

# ARSHSA General Meeting - May 25, 2021

## MINUTES

### Attendees:

- **ARIS Staff:** Mr. Carey
- **Executive Board:** Mona Desai (President), Christina Gonzalez (VP), Sonia Patel (Treasurer), Tiffany Neal (Secretary)
- **ARSHSA Members:** Pat Szary, Jennifer Taras, Melanie Chiodo, Nancy Sica, Diane Bielen, Erin Kelly, Rohini Nandurkar, Michele Amato, Ruchita Mehta, Ellen Edmonds, Barbra Churco, Mandi Steinhauser, Megha Shah, Meg Shah, Nitasha Jauhari, Stephanie Arhoutalis

### Mr. Carey updates:

- Thank you to everyone who has served with ARSHSA, welcome to new board
- It's been a challenging year but a productive year. Students have built a lot of resilience this year.
- ARIS Fun Days: help kids end the year on a high note, lots of choice of activities. Different activities for virtual and in-person students.
- 5th grade orientation will be in a few weeks
- Rising 7th graders will be in good hands next year at HMS
- Placement on Genesis June 4? Just to confirm for parents what the plan is for next year. For rising 6th graders, there will most likely be only on-level vs. ASI (academic support instruction) placement, more options for rising 7th graders.
- What are the criteria for a student to be placed in ASI for math and/or literacy? What does it look like for their schedule? For some students, they will stay with their regular team teacher, for others they will be pulled out to an ASI teacher.
- Trying to plan for Back to School Night in the fall
- HMS orientation? Principal Trybulski might do something in June, or might wait until August so that we know more about what the school year will look like
- HMS HSA meeting? June 8th at 7 PM, details about virtual/in-person pending
- REACH at ARIS? REACH takes the place of social studies (same curriculum content with a different approach). If a 4th grader is not in REACH but could be in 5th grade, talk to REACH supervisor.

### ARSHSA Updates

#### Active Committee Updates

- Awarded 2 teacher grants
- 6th Grade Gift: Students will vote on nonprofit for \$1,000 donation: Boro Safe, Hillsborough Pantry, Steps Together, Gigi's Playhouse, or Hillsborough Fire Department
- ARIS Yearbook Distribution: will be delivered on June 4, distributed the following week at school, stay tuned for more details

- Dine Out:
  - Fun Days at Rita's on June 8 and June 10 from 6-9 PM (15% of sales)
  - Simply Sweets by Lauren (behind Rafferty's, shares parking lot with Rita's) on June 19, 9am-1pm (10% of sales)
- ARIS Fun Day: parent volunteer signups going out this week, each pod goes on a certain day, multiple stations of games outside
- Open Positions for Committees (HMS/ARIS Discount Card, Book Fair, Wizards, Snack Days & more), [contact ARSHSA](#) for more info!
- ARSHSA Executive Board Election
  - President: Mona Desai
  - Vice President: Meg Shah
  - Corresponding Secretary: Erin Kelly
  - Treasurer: Megha Shah
  - Members at Large: Nitasha Jauhari and Stephanie Arhoutalis
  - New board is voted in!

### **Past Event Updates**

- Teacher Appreciation Week: "We love our teachers" sign, special cookies in the morning, provided lunches from Jersey Mike's. Everyone loved it!
- Dine In/Take Out: May 11th to 13th @ Super Sundaes raised \$210
- Scholastic Book Fair: 2-week virtual book fair raised \$983, less than usual due to virtual format. We took the earnings in Scholastic Dollars, which teachers can spend at Scholastic. Teachers like to purchase "Scholastic Readers" to use with classes to augment the curriculum. Due to lower earnings from virtual book fairs, there is a \$2800 gap to cover the purchase. Mr. Carey will ask the BOE to help cover the funding gap.
- Logo Wear: Raised \$1,023. Everything was delivered last week. Tie-dye shirt was the bestseller.

### **Budget**

- Brought in less income than usual; we had to skip many fundraisers this year
- Wizards game is the biggest fundraiser, typically held every 2 years. Got cancelled in 2020 and 2021, planning to hold again in 2022.
- \$617 spent for ARIS Fun Day
- \$684 spent for 8 teacher grants
- \$2,204 spent for teacher appreciation
- \$2,182 raised so far from Dine Out events (2 more remaining!)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2021 - approved.**