

Minutes Approved at 11/12/15 meeting

HSA Meeting 10-14-15 MINUTES

Officers in Attendance: Amy Keller, Tom Alexander, Gina Birkmire, Elisabeth Colella, Stefanie Tuleya

Introductions/Overview of CW HSA

- Officer introductions
- HSA Overview: funds have been used for the following in the past: contributions to WSC for meadows, risers for choir, playground, bus transportation for class trips, etc.
- HSA invites teachers and community to come to them with ideas for what they need money for, what school needs, and what HSA should fundraise money for.

Upcoming Events:

- Harvest Festival (October 28 (which is a half day) from 3:00-5:30)
 - Mr. Lowe said there will be food (asked H&S to supply), pumpkin painting (Ms. Kimmel is organizing), games (TBD), and live band (Mr. D's band Junk Band).
 - Mr. Lowe plans to reach out to community to invite them and get to know CW.
 - Elisabeth C. suggested reaching out to Legacy to be volunteer some time; person running it is very interested in working with community.
 - Other suggestions to reach out to: Kendrick, Houston, Fuel aftercare programs
 - Majority voted to run Halloween Bake Sale during Harvest Festival
 - Kids encouraged to wear costumes (there will be no Character Walk at school this year).
- Holiday Shop (Date TBD)
 - Need to form Holiday Shop Committee. Amy will send home form in upcoming Wednesday folder asking for volunteers.
- Picture Day is 3/18

Membership and Financial Status Update

- About 80 members so far this year, which is a great start, but still need more; any class with 90% membership gets pizza party.
- Treasurer not present so no full financial report provided; money raised so far is about 350 per No Uniform Today Day (2 so far).

Fall Fundraising Goals and Objectives

- HSA is open to ideas and wants to hear what school community thinks.
- Mr. Lowe would like to raise money for water fountain filters and sell CW water bottles so students can refill reusable water bottle throughout day.
 - New Water fountain/Filter costs about \$750
 - Retrofitted Filter on existing water fountain about \$500 (water fountain outside Ms. Power's room would be eligible for this)
 - HSA has water bottles it could sell if this moves forward
 - Consensus: Great goal for fall fundraiser
- Clothing (tshirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc) with CW logo
 - Mr. Lowe: school is working on designing new logo. Discussing ideas to form committee, have students vote on best design. Current logo needs work!
- Ms. Hagan (new physical education teacher) has worked to procure significant grants.
 - More details to come.

- Mr. Lowe wants to form committee to plan for what we need, what money will be used for.
- Discussed potential of using some new grant money to put new mats in gym, logo on backboards, and other cosmetic improvements to the gym.
- Overall, technology is a biggest need
 - School needs three more smartboards. Mr. Lowe: new smartboards (basically 65-inch iPads) are \$6300, but eliminate need for projectors/projector bulbs
 - Elisabeth C. said Philadelphia Project school will donate smartboard to a school that does canned food drive for them. Tom A. has been looking into ideas for food drive. Need to discuss further.
 - Mr. Lowe reiterated need for committee: wants to develop technology committee to determine what we need, what we want money for, and what big plan is.

Fall Fundraising Ideas

- Thanksgiving Pie Sale
 - Elisabeth C looked into Saul sale and Linvilla. Majority voted for Saul (to support local school and better price). Elisabeth C. will coordinate.
- Laps for Education (similar to a walk-a-thon).
 - Majority voted yes to do this soon (early November). Amy will coordinate letter home to families to explain students ask friends/relatives to financially sponsor them for walking certain amount of time around school yard.
- Misc. Ideas
 - Wawa Shorti Hoagie Coupons (School buys them for \$3, sells for \$4, which saves people money); Coupons never expire. Will be ongoing fundraiser
 - Majority voted yes to HSA fronting money to buy coupons, do this.
 - Whole Foods Day - Aaron Traister to look into.

Election of New HSA Officers

- Nomination forms will be sent home in Wednesday folders soon. All nominations welcomed..
- Nominees will be invited to speak at upcoming meeting and then ballots will go out.
- Election committee will count and announce results (need election committee).

Member Concerns

- Parking on Righter Street continues to be a major problem at drop off and pickup.
 - People are double parking and creating dangerous situation.
 - Tom A. working with Neighborhood Associations to develop ideas that will work for everyone on how to resolve this situation.
 - Police have been alerted - know it's a problem, but hard to get them at school.
 - Administrations and HSA to continue to send reminders to family about not doing this.
 - Suggestions: Have committee volunteer to help patrol and remind people not to park there (concern noted that no one wants to put anyone in confrontational situation about this problem); Encourage Streets Dept. to make Righter St. be one way during hour surrounding drop off and hour surrounding pickup times.

Next Meeting

- Second Wednesday in Nov is Veteran's Day so School is Closed.
- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm