

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

March 8, 2023, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Emily Casey

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **Student Raffle:** Raised nearly \$48K. Kids had a lot of fun. 3rd grade won again; will get pizza party in May. 100% participation classes 915) get sweets party. Lots of incentives so kids have options for different ways to win. Daily prizes were great for kids; they get names over the speaker and gift cards. Earned movie night and PJ day with donuts. Got a couple of sponsors for the gift cards. Dispersed almost all the prizes. RallyUp site emails cash prize winners automatically and then Lydia follows up. Top sellers have all been notified and in process. 3rd grade raised 12K. Geyer's homeroom edged out Pantoja. Snack cart went to top 3 classes to raise 500.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Gala:** Friday, March 10th, Artifact Events. Need to encourage folks to RSVP. Over \$15K in dollars already secured online. People should buy signature events now, as they do sell out. Hoping the event offers some nice price ranges. If there are events that don't sell out they'll close down Givesmart site and relaunch a second auction. Teacher events you have to be there to sign up on paper in person. Mix of highest bidder and bigger groups. Volunteers are all set – pushed to have more committees this year and it's worked well. Didn't even need a Signup genius. Sponsor banners under way. This year did an extra push for sponsors to cover costs because the budget was a little higher. Mira probably reined in \$2-3K in sponsors. Some are parents, some new ones – SAM for sound system. We do pay for things and try to get a discount – DJ, auctioneer. Focused on going green where possible; succulents that can be reused at school. Lot of great donated items, baskets look great. UHaul to take things home and you can take stuff home with you if needed.
- II. **Patty-Grams:** Patty-grams are on sale soon. Kids can write note and send a bar of worlds finest chocolate bars (plain/almonds/crispy/wafer). 2 each or 3 for 5. Each teacher will have forms - you write person's name and to and from. Will send form in blast tomorrow. Kids dressing up in leprechaun gear. And will be available over multiple days. Donating all the money back to PTA.

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. **Movie Night:** May 19 will do the flyer. JH will sell snacks to raise some money for their field trips. Spirit Wear set up spot and plan to sell that night. 7:30 pm. Aim for animated – ideas open.
- II. **Student Council:** Spirit Week leads up to spring break and they're doing a PJ day. 6th and 7th grade dance was fun; PTA sponsored snacks. Teachers chaperoned. 8th graders DJed. Ms Dominguez loves it to be student led and next year will include 8th.
- III. **Chicago Fire Shoutout:** They gave HSA 20 tickets to the home opener sent some families on Saturday and it was fun. Stay tuned for more stuff with them.
- IV. **Field Day:** This year PTA will sponsor bouncy houses as part of Field Day activities to give all kids who can't attend FunFest a chance to participate. Wed before school ends. Planning 2 bouncy houses, stations with obstacle courses PTA will sponsor pizza and popsicles for all kids. May need parent volunteers.
- V. **Parent Teacher Conferences:** March 29th. Next year will split elementary and JH.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday April 12th.

Meeting adjourned.