General PTA Mtg Agenda

Friday October 5th at 8:45 am.

1. Call to Order
2. Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Baltutat: middle school math special ed teacher, pta rep, instructional team leader, also helps with girl’s soccer, she is a runner and will run the NY marathon on Nov. 4th, loves to read as well

Carlos: went to Yellowstone, is on the LSC, helped with family fun fest- I have been here 6 years, my background is in construction. I started on the Southside as a custodian for CPS and then transferred to Hawthorne where I became lead custodian/head of maintenance. When vendors changed I was on my way out, but former principal Mr. Pietrinii found a way to keep me here. I love this school, I grew up in a magnet school in Little Village so I know how a magnet school works, I open the building at 5a, do an inspection, check the maintenance reports to see what teachers need. Every day is interesting, keeps me on my toes, hopefully here for a long time. I also went on the Yellowstone trip along with Ms. Baltutat.

Question: how was Yellowstone? We are getting better as we go, was a great experience- there are a lot of operations details we can do better, had great instructors with us too.

1. Old Business
2. Shop for Schools: We had a good day, passed out some Hawthorne totes, Emily did a great job organizing dining reservations. The Reveler did a great job supporting Hawthorne, The Roscoe business association will send a check after sales are totaled and the top 5 schools get more money
3. Spiritwear: The window is closed, order being finalized and placed today. Product should be in in 2 weeks. Items will be delivered to students to take home.
4. New Business
5. Ideas for restaurant give-backs during report card pick-up, tied in with a showcase? Noodles and Co., Blaze, potbelly, aurelio’s, home run inn?: how do we want to handle this year? Nice to get on the calendar and make consistent. Should we throw out to room parents? Maybe have room parents sign up for a month? The showcase schedule should come out soon, but they are not evenly spread out through year. Will continue to think about.
6. Walkathon: Look for emails from your teacher for themes: it is Friday the 12th, the schedule is on the website, volunteer sign-up is up, we are looking for counters, food distributors, emcees, at $8k as of yesterday with a goal of $40K, we are cutting it off on Friday so if you want your child’s name on the shirt please get that in: check, funrun

Question: can you put comment with PayPal or just on the form? Only form, or you can email me (Christine Lee) you can also send in form and pay on PayPal. The poster will be the t-shirt design, probably gray short sleeve

1. Playground Fundraiser: Lakeview Whole Foods 10/18. A rep from whole foods is joining us, his name is JP and they are graciously giving us a whole foods day Belmont/Ashland 5% earnings from whole day- JP has been at whole foods 12.5 years, he is the concierge for the store so focuses on catering, personal shopping and community growth, we started talking in the summer about what we could possible do for the playground, on average, on Thursday or Friday we do 125-127k dollars so 5% will go right to the playground. Push to get everyone you know to come in, hang out, make it a big event- we have a kids concert that day 8a-1p– I am working with admin to get the jazz band to come in and play, will do a beanbag toss competition, face painting, flyers are available to post and we are working on getting a banner. We will be doing instore promotion and companywide, need banner by the Saturday before the 13th. It is not just Hawthorne’s playground, but the entire community’s.

Question: can we do something like putting an email on the back of a receipt to go into a raffle for a brick in the playground, or a tour by Ms. Davlantes, etc? As an incentive for those outside the Hawthorne family? Good idea, we can try to implement.

We have a kindergarten tour, so if you can get us a flyer we can get to those families.

We will also get to all surrounding aldermen to promote.

Ideas to increase sales: would be great to have a teacher wish list, get teachers’ favorite snacks? Maybe have teachers take a walk to get a snack? Is there a way to combine this with the wine donation for the auction? JP said we can buy that day and they will store for auction.

JP: we can also offer store tours for students. We can display the Hawthorne tote bags.

Could you do tours after school hours? Yes.

#teamwfm when promoting on social media

We will feature in PTA blast as well.

1. Booster Club: Raising money for Hawthorne Athletics to cover league registration, ref fees and teacher coach stipends. $10 from collected student fees will be allocated to the booster club. All proceeds from spiritwear will be allocated to the booster club. Maybe a percentage of walkathon? Fundraisers (Bulls outing, worlds finest chocolate, etc.) forthcoming. We currently have a deficit of approximately $9k for this school year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lourdes Lozano, Becca Walls or Amy Mullins.—also looking at selling snacks during games, still fleshing that out.
2. Committee Business
3. President
4. Community
5. Fundraising
6. Treasurer
7. Education
8. Membership
9. Recording Secretary
10. Other Business

Sheryl Lowe jewelry party raised $2700 last year, 80%off all jewelry this Oct. 27th Saturday will send out in PTA blast.

1. Adjourn