

DALY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

H.S.A. AGENDA

Daly H.S.A. General Meeting

September 17, 2009

I. Welcome

A. Elaine Ajello, Principal

1. Theme for 2009–2010 – Daly Goes Global

- Mrs. Ajello discussed this year's theme for Daly, which is "Daly Goes Global". She spoke about the need to educate our children outside the walls of the school and pointed out some examples of how this is already being done in our school with the organic garden and outdoor classroom. She also used the example of the teleconferencing cart which was recently purchased with funds raised by the HAS. This cart (which was on display at the meeting) will be used to connect our classrooms to other classrooms. To begin with, classes will choose another class to connect with outside of Port Washington. Ultimately it is hoped we can use the teleconferencing cart to connect with classrooms around the world. The teleconferencing cart will be demonstrated at a future HSA meeting.
- Mrs. Ajello presented and read the theme book for this year that ties into the Daly Goes Global theme: *Whoever You are*, by Mem Fox.

2. Test Data Analyst (Jamie Nolan)

- Jamie Nolan, Data analyst for the district summarized and presented ELA and Math test scores for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Daly.
- She presented data in aggregated and disaggregated formats, highlighting scores for both special education students and general education students

- Children who receive scores of 1 or 2 (and at times a low 3) will receive extra support in needed areas.
- Ms. Nolan explained that test results are most informative for curriculum and teaching strengths and weaknesses over time

B. Introduction of H.S.A. Executive Board – Beth Lipset & Denise DePalma Co-Presidents

1. Items Funded : Beth Lipset spoke about items funded by HSA: Smart boards, Teleconferencing Cart, Blacktop Stencils,
2. HSA also supervised obtaining cooling system for high-tech lab, and exhaust fan for 2nd floor.
3. Upcoming Items to Fund : Beth Lipset spoke about upcoming items to fund: 2-3 more Smart boards, Handball Court, Refrigerator for Nurse
4. Chairs/Co-Chairs and Volunteers Needed – Lilie Charnow listed co chairs/chairs still needed for school year. Pride in Port Co-chair needed ASAP since approaching quickly. Also spoke about new and improved HSA web site. (dalyhsa.org)
5. Upcoming Events:
 - New Parent Breakfast – September 22 @ 9:30am. Please let Beth or Denise know if you are a new parent that has not received an invitation.
 - Open House – September 24 @ 7:00pm. Dalywear will be on sale in the cafeteria.
 - Committee Chair Meeting – September 30 @ 9:30am
 - Allergy Awareness Week – October 5-9, Parent volunteers needed for this to educate children about allergies.
 - Compact Reading Night – October 15 @ 6-7 pm

II. Budget – Talia Senders, Treasurer–Talia presented this year’s budget. Vote was taken to approve budget. No opposition, budget was approved.

- A. Review Last Year’s Budget
- B. 2009–2010 H.S.A. Budget

III. Fundraising Update – Nancy Haberman, Stefanie Hiller, Sue Jarman & Melissa Vissicchio

- A. Ongoing Events – Daly Wear, Box Tops, Giftwrap (to begin next week) & Popcorn (to be the first Friday of every month)

Also talked about playground fundraiser being planned–possible a Fun Run or pledge drive. First playground committee meeting will be September 23rd at 10 a.m.

- B. Upcoming Events:

1. Picture Day – October 7th
2. Pumpkin Sale – October 16th
3. Book Fair – October 19–23
4. Dad’s Night Out – October 26th @ LaMotta’s
5. Family night–March 5, Harlem Wizards at Schreiber. Bring family and friends, and will need many volunteers.

IV. Community Updates:

- A. Pride In Port Parade – October 3rd
- B. Parent Council – Next Meeting October 26th. Daly representative to Parent Council explained that it is the umbrella organization of all the HSAs in the district. Invited anyone interested to attend their monthly meeting at the Port Washington Library.
- C. AGATE – please see website for updated information (agatepw@gmail.com), next meeting October 19th. Beth Lipset explained Agate as organization devoted to advocacy for gifted and talented education.
- D. SEPTA – please see website for updated information (septapw@aol.com), next meeting dates: September 29th, October 7th & October 14th. Representative for Daly said that new parents breakfast will be September 29th, and welcomed any parents interested to attend and had further information for anyone interested.

- E. Board Of Education Meetings – September 22nd, October 6th and 20th – meetings held at Schreiber auditorium.
- F. **Next H.S.A. Meeting – October 27th @ 11:00am Speaker Hank Hardy, Director of Guidance will be speaking about Curriculum.**