Hawthorne PTA Meeting Minutes

Sept 24, 2014

**Welcome & Introduction** – Juliet Birnbaum

**Teacher Features -**

1) Jen Toomey, Math & Writing Specialist K-2, is excited to join the HSA Staff. She has 22 students (11 from each class) for 90-minute periods for Math and Writing. ‘Kids are amazing, respectful, great kids.’

2) Carrie Auld Denic, 2nd grade, is excited to be part of the team as the new 2nd grade teacher in Room 111. She was married over the summer, so note her name change.

**Kindergarten Aide Fundraising** – We have raised approx $15k with the cash call, Hamburger Mary fundraiser, and outstanding pledges. There has been great communication among kindergarten parents, and thank you to all who have donated. 38 out of 64 families have responded. For any kindergarten families interested in hosting events, playgroups, small fundraisers, to help raise additional funds, please contact Molly Vandermeid.

**PTA Membership Drive** – We are at 128 members. Remember to turn in your membership forms and payments to Jenn Mackowiak.

**Sound system update** – the 8th grade class gifted a new sound system to the school. If you need access, please contact Mr. Peitrini.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Walk A Thon** (Oct 15, rain date Oct 16) – Amy Gordon & Jacquelyn Hathaway - watch for VolunteerSpot link to be sent out shortly. Parents are reminded there is a pep rally around 9am that morning, and we will be adding a Green initiative to the day.

**Cafeteria Composting/Recycling Roll Out** (Oct 15 and Oct 20) – Laura Maye

Oct 6th – Food Patriot Screening – please join us for the film screening. Real Kitchen and Southport Grocery will be donating appetizers and desserts. $5 suggested donation.

Oct 15th – We will be rolling out mini training on the 6 streams of recycling in the cafeteria on the WalkAThon Day.

Oct 20th – Wear Green Day, Recycling begins and will coordinate with an art project. In addition, Real Kitchen will be donating 20% of purchases made during the week of the 20th.

- We need help ASAP with the compost bins. Contact Laura Maye if you can help.

- We need parent volunteers to help with recycling in the cafeteria the first three weeks of the program. Laura will work with Room Parent list to secure volunteers.

**Glow! Event** – (Oct 25) It’s going to be amazing! Debi Lilly has the space, amazing food, and activities donated. Watch for more details, and please make sure to talk this up and encourage everyone to attend. $30 ticket price and all proceeds go to HSA.

**Shop for School on Roscoe** (Oct 2) – Gather your friends to head out and shop – 10am-8am. 20% of your purchase will go to HSA. The top schools will also get additional financial donations from the Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce.

**Thornes –** Come out and watch the Dad’s band at Schubas (Nov 20)

**Hawthorne Supper Club**  - this will be the new way we market our Donate & Dine restaurants. Cathy DeMille will be point person to help coordinate calendar, communications, etc. Examples include Blaze Pizza (Nov 12), Menchies Frozen Yogurt, Oberweis, Meatheads, Potbellys, Mystic Celt, Noodles & Company, Flaco’s Tacos, Fizz (weekly Moms’ Night Outs), Burger Boss.

**Volunteers Needed for the following, if interested contact Juliet Birnbaum:**

* PTA Website
* Alumni Database Creation/Outreach
* PTA Theme & WalkAThon Theme

**October Event List:**

Watch for Tea Collection shop for school details!

Oct 2 – Shop for Schools on Roscoe

Oct 6 – Food Patriot Screening

Oct 14 – New Family Meet & Greet, Buddy Family Program

Oct 15 (16 Rain Date) - WalkAThon

Oct 22 – October PTA Meeting

Oct – Year End – Hawthorne Arts Partnership Begins

**Attendees:** Juliet Birnbaum, Jenn Mackowiak, Emily Casey, Martha Ceja, Lynn Lim, Jennifer Lewandowski, Mary Nicholas, Trista Copenhaver, Elizabeth Latimer, Kaori Liebler, Katrina Kopps Rigali, Amanda Wynne, Cathy DeMille, Jamie Butler, Chrysa Moster, Becca Walls, Amy Mullins, Santy Rivers, Marcela OShaughnessey, Jill Wbb, Beth Lee, Emily Friend, Melanie Walsh, Molly Vandermeid, Karen Meier, Carmen Romeo, Laura Maye, Christine Lee