room, may last 20-25 minutes. Students will walk in, sing some songs, have names called out and given fake diplomas, some students leave after graduation, some stay and have a fun day with smaller classes and even combine the classes together.
- o Gift Crowd end of the year- will be shared at the beginning of June
- o Suggestion to have assembly or something on Bike safety -BMX assembly did talk about bike safety with importance safety & wearing helmets with proper equipment- will look into police department or health department to possibly come in

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 5/20-21 Book Fair
- 5/23-5/27 No School
- 5/28 Third Grade Chorus Concert
- 5/29 Kindergarten Orientation
- 5/30 Spirit Day
- 6/4 Second Grade Poetry Reading
- 6/5 Family Night-Single Session
- 6/6 Field Day
- 6/10 Third Grade Field Trip
- 6/11 Final HSO meeting at 6PM
- 6/11 Third Grade JK Visit
- 6/13 Kindergarten Graduation
- 6/13 First Grade Flag Day
- 6/20 Spirit Day
- 6/23 Single Session
- 6/24 Third grade Send off

- 6/24 Single Session-Last Day of School

Meeting Ended: 6:29pm