

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

May 1, 2024, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Lydia Vincenty

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### CALL TO ORDER

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**Attendees:** Lydia Vincenty, Jen Donnelly, Eric Ashlock, Diana Tate, Sarah Farrell, Nancy Chin, Maria Rentzelos, Natsumi Saito, Vanessa Shropshire, Jackie Kelly, Heather Gregory, Jennifer Rhoades, Emily Casey, Sophia Kim

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### OLD BUSINESS

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- I. **Teacher Luncheon:** Thank you to Mira and Veronica for food and décor. Ordered Bombay wraps. Teachers were happy.
- II. **Bulls Game:** Over 300 HSA attendees. Raised \$2000 for the PTA.

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### NEW BUSINESS

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- I. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** PTA will do bagels/coffee on Monday and Wednesday will do snack cart. Homeroom parents are sending out Signup Geniuses to their classes. Friday blast will include link for non-homeroom teachers and also a Google form to submit a shoutout to teachers. Forms will go to Natsumi and she'll submit to the teachers directly. There will also be a Did You Know? on the bulletin board right outside the main office with fun facts about teachers.
- II. **Spring Movie Night:** Super Mario Bros on May 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. JH will do concessions. There will be Spirit Wear sales and maybe glow sticks.
- III. **Chicago Fire Outing:** Some tickets still available. Nonrefundable. Sales cutoff likely May 24.

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### OTHER BUSINESS

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- I. **Student Council:**
  - a. May 6-31 Student Council will host food drive; not sure where they're donating yet.
  - b. Possible dance on May 31 for 6/7<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - c. Lost and found items have been bagged up and are ready to donate.
  - d. ABC Countdown started today (see flyer); will go to the end of the year.
  - e. Raised \$1300 via Patty-gram sales for Field Day inflatables.
  - f. Planning an end of the year picnic outside (casual, kids BYO lunch), date TBD.
- II. **Field Day:** Trish and Dr Kosko are planning. Scheduled for Tues/Wed June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and then will do pizza on last day of school. K-2 will stay in cafeteria this year for pizza; 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will eat outside on turf.
- III. **Summer Open House Discussion:** Opportunity to drop off supplies before school begins and meet teachers (in grades other than K) discussed. Would need to occur the week before school start during standard working hours to be feasible but under consideration.
- IV. **JH Activity FYI:** Fundraising for class of 2025 has started. Wooden Spoon doing a cooking class that will be announced via room parents and in Friday blast.
- V. **School Supply Kits:** Trish is finalizing teacher supplies by Monday. 1<sup>st</sup> Supplies vendor will put them together so parents can purchase. Not a fundraiser; just for convenience. Boxes include all the mandatory items and not the optional ones. Typically 30-40% of kids per grade participate.
- VI. **Little Free Library.** Ms Garner looking for a parent volunteer to periodically maintain.
- VII. **Raffle Prizes:** 20 classes earned 100% participation (all of K, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and others). Kona ice is coming May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 3 pm. Moving donuts to this Friday with pajama day; that frees up the 24<sup>th</sup> for Hawthorne Vision and coincides with ABC Countdown.

VIII. **Hawthorne Vision:** Trish to send email; committee is looking for donations of cuisines from around the world for Hawthorne Vision on May 24 from 9-11am, whole school minus K. Will have stations outside for each continent. Hoping PTA has connections that would be willing to donate or offer discount. So far the team has reached out to an African restaurant (plantains and puffs), Little Wok (mini seaweed salad and edamame), Indian Bombay (samosas), Kala Modern Greek (pita and sauce) and a Venezuelan place but nothing set in stone yet. Thinking popsicles for Antarctica. Team will create a signup sheet for day-of support (3 parents per continent, plus setup and cleanup) will also need folks to do day-before pickups. Some foods will need to be reheated so that'll go on the signup too. Looking for another African and another European and a North America (Canada). Exploring use of wristbands to track allergies and number of samples tried. Team will send template for email solicitation to the PTA so we can make consistent. Food needs to be storebought or restaurant made per CPS rules. And food needs to be cut small. Timeline: By May 10th outreach and next Friday have it locked in to stay on track.

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## **PTA 2024-2025 NOMINATIONS**

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I. **PTA 2024-2025 Slate:** The PTA Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the 2024-2025 Executive Board:

President: Lydia Vincenty

Vice President: Erica Ashlock

VP Fundraising: Natsumi Saito & Jackie Kelly

VP Community: Vanessa Shropshire & Nancy Chin

VP Education: Emily Casey

Treasurer: Sophia Kim

Asst Treasurer: Sarah Fitzpatrick

Corresponding Secretary: Jen Donnelly

Recording Secretary: Diana Tate

Slate was put to a vote. All attendees voted yay. Slate approved and passed.

Also announced volunteers for select committees: Jackie Kelly and Emily Casey to co-chair Walkathon, Heather Gregory to help with holiday cookie boxes. Natsumi Saito will take the VP Fundraising lead for the Spring Fundraiser while and Jackie Kelly will head Walkathon. Spirit Wear committee will still include Brad Pierce, Natsumi, Tina Taube and now Lauren Lopez. Enrollment for K Committee underway.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

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Last meeting of the year! Meeting adjourned.