

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

March 6, 2024, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Lydia Vincenty

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### CALL TO ORDER

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**Attendees:** Lydia Vincenty, Jen Donnelly, Nick Bondi, Natsumi Saito, Kate Cox, Diana Tate, Nick Bondi, Erica Ashlock, Emily Casey, Vanessa Shropshire, Sophia Kim, Amy Nathan

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### OLD BUSINESS

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- I. **Student Raffle:** Third grade won big, record-breaking sales at just over \$51K. Kids loved the snack cart, teachers were happy. 20 classrooms with 100% participation. New incentive for 8<sup>th</sup>: everyone sells \$25 and they get walking trip to DQ. All 8<sup>th</sup> got 100% participation. Will do Kona truck again for treats party winners. All winners have been notified. Third grade gets pizza party in May. Spring movie night and donuts and pjs earned. Last year got them from Jewel; will do again.

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### NEW BUSINESS

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- I. **Spring Fundraiser:** This Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is the event at Artifact Events. Need everyone to RSVP to make registration easy; with credit cards already loaded it's easier to get paddle numbers and any tickets set up ahead. 275 have already RSVP'd. Have already raised \$17K. Goal of \$150K.
  - a. Volunteering: Besides day-of spots (especially cleanup) need help next week handing out silent auction items.
  - b. Silent auction: GiveSmart is live, so check parent- and teacher-hosted events and more. Closes Sunday night at 10 pm.
  - c. Wine pull: Got 86 wine bottles.
  - d. Mini live auction: Will do before live auction: offering skip the line and Cubs tix.
  - e. Teacher events: If you or someone you know can't be there but want to be signed up for teacher event, they can register to get a paddle number then someone they know can grab and sign up on their behalf.

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### OTHER BUSINESS

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- I. **Spring Movie Night:** Looking to do Spring Movie Night sometime in May; tentative date 5/24.
- II. **Student Council:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade dance went really well. Pennies for Pets going on now; already collected some money and some items for pets and next week will have rep from One Tail at a Time coming to talk to kids to explain what they do. Next week is Patty-grams, starts Friday – part of funds will go American Library Association to help stop book bans and ½ to PTA to support more student events, possibly another spring dance for middle school and maybe something for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Lost and found: 10 bags donated. Student Council will be organizing from here out. Field day tentative June 4-6.
- III. **Report Card Pickup:** April 10<sup>th</sup> no school, it's report card pickup day and LSC election. Teacher luncheon will happen that day. Mira and Veronica will hopefully do décor like in the fall.
- IV. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. PTA will sponsor something on Monday/Wed/Friday and room parents take care of the rest of the week. Maybe snack cart and bagels. Will send out room parent email before then.
- V. **HS Panel:** High schoolers have off that day so HAS will have current high schoolers come and talk to existing 7<sup>th</sup> graders so they can ask questions.
- VI. **Walkathon shirts** are almost ready. Vendor delay.

- VII. **Graduation Activity FYI:** Collecting money now for fun lineup of events. Melissa Richlen running and explaining what costs what and what costs are covered by PTA vs parents. Chaperones for everything, teachers for Great America.
- VIII. **Chicago Fire Outing:** \$25 tickets near the goal line available if folks are interested, tentative date 6/1. May put out survey to gauge interest.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

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Next meeting Wednesday April 3rd.

Meeting adjourned.