

## **ARSHSA General Meeting Minutes** **January 25, 2022**

### **Attendees:**

- **ARIS Staff:** Mr. Carey, Ms. Maresca, Ms. Barbiero
- **Executive Board:** Mona Desai (President), Megha Shah (Treasurer), Erin Kelly (Secretary); Members at large: Stephanie Arhoutalis and Nitasha Jauhari
- **ARSHSA Members:** Jessica Franciscus, Lauren Lapinski, Vivienne Larrea-Kopko, Scarlett, Gianna, Nana-Ama Amaning, Melanie Chiodo, Sunita, Syliva Ng, Kirti Shah, Alison Buist, Michele Amato, Shirley, Meghann Valeo, Kim Luci, Natasha DeLaCruz

### **School Updates with Principal Mr. Carey**

- Some events have been taking place - Auten Road Choir had a recent performance. Another will take place in the Spring time - all are masked and distanced
- On the horizon:
  - Club photos will take place in early March. These photos will take place during the day and a schedule will be circulated to students.
  - Looking forward to a talent show, a drama production in May, and band concerts in May.
  - The Forest Lodge trip for grade 6 is still on the table for this spring. All 6th grade teachers and students are invited to Warren New Jersey for the school day. There are outdoor sporting activities, including a pool with lifeguards, food provided, music, board games, and a nice day to celebrate the end of year.
  - Hope to have an end of year Carnival/field day in June.
  - Monitoring the need for bus drivers.
  - Question from Parent: Are there any tech classes available in the school?
    - Answer: No current classes. There was a computer literacy class a few years ago, but that ended. ARIS does have a computer resource teacher at the Tech Hub in the Media Center. There is a Coding Club that ARSHSA supports.

### **Updates from our ARIS Teacher(s)**

#### **Ms. Maresca (Grade 5 Math & Science)**

The kids are doing great and happy to be in class together.

It might look a little different, because they don't sit/work in groups at this time, which is something she's looking forward to returning to when we can.

#### **Ms. Barbiero (Italian)**

Applaud kids for being so good at wearing their masks all day at school.

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Right now 5th graders are learning about food in Italian class. All grades are enthusiastic about learning the culture. They are welcoming in 4th graders with the [LEEP program](#) to explore languages before they make a selection for ARIS.

## ARSHSA Updates

### Active Committee Updates

- o Yearbook
  - All Clubs, including band, will be taking pictures soon during the school day for yearbook.
  - Sales will launch on Community Pass in the next few days. This year's cost is \$25 a yearbook if ordered between January 31 and end of March. In April the price increases to \$35.
  - We're working with Milan Rose again this year to produce and print the yearbook.
  - We (are so very forutnatel) to have many parent volunteers who signed up to help design and layout the yearbook (thank you!).
  - Photos can be supplied to us via email at [yearbook@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:yearbook@autenroadhsa.org). Include only ARIS children, include the names, grade and pod number of those in the photo (we cannot accept photos that include children that do not attend ARIS).
- o Logowear Distribution
  - Logowear orders in in transit to the school and expected to be distributed to students next week.
- o Gertrude Hawk
  - This fundraiser will take place starting Monday, February 14 with orders eligible for free delivery to the school accepted through Friday, February 25. Orders will be accepted both online or through the brochure which will be sent home with children in February.
  - Again, we have some parent volunteers who will help us with the order distribution later in March (after school hours).
- o STEM Summit
  - This year's Summit will be hosted virtually on Saturday, March 26.
  - A schedule of events is currently being developed.
  - We are collecting names of parents who are interested in helping to prepare for this day and/or deliver sessions to the students during this event. [STEM ideas welcome here!](#)
  - Ideally looking for sessions that would use household items commonly available in the home.
- o Spring Book Fair
  - Book Fair will be hosted March 21 - 25, with evening sales. Depending on how things go, there may be an opportunity to have sales during the day.
  - We have started to collect parent volunteers for set up, sales nights, and packing up at the end of the sale.
- o Dine Outs
  - Jan 28 at Just Subs
  - February 24 at Lenny's Pizza and Pasta MUST say you are there for the Auten Road School Fundraiser

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- April 21 at The Landing MUST say you are there for the Auten Road School Fundraiser
- Accepting ideas for other future dine outs on Facebook.
- o Wizards
  - Will take place at the High School on May 21, 2022
  - We continue to solicit parent volunteers to help with the planning and execution of this game.
  - Have an incredible team roster of ARIS staff who will be led by Coach Carey this spring.
  - We have distributed more than 20 letters to local businesses to consider sponsoring our event. We have 5 confirmed businesses interested in sponsoring, and will continue to work our contact through February 4 to secure sponsors.
- o **Question:** Are there other ways to contribute and “raise funds” without selling or purchasing items?
  - **Answer:** Yes. One way is through Invest in Your Child. You can contribute to Invest in Your Child on [Community Pass](#). More [details and instructions are available on the website](#). This is a program eligible for employer matching gifts.

## School Goals

- o This year we will be contributing to a new water refilling station at ARIS.
- o **Question:** How can ARSHSA support teachers in fulfilling their classroom supply needs?
  - **Answer:** Mr Carey will follow up with Mona, the ARSHSA President, and see how we can use the funds in reserve, and if there are items the HSA can help with at this time.

## Budget Review

- o ARSHSA has approved 8 staff grants so far this year.
- o We are taking some of our investment dollars from our club money and some from our grants to fund the brand new water station this year.
- o The fall logowear sales went well for us.

## Faculty Grants

- o If staff need extra books for their library, or other supplies, ARSHSA has a grant application process and will fund these needs.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2021

- o Passed