

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

February 7, 2024, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Lydia Vincenty

CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Lydia Vincenty, Jen Donnelly, Nick Bondi, Natsumi Saito, Mira Loh-Trivedi, Vanessa Shropshire, Emily Casey, Kate Cox, Diana Tate, Sarah Farrell, Heather Gregory, Amy Nathan, Maria Rentzelos, Lauren Lopez, Jackie Kelly, Maria Ficocello

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **Composting Program:** 3-8 program doing great, kids are getting it right on first try. Took a little while but they figured it out; now 95% don't need support. K-2 just launched this week and they only have 2 minutes at the end of session to sort so a bit trickier. But overall going well. Setting up system so kids can use both sides of canisters. Work with 7 Generations Ahead; will distribute school infographic. Raffle for the volunteers at the end of year for reward.
- II. **Domino's Fundraiser:** Slice the price – only raised \$370 this year. Can decide if we want to keep for next year, minimal lift. Or could do Super Bowl squares.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Spring Fundraiser:** March 8th is the event at Artifact Events. Everything coming together.
 - a. Volunteers: Sending out volunteer signup in blast: need help selling tickets, cleanup etc.
 - b. Food/Drink: All the food is set/donated. All alcohol in except for wine. Need 2 cases red and 2 white.
 - c. Auctions: Need more live auction donations. Some big-ticket items coming in but would love some more. Need vacation homes.
 - d. Student Art Auction: Student art again for grades K-2 so spread the word.
 - e. Parent- and teacher-hosted events: Need more events; let's send room parent email. Trish to get on teachers for teacher-hosted events.
 - f. Wine Pull: Collecting for the wine pull bottles 25 and above.
 - g. GiveSmart: Special edition about GiveSmart registration going out mid next week.
 - h. Misc: May do separate paddle raise for technology; need specifics and a goal to reach. Video needs a person assigned – someone who can help cut and edit video. 5-6 min to show before the paddle raise. Stronger together theme. Also Cubs dollars should be coming in – TBD.
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- II. **Student Raffle:** Starts Feb 8th. Pep rally for kids at 9:15 for k-3 and 10 am for grades 4-8 in auditorium. RallyUp goes live at 8:45 am. Last year made almost \$47K. All kids are in the system. Still going to do sweets party for 100% participation. Kona Ice truck was a hit last year. Raffle runs until March 1. See flyer for details. Random drawing for daily prizes for a donation of any amount. Two winners per day. We can post cash or checks too. Need raffle prize idea for 40K doesn't have to be PJ and donuts – open to ideas.

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. **Student Council Updates:** Working on next fundraiser: Pennies for Pets. Mr. Sainsbury's idea; older kids making flyers and figuring out terms. Spirit week is week after next (see flyer). Feb 23 there will be a 4+5th grade dance. Trying to plan school pride week that's about school and environment. Lost and

Found – packing it up now and sending out this week. Planning Candygrams around St Patrick’s Day with chocolate bars.

- II. **Bulls Tickets:** 250 people going to Bulls game. Event sold out twice – separate raffle to get on court during national anthem.
- III. **8th Grade Breakfast:** High School placements announced on 2/23. Ms Dominguez arranging 8th grade breakfast that day. No help other than to send PTA receipts.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday March 6th.

Meeting adjourned.