

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

May 3, 2023, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Emily Casey

**Attendees:** Emily Casey, Lydia Vincenty, Erica Ashlock, Sophia Kim, Jen Donnelly, Natsumi Saito, Mira Loh-Trivedi, Amy Nathan, Nicholas Bondi, Principal Trish Davlantes

### OLD BUSINESS

- I. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Bagels on Monday, Great American gave 10% discount and no tax. Had bagels and coffee in teacher's lounge. Starbucks on Southport donated coffee. Decorated lounge. On Wednesday doing snack cart: cupcakes, chocolate cake, chips, candy and fruit and drinks. Including gluten free. Will rollover nonperishable snacks for movie night. Other leftovers in lounge. Donuts and coffee on Friday. Next year might look to expand teacher week options.
- II. **Sports Uniforms:** Got some CPS funding toward uniforms so back to the idea of purchasing some to be reusable. Going to try it; testing with soccer now and flag football just received theirs; also volleyball, track and basketball (but latter may need to differ for girls/boys because of shirt sizing). Trying to make them consistent across sports/unisex. We did associate a fee. Will have to figure out storage in closet. Tracking size number and permission slip signups.

### NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Field Day:** Last 2 days of school (June 6 and 7) are going to be school wide field days. Schedule is in the works – each grade will get time on the turf. PTA got some inflatables (2 for each day) and PTA will host pizza, chips and drink during lunchtime on the second day (7<sup>th</sup>). There will be stations for each grade (eg, water station with popsicles). Ms. Brewer and Ms. Dominguez doing most of the planning. It's a regular day of school: goal is to extend participation for kids who don't have after school opportunities and to have fun! Need to make sure teachers know so they don't overlap their own walking events. Doing a signup in the blast Friday for volunteers to pick up and serve pizza. Room parents will be responsible for gathering volunteers per grade.
- II. **Movie Night:** May 19 – Encanto. JH doing concessions. 7 pm open, 8 pm movie starts. Offering Spirit Wear. Lost and found. PJ day and donuts that same day. PTA figuring out best donut options.
- III. **School Supply Kits:** Teachers are supplying lists for next year. Parents order online kit from vendor and then kit comes to your house. You get everything you need. Not a fundraiser; this is just a convenience for families. Will include in blast for next week. Hard deadline, usually by end of June. Usually have about 30% of each grade order. We remove bulk/extra items. Usually about \$70 with optional items (eg, headphones, recorder).

### EXEC BOARD NOMINATIONS

- I. Executive Board Nominating Committee Chair Emily Casey presented the following slate of officers at the May PTA General Meeting for the following school year:
  - a. President: Lydia Vincenty
  - b. Vice President: Erica Ashlock
  - c. Recording Secretary: Jennifer Donnelly
  - d. Corresponding Secretary: Natsumi Saito
  - e. Treasurer: Sophia Kim
  - f. Asst Treasurer: Sarah Fitzpatrick
  - g. Education: Emily Casey
  - h. Fundraising: Kristy Patterson
  - i. Community: Vanessa Shropshire and Nancy Chin
- II. PTA Treasurer Sophia Kim made a motion to approve the full slate as presented. PTA Vice President Lydia Vincenty seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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- I. **Additional PTA Committees** and members presented during the meeting:
  - a. Spirit Wear: Brad Pierce, Natsumi Saito and Tina Taube
  - b. Walkathon: Emily Casey
  - c. Raffle: Lydia Vincenty
  - d. Gala: Kristy Patterson
  - e. Teacher Appreciation: Natsumi Saito
  - f. Giveback/Teacher Luncheons: Mira Loh-Trivedi
- II. **Book Fair:** Next week, PTA will be contributing funds again to the “book fairy” to ensure students all have option to participate.
- III. **Raffle Sweet Treat Options:** PTA exploring different options for ice cream truck.
- IV. **Year End Recap:** Suggestion to revisit end of year PTA recap but to add dollars raised per applicable event to increase interest/involvement.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### Parting thoughts from this year's PTA president:

Proud to have focused PTA efforts on bringing back a sense of normalcy following COVID. PTA has led great calendar of events with different focal points but all aimed at community building.

K aide fund: It can feel challenging to ask for donations straight out of the gate, but it's also a great opportunity for K family involvement and ultimately for a very worthwhile cause. Let's keep this going.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: This is a special year as kids prepare to transition “upstairs” and with a lot of fun events. Let's encourage parents to embrace raffle spirit, junk food buffet, etc.

Middle and JH: Buy your posterboards in advance for the fairs! Also important to support kids as they move around to different teachers. Parent and community support is extra important as we have great trips! Springfield, DC, Yellowstone.

Parent volunteering: Please volunteer where you can. Whether it's hot chocolate at the holiday fair, room parent help, a day-of signup – it's so important to be impactful and learn from other parents and from others in other neighborhoods.

Gala: Let's keep this event free to attendees. We get over 300 people to come, and there's lots of ways to donate once you walk in the door. Keep the focus on community building, and keep it free. And bring back the signup genius for gala – folks want to see a slot and commit to something specific.

PTA closet: If you use things, please put them back in the closet! And as clean as you can.

Admin: They're amazing, and we're very fortunate with how accessible they are while they navigate so much: teachers, staff, curriculum, students (current and incoming), graduation LSC, CPS as a district, proximity to the Cubs. Let's remember they're human and be polite, kind and considerate.

This is the last PTA General Meeting of the year. Meeting adjourned.