

ARSHSA General Meeting #5 Minutes

April 26, 2022

Attendees:

- **ARIS Staff:** Dr. Carey,
- **Executive Board:** Mona Desai (President), Meg Shah (VP), Megha Shah (Treasurer), Erin Kelly (Secretary); Members at large: Stephanie Arhoutalis and Nitasha Jauhari
- **ARSHSA Members:** Rohini Nandurkar; Aysegul Soyal; Toni-Ann Branda; Melanie Chiodo; Meghann Valeo; Natasha Delacruz; Ruchita Mehta; Licia Gaber-Baylis; Elizabeth Bezares; Jessica Freund; Michele Amato

School Updates with Principal Dr. Carey:

- This year, the school's primary focus has been to help kids get back to the normal routines in the classroom, and help them learn at high levels.
- The drama club event last week, the upcoming band concert and talent show, Wizards game, mini-shark tank - there are a lot of wonderful activities the kids are looking forward to - terrific times ahead!
- The 5th grade orientation will take place at 6:30 p.m. and conducted virtually and recorded for anyone who can't join live. Thursday, April 28 - will send out the link again.
- A google form will be sent to parents to collect questions for Dr. Carey's presentation to facilitate Q&A during the orientation.
- All homerooms are provided with a cardstock designed for autographs, and something that can be used for signatures for students who did not order yearbooks.
- Teachers are working on an end of the year slideshow for each grade level.
- Staff are excited about the staff appreciation week activities. NJSLA testing means the luncheon will be taking place the following week, May 12. (see below for more details on this)
- Schedules are released late August around the time when the open house is hosted, when everyone is invited to the school, test out lockers. A universal supply list will be shared a little ahead of time for grade-level supplies, ahead of teacher specific lists can be referenced based on
- When will IOWA test results come back? Dr. Carey will check with the Math supervisor on timing of releases of students' scoring.
- Are the scores of next week's NJSLA used for placement? They will not be back in time. Even when they have been in the past, the scores from the prior year was being used for placement. Next Spring 2022 test results will be used for placement. More can be shared during Back to School night on this topic.

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ARSHSA Updates

Active Committee Updates

- Yearbook
 - Yearbook sales started in January and concluded Friday, April 15.
 - Total sales: 755 yearbooks.
 - This year for the first time, we designed our own layout. ARSHSA President acknowledged all the parent volunteers who helped design the yearbook layout this year. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!
 - Will be delivered close to the last week of school.
- Staff Appreciation Week (*week of May 2*)
 - Last week, ARSHSA received a special letter from the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners. They selected ARSHSA to receive the Community Box at the TD Bank Ballpark on **Friday, April 29, for the 6:35 p.m.** game where the Somerset Patriots take on the Portland Sea Dogs. ARSHSA gifted all 30 of these free tickets to ARIS staff.
 - And we look forward to even more fun and activities in May in recognition of ARIS staff:
 - Monday May 2 - Bagels and juice will be served from Bagel Bistro
 - Wednesday, May 4 - Coffee and Donuts from Dunkin Donuts
 - Friday, May 6 - Candy delivery to staff mailboxes
 - Thursday, May 12 - Luncheon will be catered by Mildred Molina Catering
 - We distributed to families the favorite things spreadsheet (place into chat for those in attendance) For any families who would like to bestow a token of appreciation to ARIS staff, we have a [resource noting a few of their favorite things here](#), which was distributed to ARSHSA families in an email from Community Pass on April 10.
- Harlem Wizards (*May 21*)
 - Tickets are on sale; *tickets* to see the Harlem Wizards are selling fast.
 - *Sales numbers below were pulled on 4/26:*
 - General Admission: **152** adults, **180** students
 - Reserved: **96** (29 tickets remain)
 - Courtside: **26** folding chairs along the court to (49 tickets remain)
 - Benchwarmers: **3** sitting with the team (17 tickets remain)
 - *Total Sales:* 457 tickets (was 358 as of 4/18 the day before Hillsborough Happenings feature)
 - [Order your tickets online](#) today!
- Spring Logo Wear
 - Expect to launch by the end of April, all orders must be into Community Pass by May 9; flyers will be distributed shortly.
 - All apparel will be Hillsborough branded, not ARIS.
 - One cotton and one dri fit tee
- Carnival (*June 15 - Rain date June 16*)
 - Let us know if you are interested in volunteering.
 - More is coming with specific plans and activities as the date approaches.

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Past Event Updates

- Book Fair
 - Grossed close to \$15,000 in sales during the Scholastic Book Fair held in March. The Executive Board unanimously voted to turn 100% of our profit (\$6,435) into Scholastic dollars. ARSHSA will coordinate with Ms. Sue Herndon, the reading specialist, on dedicating most of these funds to the scholastic news magazine at Dr. Carey's request.
- Gertrude Hawk
 - Grossed nearly \$10,000 in sales, netting almost \$5,000 for the school, offsetting the cost of transportation for the 6th grade field trip to Forest Lodge.
- STEM Summit
 - The committee developed STEM activities covering a variety of topics and the kids had a really enjoyable time last month.
- Drama Club Event
 - ARSHSA volunteers sold snacks and water during the event and over \$1K was raised through the sale of tickets to parents of ARIS students.
 - Close to \$1400 will be going back into the school to help support the club needs in the future.
- Dine Outs (*The Landing April 21*)
 - Our last dine out of the year took place at The Landing last week, April 21. Auten Road benefits with 20% of our sales being donated back to the school.
 - No results yet to share.

ARSHSA School Gift Update

- ARSHSA relies on the support of our generous families and local businesses to raise funds that help to enhance programming for Hillsborough students. Every year ARSHA looks forward to gifting to the ARIS community. This year, we will be providing costs to offset the bus/transportation fees for this year's Forest Lodge trip for our 6th graders.

Budget

- None of what we're able to provide to Auten Road would be possible without the dedication and commitment of ARIS families—parents, guardians, extended family. **We can't thank you enough.**
- Wizards will be our next big event, a community event that is the largest fundraiser ARSHSA puts on for our school.

2022-2023 Executive Board - [Vote](#)

- Aysegul, Toni-Ann, Licia and Meghann were voted in.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from [March 8, 2022](#) - approved.