

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

December 16, 2020, 8:00 am | Meeting called to order by Melanie Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE

Melanie Walsh, Trish Davlantes, Kim O'Malley, Tr Rikitu, Trista Copenhaver, Maria-Paz Shariff, Lydia Vincenty, Erica Ashlock, Christine Lee, Emily Casey, Jen Donnelly.

Guest teacher: Owen Woitrya (Junior High literacy)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Community Engagement:** Recap of initial community survey – most respondents favored socially distanced outdoor meetups on weekends. Other areas of interest – game nights, family-focused virtual events. May launch book club and gauge traction. Survey will be redone in 2021 because stay-at-home advisory has changed availability of options. Exploring add-on food/beverage options for virtual paint night (see announcements)
- **Treasurer:** Masks and coffee fundraiser – final numbers soon; coffee was ~2800 in sales, HSA keeps 40%

BOARD

A motion to elect Jen Donnelly as recording secretary was made; all present voted in favor and Jen was confirmed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Back to School

- Details TBD – Trish/Ryan meeting with CPS senior leaders/principal's group; waiting for CPS approvals for faculty/staff who have requests out for remote accommodations; planning for multiple contingencies/needs
- Will continue to emphasize parent surveys – next will go out close to Jan to gauge interest in remote vs hybrid, then more surveys/town halls as back to school framework takes shape
- HSA set up well to accommodate both remote and in-person learning: strong budget, teacher:student ratio, professional dev support for teachers
- CPS back-to school minimum is hybrid model (2 days in-person) but schools have option to explore more if square footage/classrooms/flexible programming allows

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Virtual Family Paint Night:** Save the Date! On Saturday February 6, Hawthorne will host a virtual family paint night. Led by a local artist who will guide the group in creating artwork that's fun for all ages. The cost will be \$50 per family and will include all materials. Sign up available after the break.
- **Masks/Mask Necklace/Coffee pickup:** Masks/necklaces available for pickup 12/17, 12/18 or after new year. Will keep selling until they run out; room parents should send FYI in email blasts. Coffee pickup is 12/17, 12/18 or email Erica for other options.
- **2019 Walkathon shirts:** Available at supplies pickup area
- **2021 Fundraiser:** Date set for Friday March 12. Virtual event with auctioneer.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday January 13th – focus will be on fundraising.

PTA plans to send another email blast before the holiday with Save the Date and mask pickup info.