

## ARSHSA General Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2021

### MINUTES

#### Attendees:

- **ARIS Staff:** Mr. Carey, Ms. Biddulph, Mr. Mosko, Ms. Barbiero
- **Executive Board:** Mona Desai (President), Meg Shah (VP), Megha Shah (Treasurer), Erin Kelly (Secretary); Members-at-Large: Stephanie Arhoutalis and Nitasha Jauhari
- **ARSHSA Members:** Michele Amato, Melanie Chiodo, Jennifer Churchill, Danielle Churchill, Jennifer Cridge, Roger D'Sa, Natasha Delacruz, Kim DeLisle, Bharath Endurthi, Michele Golas, Kelly Greco, Jenny Greenwald, Michael Haines, Kelly Heery, Allyson Knox, Lauren Lapinski, Vivienne Larrea-Kopko, Rupal Mansukhani, Karen McPartland, Ruchita Mehta, Mahasweta Mishra, Tammy Phelan, Andrew Piccirillo, Carolina Santander, Kirti Shah, Meghann Valeo, Susan Venezia, Scarlett, Anushree.

### ARSHSA Board Introductions

#### School Updates with Principal Mr. Carey

- Virtual Back to School night is Thursday, 10/7.
- Social distancing guidelines have changed this year compared to last.
- Have minimized the movement in hallways, so allowed backpacks.
- The 2021-2022 school year offers all students free breakfast and lunch; Mr Carey has addressed what to do with masks during lunchtime.
- Recently had to address the afternoon pick up process for safety measures.
- Today ARIS wrapped picture day.
- Trying to keep visitors to the building limited.
- 5th grade tees are getting sorted and distributed this month. We will also have inventory for any 6th graders new to the district.
- If your child has been asked to quarantine, the nurses will give you specifics.
  - If your child gets a negative test, quarantine could be up to 7 days. The test should be taken on the 3rd through 5th day. Then your child can come back after that 7th day.
  - IF you choose not to get a test, they should be quarantined for 10 days.
  - The school attendance coding is NOT absent or absent explained; there is a different code for "present - quarantine" and they are expected to get their coursework in Google Classroom (there are no live classes).
  - *Question:* Are there any talks for quarantine requirements post travel with the November break?
    - *Answer:* It will be decided at the central office level. The Board of Education will be looking into this. Mr Carey will definitely put this on their radar thanks to the inquiry shared today.
- On the horizon,
  - Halloween / fall fest will be on Friday, October 29. Halloween costumes are welcome. 45 minutes at the end of day kids will go back to homeroom for some activities, safety, education and fun.

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- Nov - teacher conferences - but don't wait until November if you need to speak with your child's teacher(s) before then.
- *Question:* For the yearbooks, can we send photos to be included?
  - *Answer:* Yes. Email photographs of ARIS students to [Yearbook@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:Yearbook@autenroadhsa.org). Include children(s) name, pod and homeroom teacher.
- *Question:* Will back to school nights be recorded?
  - *Answer:* Districtwide recording is not mandated. ARIS teachers have the option if they want to record. But if you do miss it, teachers will most likely have a resource they can pass along to you if you can't attend. And if you need to connect on a question, don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers. Team teachers have "team time" built into their schedule to plan out the week together and ensure they address any issues or concerns.

### Updates from our ARIS Teachers

- Ms. Biddulph (Grade 5, Math/Science)
  - September children are building their stamina for a full day.
  - Many more are picking up breakfast at the start of the day.
  - The routine is starting to settle in for all and teachers are helping students embrace WIN (what I need) time to organize themselves for the next day.
- Mr. Mosko (Grade 6, Social Studies/REACH)
  - It's been great to have the hallways and classrooms filled.
  - Kids are also doing a great job wearing their masks.
- Ms. Barbiero (World Language)
  - It's great to be back and watching the children have the opportunity to interact with one another in the classroom.

