

Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School HSA Minutes

Meeting 10/17/2013

Present: Amy Keller, Jill Durkin, Gina Birkmire, Nichole McHugh, Lisa Lobitz, Tom Alexander, and Rebecca Poyourow

Playground Repairs Update: The playground is under warranty and parts and labor are included, so we don't have to pay for bridge repairs. Repair of bridge should be done within a few weeks.

Scholastic Weekly Reader Requests from teachers: Several teachers/grades use Scholastic readers and have not received donations from all parents in classroom—are asking HSA to help with balance. Our policy is that teachers should ask parents for donations a second time, making it clear that these are materials that will be used in class, before HSA steps in.

Flea Market is coming up. Need to promote it to local stores and get people to come. Promote online too with website and Twitter.

Rita's fundraiser had lower turnout that expected but raised funds and was a good gathering.

Membership is low. Need to reach out again for people to become members.

Sweatshirts: Mr. Gray has proposed the idea of ordering C-W sweatshirts as a fundraiser. If we did this, we would use order forms to order only as many as people were interested in.

Coach Bingo: Fundraiser with Ms. Powers for Weather Station. Going forward in November, recruiting participants. Goal is to raise \$4,000.

School Pictures: Will be done in spring this year. The company that did them last year produced good quality pictures

Fundraisers/big HSA events over school year: Flea Market (Oct), Holiday Shop and book fair (Dec), Dinner/silent auction (Feb), 5K (April), golf (rescheduled for May), Fun and Fit Day (May/June). Race for education type of walk-a-thon? Don't want to have too many big events.

What are funding requests HSA typically deals with? Mostly field trips: buses can cost between \$200-\$380. Maybe 25-30 trips per year--rough estimate of \$6,000 per year for all field trips. We are committed to working towards \$4,000 for weather station. Fun & Fit day costs roughly \$2,500. Requests to help teams, choir. We can dedicate some fundraisers to supplies for schools. Need to coordinate with Principal Thomas—find out top five priorities for supplies and amounts needed.