

Daly HSA General Meeting
February 17, 2011

I. Guest Speaker - Tara Bono, CCBE, "Go Green, Save Green"

- a. Advocacy for Long Island water (LI Sound)
- b. Discussed "phantom electricity" - items plugged in use electricity even when they are turned off. This accounts for approximately 12% of our monthly electric bills.
- c. Discussed retrofitting our homes with CFL light bulbs, which can help save up to \$60/year.
- d. Discussed using "energy star" appliances.
- e. Encourage the use of reusable bags.
- f. Talked about "Caps Back" program - separate caps from water/drink bottles and Estee Lauder takes them and recycles them.
- g. Working to get hospitals, hospices, etc. to come up with pharmaceutical waste disposal plans so that meds don't end up in our water.
- h. Towns have certain "waste take back" days to take back medicines, electronic waste, paint cans, etc.
- i. Discussed how improperly inflated tires end up costing people money because we use more gas.
- j. Encouraged people to report algae blooms found in water to the Department of Health.
- k. Ideas for projects in classrooms - kids can try to get their families to kick the plastic bag or fertilizer habit, and participate in the "caps back" program.

II. General Update - Denise and Lilie

- a. Hearts and Diamonds Dinner Dance - covered all costs for the general fund; raised \$17,000 for the playground fund.
- b. Playground Update - worked with a "green" company for playground design. Unveiled design for lower playground. Hopefully will start constructing playground over the summer.
 1. Please contact Jane Stevens by email with any questions.
 2. Working on the "buy a Brick" campaign.

III. Budget Update - Talia Senders

- a. Rebates - announce deadline of 3/24/11
- b. Vote approved to donate \$15,000 from HSA to playground fund.

IV. Fundraising Update - Past events - AnnMarie, Katie, Stefanie

- a. Valentine's Day Boutique
- b. Bowling Event

V. Upcoming Fundraising Events

- a. March 5 - Pizza Workshop - cancelled
- b. March 8 - Spring Photo Day
- c. March 18, 7pm in Daly Gym - Spring Fling (Dance-a-thon)

VI. Fifth Grade Update - Hillary and Joanne

- a. Gave check to Planet Hollywood for 5th grade lunch.
- b. Working on yearbook.
- c. Need someone to do montage.

V. Other Misc. Updates - Nominating Committee Forms - discuss open positions. Also discussed camera for Dr. Virgilio.

VI. Community Updates

- a. BOE Meeting March 8th
- b. Parents Council Meeting - March 21st - 9:30am
- c. SEPTA Meeting - March 15th at Weber Library, 7:30 pm
- d. AGATE Meeting - March 21st at Weber Library, 8pm
- e. Next HSA Meeting - March 30th at 8pm in All Purpose Room.

VII. Mr. Graves

- a. Resources for parents regarding the changes in the testing for grades 3-5 for next year:
 - 1. 2011 NYS Testing Program Guide:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/osa/ei/eigen.html> changed the editing portion of the test to multiple choice
 - 2. 2011-2012 NYSED Common Core State Standards (standards are changing from pre-k on up)
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/common_core_standards/
 - 3. Plan to slowly implement the new core standards next year.
 - 4. Please email Mr. Graves with any questions.
- b. Robbi Kumalo to visit school on Feb. 17th - storyteller who mixes dancing and singing to tell West African stories.
- c. Ruby Bridges to visit school on March 17th - through PWEF - 275 people allowed to attend.
- d. Hearts and Diamonds Dinner Dance had a great showing.
- e. "Buy a Brick" campaign - looking into the logistics of how to make it work.
- f. Inclement Weather Dismissal - looking to make dismissal safer.
- g. Outdoor Recess - kids have been in quite a bit due to inclement weather, but finally went out yesterday.