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## HSA Meeting 01-10-19 MINUTES, Time/Location: 6:30pm at Scanlon's Saloon

HSA Board Members Attending: Dan M, Alyssa B, Kellie R, Elisabeth C, Stef T, Margie N, Principal Lowe

Dan M: Officially Started Meeting at 6:35

- Open Discussion for Parent Comments/Concerns: No comments
- Teacher Comments: none
- December Minutes Approved
- [December Treasurer's Report](#): Elisabeth C.
  - Current balance as of 12/31/18: **\$12,125.02**
  - Holiday Shop brought in \$359.60. One big expense was paying for Book Fair from '17-18 school year that had not been paid (\$1,102.76)
  - To date (1/10/19), families have donated about \$650 for the 50th Anniversary Fundraising Drive
- Volunteering Update: Alyssa (on behalf of Elyse) and Ashley
  - Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to date.
  - Still need several volunteers for 1/17 Winter Arts Showcase: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f45a8a72bab9-arts>
  - Classroom Parent Program Update: December was busy planning class parties, teacher gifts, asking teachers to set up Amazon Wish Lists. Some teachers still need help, but those who have done it received a lot from their lists. Ashley said Mr. D received many of the items on his list, Mrs. Ranieri also had success. Need a teacher or volunteer to help those who need help. Biz/Ashley volunteered to find an afternoon to set up in library to help teachers who need it. A link to Google Spreadsheet with teacher wish lists is on HSA Website (<https://cookwissahickonhsa.com/>) so families can always access.
  - Biz: We need to recruit volunteers for Book Fair - scheduled for Jan 28 - Feb 1 (Coincides with report card conferences and half days) Classes will have scheduled times to go and it will be open during conferences. Signup genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4cabae2ba5fa7-scholastic>) to go out ASAP. Biz to work to develop class schedule.
  - **Clearances**: Only 22 people have completed and filed ALL necessary paperwork to be allowed to volunteer. No one can volunteer unless it is completed - some people are only missing 1 or 2 things. David F is compiling a list to determine who needs what. David and HSA will work to plan a Volunteer Clearances Workshop Day to help get everyone what they need.
  - Other Volunteer Needs:
    - Jan. 29 (rescheduled from 1/25) in-school concert for K-5. Ashley to get details.
    - Feb. 8 Music Department Spaghetti Dinner <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cafaf28a0fc1-2019>
    - MLK - WSC School Grounds Work Day with Villanova and Jefferson Students - 1/21 9-2): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f45a8a72bab9-mlkday>
    - Musical: Ashley working with Mr. & Mrs. D to make list. Big need now is a wedding-type gown that can be dyed gold. Need aprons. Bigger list to come.
- Fundraising Update: Margie, Alyssa, Dan
  - Dine to Donate Events coming up:
    - [Couch Tomato](#): 1/16 - HSA Fundraiser
    - Spicy Belly: 2/20 - HSA Fundraiser
    - [CPK](#): 1/31 - Wissahickon Sustainability Council Fundraiser

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- 5K - Looking for a date in Fall avoiding conflicting with Jewish Holidays and WSC event. Looking at possible Friday night in September or October - maybe tie in with 50th Anniversary celebration. Open to ideas/input from families. Email [cookwisshsa@gmail.com](mailto:cookwisshsa@gmail.com)
- The Fundraising Committee is working to solicit corporate and business donations. Looking for people with contacts with neighborhood businesses or a company that may want to donate. Sheet was passed around for attendees to sign. If you have a connection, contact [cookwisshsa@gmail.com](mailto:cookwisshsa@gmail.com) - Thanks!
- CW's 50th Anniversary coming up - Mr. Lowe working on connecting with alumni to highlight past graduates. May want to post on neighborhood pages to seek out alumni.
- Misc
  - Student Government: Coming together - students on board, will be up and running soon. Will help with school dance, spirit week, 8th grade trip, and work on a volunteer project
  - Next Meeting: 2/7 at school. Dan said building can be open later and asked for vote for later start time. Meeting will start at 6pm.
- Title 1 Update from Mr. Lowe
  - School does not receive significant funding through Title 1 - ~\$60K per year .Primarily used to purchase staff (prep/aides) to allow for instructional time with staff
  - There is \$2400 for parent involvement, which can be used for things like supplies to help learning at home, summer reading books, food for parent meetings, communication with parents about education. Mr. Lowe asked how school can remove any barriers to communication.
    - Parent suggestions: Improve communication about PSSAs (Importance, what's expected, additional resources for prep) - maybe include info at first and/or second marking period conferences.
    - Additional suggestion - make Wednesday folder paperwork available online, have access to building/principal later. Mr. Lowe explained costs and issues with having building open late or teachers required to be there late. He also said there are many avenues of communication, but challenge is not all families have access to email, not all paperwork makes it home, etc. Said he will look into posting Wed message online. HSA noted he can share with us to post - Stef can share in emails, on social media, on HSA site.
    - Mr. Lowe noted enrollment is up about 25%, which is positive in terms of stable budget, lack of shuffling of teachers or need for split classes, etc. K-3 enrollment is highest it's been in 8 years.
  - Meeting adjourned 8:00