

## HSA Meeting 09-06-18 MINUTES DRAFT, Time/Location: 6:30pm at Hilltown Tavern

HSA Board Members Attending: Dan M, Gina B, Elyse C, Alyssa B, Ashly R, Elisabeth C, Kellie R, Margaret N, Susanna K, Stef T

Dan M: Officially Started Meeting at 6:45

- Introduction of HSA Board Members
- Role of HSA: Dan encouraged parents to join, get involved, reach out with questions and ideas
  - Membership form, new online membership form option, & How to Get Involved with CW HSA info sheet will be sent home soon. Parents can find forms and links at [cookwissahickonhsa.com](http://cookwissahickonhsa.com). We now offer option to PayPal as an online payment option.
- Introduction of PHENND Vista David Furiuni who is at CW this year to work to build community partnership development (<http://phennd.org/grant/community-partnerships-vista-project/>)
- Fundraising Update
  - HSA money goes to support CW school, staff, students, such as buses for field trips
  - Big fundraising goals are voted on by HSA members (i.e., last year's 5K fundraising went to the Wissahickon Sustainability Council, another year it went to purchasing whiteboards for all classrooms. Ideas welcome and parents encouraged to join fundraising committee.
  - NUT Day: For \$1 students can dress down in No Uniform Today on Fridays and half days. Great fundraiser - if half of CW students participate in all NUT days this year, that's about \$10K raised. To streamline, HSA members developed a system and form to give families the option to pay ahead by month, twice a year or annually. For those who wish to do so, it's still possible to pay as you go.
    - Dan called for vote to approve adding pay ahead option: Majority voted yes. A few expressed concern there may be students who don't pay and teachers won't know because HSA is tracking. We will revisit in 6 months to see effectiveness
  - Movie Night: 10/12 showing Beauty and the Beast (Disney Version) - @\$400 fee
    - Majority voted yes to spending the money (attendees will be asked to buy tickets - cost TBD). Money raised will support the Theater/Music Dept (purchase of lavaliers microphones for musical)
  - HSA starting process to change the CW HSA to a non-profit status for better fundraising
  - Uniform Sales:
    - With new, less restrictive policy, we may want to discontinue monthly orders or offer fewer options. CW HSA Does not make money on these sales.
    - Discussion tabled until October HSA Meeting
- Volunteering Update: Elyse spoke about need for many to get involved to make the school a success. It's fun and rewarding. Look for her at Back to School Night to get on the volunteer list.
- Open Discussion: Questions/Concerns
  - Parent attendee expressed concerns about some meetings being held this year off-site at bars: It may be a conflict for some because alcohol is sold/available and some may not want to come because they don't want to spend money
    - HSA response: scheduling at alternate locations was to allow for later meeting times (every other month meetings are at 5 at CW) and locations chosen are businesses that support HSA, but understand conflict and will look into alternative locations (Joanne W-G volunteered to check on options)
  - Schoolyard Gate on Righter is broken: potential safety issues.
    - HSA response: This is a school issue that is being addressed (work order is in). If parents want to work to reach out to district to expedite, welcome to do so. Alyssa B. volunteered to coordinate

- Crossing Guard: A parent (Joanne W-G) has been in touch with the 5th District and Pam Delissio - will continue to monitor and work on this. Police officers have been out as crossing guards- it's been much better.
- School Nurse: CW's nurse is out as of now. We are one of 16 school without a nurse. Gina said that students' medical needs are being met. If problems/concerns arise, the school should be informed as there is disappointment in lack of communication

Meeting adjourned 7:50