

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

November 6, 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, Heather Gregory, Jessica Velazquez, Jackie Kelly, Nancy Chin, Nick Bondi, Jenney Lee, Vanessa Seijasp, Julie Swolinski, Nelia Quintilla, Natsumi Saito, Sophia Kim, Ruchira Hautman, Vanessa Shropshire and Emily Casey

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **Walkathon:** The pre rally was a great success. The teachers had the idea to lead the mascot race. Overall, the event was a success. Our fundraising efforts were successful. Right at School donated snacks and stickers for the students. Thank you, Nancy, for the pictures. The students ran a total of 1,000 miles (7,300 laps). The 1st grade class won first place with an average of 12.91 miles. The music was success, thank you Vanessa. For future events, we need to get a list together ahead of time. Also, as for 1-3 songs each classroom. The mascot Clark and Hurricane was an added touch. The set up and breakdown went smoothly. The prices were donated by sponsors. Jackie helped organized the donors. The Culver's voucher was super popular. Thank you shouts by Emily Casey Jen had consistent communication (email blast), the set up committee, Sponsor banner, posters and social media.
 - II. **Shop for Schools October 9/10:** We had a great turnout. They wait 6 weeks for returns to settle out total amounts.
 - III. **Report card pickup November 04:** Lunch for teachers, the PTA provided Indian food and the teachers loved it. Mrs. Kemp made a thank you note for the
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NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Spring Fundraiser:** We are looking for volunteers and committee members. Jen will send on the email blasts. If any parents have donations or discounts for food and alcohol, please reach out to Natsumi. The committee will ensure that there is enough beverages, food and desserts.
 - II. **Building Blocks:** November 18th - 22nd is having their fundraiser and giving back to the schools. It is a good way to start holiday shopping. Erica signed up for Hawthorne.
 - III. **Holiday Fair:** We will have book fair, spirit wear, lost & found, Metropolis, craft table (\$10 for tables), metropolis and estimation jars. For food hot chocolate and cookies. We can have parents set up and help with food distribution. Vanessa will put a sign-up genius for volunteers.
 - IV. **Coffee Sales:** We will start advertising and start this week. The fundraiser proceeds are for junior high grades. There will be an option to pick up at the Holiday fair.
 - V. **Krispy Kreme:** Sophia is taking the lead. There is an option to sell donuts and coffee at the holiday fair. She will have a date and details on the next call
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OTHER BUSINESS

- II. **Kindergarten Fundraiser-** Minted Fundraiser- information will be sent through the email blasts.

- III. **Thanksgiving break:** November 25-29
- IV. **Spirit wear restock/Blue Ribbon items:** Items will be on sale at the Holiday fair.
- V. **Potential Blackhawks game:** We will not be doing this anymore.
- VI. **Potential ClimbZone outing:** The date is January 31, 2025. Jackie will see if its still available.
- VII. **Cookie for teachers for end of quarter:** Tuesday, December 17th- Parents can donate cookies for the Teachers. We ask for 2 dozens from each donation. Cookies can be dropped off on Monday, December 16th. We will need volunteers to help coordinate making the boxes. Heather will handle sign-up for donations, making boxes and distributions.
- VIII. **7th and 8th grade fundraiser idea:** Students can organize activities for lower grade level students during teacher conferences. That will allow parents to have options to pay \$5/\$10 to have their kids play in the gym or turf.
- IX. **24/25 Yearbook-** Mrs. Oquendo made a call for a yearbook cover contest. The information will be added to the email blasts.
- X. **Bad Moms:** Jackie and Vanessa are trying to coordinate a venue and comedians. The dates will be April or January 2025. They will have more tentative dates next meeting

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th Meeting adjourned.