

**FRELINGHUYSEN HSA
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm.

Present: Susan Fuller, Jenn Honig, Carol Pruett, Tobi Goldman, Irene Cramer, Kris Fallon, Bernadette Doyle, Marcie Yarnis, Kristen Cunningham, Molly Servais, Sue Coven, Ethel Minchello, Claire Mackin

Principal's Update:

- Student Council did a great job organizing the Coins for a Cause voting today.
- NJASK - buses begin picking up at 9:15; lunches will be early so bring snack for later in day; next year's testing will be all grades on the same days.
- State Algebra testing in May for 7th/8th graders who have taken algebra (will eventually be required by NJ for high school students).
- 8th Grade Washington DC trip will be May 20-21; 3 Administrators plus chaperons attending; there will be a parent meeting prior to the trip.
- Orchestra concert was a big success; Talent show to be held Friday; Band and choir concerts coming up in May.
- Visionary Planning Board – Looking for current 6th grade parent to be on House Council; House of the Tiger looking for a current 7th grade parent for VPB for next year. 21st Century Learning committee and 5 Year Plan Committees have been formed.

Presentations:

- SEE (Support for Excellence in Education) – Irene Cramer explained the goal of the SEE organization; Parent organization providing support/information for parents of high-ability students; they bring speakers to the district and host events for students; board meets annually with district administrators; \$10 annual membership fee; www.see-msd.org
- Morris Educational Foundation – Marcie Yarnis reminded that the Teacher Tribute program is coming up; Donations can be made on line this year using Paypal; FMS received 4 major grants from the MEF this year (most recently, a virtual art classroom).
- PACE (Parent Advocacy Council for Education) – Claire Mackin explained about PACE, which is a parent group that provides support and information for students with IEPs and their parents; over 100 parents are members; there are representatives at each school; www.MorrisPACE.org.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March 2010 minutes was made by Marcie Yarnis and seconded by Carol Pruett.

Treasurer's Report:

- Fundraising goals met this year.
- HSA is funding the chaperons for 8th Grade Washington DC trip.

President's Update:

- Vote for Gift to School - A motion to purchase a new Yamaha Clavinova keyboard for the FMS choral program, at a cost of \$7,700, was made by Bernadette Doyle and approved unanimously. This is in keeping with the HSA's tradition of purchasing a gift for the school each year.
- HSA is looking for a Co-president for next year.

Committees Update:

- A notice will be sent out to fill any committee vacancies for next year.

Next HSA meeting: Tuesday, May 25th at 1:00 pm at FMS.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.