

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

November 5, 2025, 9:00 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Vanessa Shropshire

CALL TO ORDER- President Welcome

Attendees: Vanessa Shropshire, Nick Bondi, Jackie Kelly, Heather Gregory, Lydia Vincenty, Emily Casey, Jen Donnelly, Angel Williams, Brittany Steele, Jade Limanni, Amy Nathan, Diana Tate, Sophia Kim, Lindsay Harding, Jessica Harding, Ruchira Hautman, Jill Kilkelly, Natsumi Saito, Jessica Gagle, Nelia Quintilla, Tabitha Humphries, Alyssa Jaffee, Jenny Lee and Jeremy John

- I. Special thanks to Emily Casey and Jackie Kelly for getting Walkathon business and snack sponsors, and organizing a successful event that raised \$47,526!!
- II. Thank you to Jeremy for providing more information on ICE sightings and best practices. He shared resources and ways to join patrol committees.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. First Friday: October Edition- Great success and Altitude was full
- II. 7th Grade Trip to House in the Wood
- III. Shop for Schools X Altitude Giveback
- IV. Walkathon - PTA hit our goal!
- V. HSA Moms Night- Great turn out. We would like to have more in the future.
- VI. Principal Appreciation Day- PTA ordered from Tanuki Sushi
- VII. Report Card Pickup + Teacher Luncheon- Italian themed lunch from Mia Francesca. Thank you Mrs. Wang for decorating. Thank you to Diana and Sophia for picking up the food. Teachers and staff enjoyed their lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. First Friday: November Edition - 20% giveback at both locations
 - A. Bittersweet (1114 W Belmont) - 7am-noon (morning treats + lunch)
 - B. A Pied (1933 N Damen) - 6-9:30p (shop + showcase)
- II. Thanksgiving Food Drive - 11/3-11/14
 - A. Donations to Nourishing Hope Food Pantries
- III. Neurodiverse Caregivers Group
 - A. Kids playdate - Nov 7. More information will be posted on social media.
 - B. Adults evening - Dec 3. More information will be posted on social media.
- IV. Building Blocks Toy Store: Play it Forward Holiday Shopping
 - A. Nov 17-21 (25% giveback in BB gift certificates)

- B. Must generate a minimum \$500 in sales to qualify for reward; includes online purchases (mention Hawthorne)
- V. K-Aide Fundraising
 - A. Halloween Movie Night - raised ~\$1,100
 - B. First Friday: December Edition - Holiday Movie Night
 - C. Minted Fundraiser - 20% discount w/ code: FUNDRAISEHSAIL; 15% giveback
- VI. Holiday Craft Fair - Dec 11
 - A. Decorate North Basement, [Charity](#), Crafters, Book Fair, Concert, Spirit Wear, Food & Bev, Metropolis Coffee
- VII. Spring Social - March 6, 2026 @ Artifact Events
 - A. Form committee
 - B. Volunteers will be needed for donations and day of set up
 - C. Specializing communication with how the PTA funds were used
- VIII. HSA Bulls Game - April 10, 2026 (against Orlando Magic)
 - A. Tickets on sale soon

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Arts Showcase Dates
 - A. 5th Grade - Nov 19
 - B. 4th Grade - Dec 4
 - C. 7th Grade - Dec 16
 - D. 2nd Grade - Jan 22
 - E. 6th Grade - Jan 28 (History Fair)
 - F. 1st Grade - Feb 26
 - G. Kindergarten - Mar 12
 - H. 3rd Grade - Apr 30
 - I. 8th Grade - May 15
- II. Spirit Wear PopUp Shop
- III. Conclusion to fall sports, preparation for winter sports
- IV. Cubs 2026 Partnership
 - A. Teacher appreciation night. Tickets will go on sale first.
- V. Spring Social - March 6, 2026
- VI. "Many Stories, One Hawthorne"
 - A. Create a plan for *how to capture stories* from a variety of the HSA community

- B. Create a *place (virtual) to capture the artifacts* (recordings, documents, photos, etc) we collect in a more “permanent” way (that we can link to our website). As well as *possibly display some of this physically* somewhere in the school (archival hall)

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 3 in the North Basement