### ARSHSA Updates

- **Active Committee Updates**
  - Membership
    - Thanks to the two days of open house in August we have 325 families who become ARSHSA members; our most successful ARSHSA membership drive!
  - Teacher Appreciation & 20th Anniversary
    - Back to school breakfast and cookies were a great treat for staff early in September
    - ARIS opened 20 years ago, in 2001, as the intermediate school in our township. It set the tone as Montgomery and Bridgewater soon thereafter opened intermediates that brought together 5th and 6th graders.
    - ARSHSA will be planning a gift for staff this year to commemorate.
  - 5th Grade Tee Shirts
    - 5th grade parents were sent a Google Form to submit the size tee shirt they want to receive, answers due October 8 and tees will be distributed the following week.
  - Otis Spunkmeyer / Miss Chocolate
    - This fundraiser kicked off yesterday, runs through October 20 so we can take delivery before the holidays.

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- All orders will be online, pick up will be after school hours at ARIS. Will need volunteers for this. Anyone interested in getting involved an email [executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org).
  - Scholastic Book Fair
    - This fundraiser will kick off October 25 running through November 7. Oct 26, 27, 28 we will have family nights for sales at a pop up shop in the cafeteria. We will communicate all the details with you in about a week and a half.
    - Would love volunteers to help out with the popup shop the week of October 25. Anyone interested in getting involved an email [executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org).
  - Logowear
    - One of the fundraisers families look forward to. We are designing new logo wear which will include ARIS and Hillsborough logos.
  - Harlem Wizards Event
    - This is one of our biggest fundraising events AND it's a community-wide event.
    - Looking for volunteers! Anyone interested in getting involved an email [executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org).
    - The event will be held January 22 and held at the High School gymnasium.
  - New Fundraiser for Vote: [Boon Supply](#)
    - After a disappointing Yankee Candle fundraiser, we received a lot of negative comments from families so we are looking to bring a new vendor into the mix this year.
    - Voted in!
  - Overall call for volunteers: We would love volunteers to help out any of the fundraisers named already (Wizards, Otis, Book Fair, Boon Supply) or future ones on the horizon (STEM Summit, Carnival). **Those interested can send an email to [executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org).**
  - Grants
    - ARSHSA has an interest in finding new grant opportunities. Parents are invited to share information, connections, companies, or ideas with us by sending along an email to [executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org](mailto:executiveboard@autenroadhsa.org).
    - One grant we are presently working on is for our STEM summit.
    - ARSHSA is a 501c3 so if your employers have a matching employee gifts program, your ARSHSA contributions can be applied to matching gifts!
  - More ways to build our budget: Amazon orders! Parents can set ARSHSA as your contributing organization on Amazon Smile. If you need instructions, visit our Facebook page.
- **Past Fundraiser Updates**
- Discount Cards
    - ARIS works with the Hillsborough Middle School to produce this card each year. We have sold about 250 cards. These cards can be purchased on Community Pass and will be sent home through your child.
  - Rita's Dine Out
    - We raised over \$280 with two nights at Rita's on all sales they made between 5 and 8pm Sept 13 & 14. More dine outs to come this year.
  - 6th Grade Gift Update from Boro Food Pantry

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- This was one of the organizations that was gifted a donation of \$500 at the end of last year. We received a special letter of thanks today and photographs from the local charity.
- Our kids can be the change they wish to see in the world around us!

### □ **Faculty Grants**

- We've approved four grants and received a fifth under review.

### □ **Budget**

- Our fall assembly has been postponed to the spring. We are planning to cover that assembly.
- ARSHSA will be supporting and funding the coding club again this year.
- Staff gifts will be covered this year, including the welcome breakfast and 20th anniversary gift.
- Book fair is coming up in 3 three weeks; we look forward to this as the expected income will be needed to support our plans this year.
- We are expecting a good benefit from Otis and fall logo wear sales, too.
- Rita's brought in a little more than \$280.
- An amazing turnout for memberships beyond what we were hoping, and discount cards have been another big hit with families.

### □ **Vote on By-laws**

- Passed

### □ **Approval of [Meeting Minutes](#) from May 25, 2021**

- Passed