

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

April 14, 2021, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by Melanie Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE

Melanie Walsh, Lydia Vincenty, Erica Ashlock, Christine Lee, Jen Donnelly, Mira-Loh Trivedi, Sophia Kim, Mary Anderson P, Emily Casey

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 4th quarter have more kids coming back. Running around trying to move furniture so for 4-day pods. Trying to figure out logistics for any pods that we don't offer now to see if we can offer more going forward if kids drop out. We're doing our best trying to offer the max we can for the kids. But short on funds and space and staffing. Bathrooms, dismissal etc also challenging. But feel good about the place we're at. Going to monitor the pods to see if things change. Appreciates all help.
- Budget should be out soon. Running near empty on rental fund. We use that for so much. CPS budget doesn't even cover our staff positions so everything we need we pay outside of CPS funds – people, paper etc. Trying to put together strategic financial plan. Priority is keeping staff whole, and resources for kids too. We have small group enterprise at HSA but it's expensive. Even Magnet funds don't help make the position payroll. Having small 20 kids per teacher was amazing so beneficial and it's worked out great. But now we have to start planning for next year. Normally in grades 3/4/5 we have kids moving to different math groups. But maybe just stick to the same model we have now bc we don't know if we'll be able to actually shuffle classrooms. Trying to scenario plan for multiple situations without all the information.
 - Mira wondering if there's a way to make it known to community the budget constraints and create avenues for more targeted donations. People are motivated financially for different reasons. Trish agrees we need to be as explicit as we possibly can about costs and explore different avenues for how to donate specifically.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **President (Melanie):**
 - Gala Intro: Just over 2 weeks away is our big fundraiser of the year. HSA is very far behind financially; the cost for 20 kids per class is very expensive. 99.9 of the budget goes to staffing and that still doesn't cover it. Gala is going to be so important. We're aiming for a parent only party.
- **Fundraising (Erica):** April 30th starts at 7:30 to about 9. Live event at 8; really exciting- going to be streamed on Vimeo, details coming soon. We have a bunch of silent auction items and we'll have some good stuff for the live auction. Teacher events went well last year – we're going to do those again. We definitely need more parent hosted events. If you can host a mom's night out or kids' event – spread the word! Really anything would be helpful. Gala boxes still available. Splash page and login for the gala coming soon. Important to market – we need people to join. Key is being on there.
 - Mira trying to close up a few last-minute silent auction items. Emily wondering if we can set up box for kids – something to do while parents attend the gala (eg, movie, candy). Also wondered if someone knows someone who would be willing to do a first aid for kids parent hosted event.
- **Community Engagement (Lydia):**
 - Trivia Night: Was a success – brought in \$675 and most prizes were donated. 17 kids in k-2 group hosted by Mr. Fulham – he had fun, did wigs etc. 3-5 grades had over 30 kids did breakout rooms. Only handful of people for the big kids but battled Mr Peet. Now that we know how to do it we could do it again. Once or twice a year. Teachers said they had fun.
 - Teacher Appreciation week is first week in May. Trying to come up with ideas since it's still hybrid; going to talk to Trish tomorrow to talk ideas. Maybe send breakfast instead of bringing food. Or some

kind of teacher youth photo hung up around the school. Christine to replicate teacher appreciation by homeroom: send out survey asking teachers for their favorite drink/food/store etc and send list out to class where people sign up SignUp Genius to send something each morning.

- Raffle: Raffle starts today – Oquendo/Arnold to do video. Jen did flyer. Need to add link to PTA site.
- **Treasurer (Sophia):**
 - Gala boxes: 32 boxes have been sold (31 on PayPal and 1 on zelle) \$1600 (-42.80 fees). Need to cut it off before it hits 50 because we'll run out of stock before the gala.
 - Trivia: \$675 (-9.92 fees)
 - Hoops mania: \$2912.85 (-700 prizes) = \$2212.85
 - Masks: \$87 (-4.61 fees)
 - General donations on PayPal: \$150 (-4.20 fees)
 - Roscoe Village chamber of commerce give back: \$85.40
 - Kids Lunch Menu Donuts give back: \$150
 - Spirit wear: 8 orders on Zelle: \$329.

NEXT MEETING

TBD.