

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

October 2, 2024, 8:45 am Meeting called to order by PTA President Lydia Vincenty

CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Lydia Vincenty, Jen Donnelly, Erica Ashlock, Diana Tate, Nancy Chin, Sophia Kim, Nelia Quintilla, Debbie Sprindzunnas, Jessica Velasquez, Jenny Lee, Nick Bondi, Vanessa Shropshire, Natsumi Saito, Jackie Kelly, Ruchira Hautman, Julie Zwolinski, Vanessa Bailey Casey, Trish Devlantes

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **FunFest:** Great turn out and families had good feedback
 - II. **Blue Ribbon:** The PTA will like to find a way to promote the award through spirit wear, lawn signs or stickers. Diana and Lydia can connect on options.
 - III. **Loredo Taft/ Smoky Mtn/ Indiana Dunes:**
 - a. 8th Grade Smoky Mountains: they had a tid time despite the weather at the end.
 - b. 7th grade Loredo Taft: Overall, the trip went very well. LT is closing this year. Trish is looking at multiple alternatives for 2025. They have a trip in the spring to Springfield. There is a way to incorporate St. Louis the day before.
 - c. 6th grade- They went hiking for 2 days and really enjoyed the scenery, Overall, the feedback was positive. It sounds like they would recommend coming back next year.
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NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Walkathon:** It is less than 3 weeks away. We have secured platinum and gold sponsors. Please continue to push. Diana Tate will pick up bagels the day before Wednesday, 10/16. Trish can help get the mascot, Hurricane, to join us at the marathon. Family sponsorships are due next week 10/12. We need 5 regular tents. We need volunteers and looking for a MC.
- II. **Shop for Schools:** October 9th and 10th- We can circulate the list of stores participating. We have a Wishlist from our librarian Ms. Gardner for donations. We will add to social media for more information.
- III. **No School:** Report card pick up Nov 04-lunch for teachers. We are seeking a volunteer for coordinating the staff lunch.
- IV. **Halloween:** The parade is for grade kindergarten through 2nd grade.

- V. **Membership:** We are at 95 members. Please continue to spread the word.
- VI. **Minted Fundraiser:** Holiday card fundraiser for HSA. Any purchases will contribute to our fundraiser.

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. **Indigenous Day:** No School Oct 14
- II. **Principal Appreciation:** Week Oct. 20- 26- We will like to get a week together to celebrate Trish and her information
- III. **Spiritwear Restock:** Diana and Lauren will be working on getting an order out in the next week. We will explore blue ribbon options to add.
- IV. **Bad Momz:** the tentative date, Dec 05- Jackie and Vanessa are organizing. They are working on date and venue as that may change. More information to come.
- V. **Spring Fundraiser:** Friday, March 7th- Natsumi and Jackie are taking the lead. We will rename to “Spring Social” or open to ideas to names/ideas.
- VI. **Potential Blackhawks game :** The ticket price is about \$50 - \$60 a person. Erica can get an interest form and try to gauge interest in the date.
- VII. **Coffee Sales:** Junior High- Cecilia is organizing the efforts. We are making an updated Google form for orders that will calculate totals for each order. Payments will be send through PTA Zelle account.
- VIII. **Bulls Game:** Friday, April 4th ticket sales and raffles sales for singing the Anthem on the court
- IX. **Chicago Fires:** Emily Casey will circle back in December to get dates for 2025 – 26 season
- X. **Local college game:** Potential college games for HSA families
- XI. **ClimbZone:** Potential outing and working on dates and options. Jackie is taking the lead for possible options for January or February 2025.
- XII. **Holiday Fair:** It is on Thursday, December 12 from 5 -7 pm. Vanessa can take the lead. Ideally, they prefer to set up outdoors (weather permitting). There will be crafts, hot chocolate and concerts. We will have cookies and hot chocolate. Sarah will help with a zero waste station. We will need volunteers for ticket sales.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 6. Meeting adjourned.