

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

September 3, 2025, 8:45 am| Meeting called to order by PTA President Vanessa Shropshire

CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Vanessa Shropshire, Lydia Vincenty, Diana Tate, Jen Donelly, Heather Gregory, Emily Casey, Erica Ashlock, Brittney Steele, Nick Bondi, Angel Williams, Katie Clepp, Jade Limanni, Kristin Howard, Jess Velazquez, Natsumi Saito, Ellie McCabe, Sophia Kim, Deata Nanley, Morgan McBride, Ashley Doran, Jili Kilkely, Ruchira Hantman, Amy Nathan, Tabitha Humphries, Jen Rhoades, Jackie Kelly, Jessica Harding and Amy Nussbaum

President Welcome & Exec Board Introductions

- New Community Chairs- Welcome Brittany and Ruchira!

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **Supply Kits:** It's a convenient option for families. This is not a fundraiser. Over 250+ kits were delivered to families.
- II. **PTA Website:** It has been updated. There was a volunteer form for people to sign up. Also, added HSA Vision information. Please check it out
- III. **Kindergarten Picnic:** Took place on August 14th. It was a great success. PTA will continue the initiative.
- IV. **First Day of School Meet and Greet:** Took place on August 18th. PTA sponsored Coffee. It was an opportunity for new families to meet other HSA families.
- V. **"First Friday":** PTA goal is to do a community event every First Friday and raise funds. The August event was the Back to School Movie Night. We had over 100 attendees. Kindergarten fund raised over \$700+. The Shake Shack giveback was a good success.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Membership & Spiritwear:** PTA relies on support from membership dues. Our membership committee will be at September events sharing information and reminders for members to pay dues. For **Spiritwear**, Diana Tate is the contact person. Please place your orders ahead for field trips.
- II. **Room Parents:** PTA will send a newsletter to room parents to add classroom specific news. There will also be grade band coordinators to help relay information. PTA created a handbook

to set guidelines and an introduction call on 9/11 at noon. Room parents will send emails and contact information based on parents preferences.

- III. **Chicago Stars Lakefront Faceoff:** PTA is offering discounted tickets for the game on Sept. 7th at 2pm in Evanston.
- IV. **Curriculum nights:** September 16, 17 & 18 from 5:15pm-7pm. Patents will start with a presentation at 5:15 in the auditorium with introductions then followed by classroom visits. Membership and Spiritwear sales will take place near the main office.
- V. **Family Fun Fest :** Sunday, 9/21 11-3pm. We have a volunteer sign up list for the day. Please spread the word. There will be different vendors and tents for families. Entry will be free for families. Food and refreshments will be sold to support the kindergarten funds.
- VI. **Shop for Schools:** HSA will participate this year, on Oct 8 -10th. It is a fundraiser and generally we can earn a good amount of funds. This year Altitude has been added to the list. We will send the information through flyers and email blasts.
- VII. **Walkathon:** Will be on October 16 with rain date option on October 17th. Jackie and Emily are looking for committee members. There will be a theme for each classroom which is led by the teachers. Also there will be snacks. There is still a need for business sponsors and a snack sponsor.
- VIII. **“First Friday”:** PTA will host monthly community events. More information to come for events to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. **HSA theme “Many Stories, One Hawthorne”:** PTA is working on gathering information on HSA traditions that will be shared through email blasts.
- II. **Annual Business Sponsor:** A great way to get local businesses involved. The deadline is Sept. 30th.
- III. **HSA Marquee Messages:** For \$25 for a personalized message. It can be used for any special occasion.
- IV. **K-Aide Fund Fundraising:** Special thanks to Sarah, Laura, and Brittney for being part of the K-Committee!
- V. **JD Fundraising:** PTA will work with the junior high classes to help support in any way we can.
- VI. **Student Council:** Ms. K is the teacher sponsor. We will reach out to junior high volunteers to help out for community events. There will be elections soon to their executive board.
- VII. **Neurodivergent Group:** There will be a table at HSA Hawthorne for families to ask questions and join.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting at school on Wednesday, October 1st. Meeting adjourned.