

HSA Meeting Minutes  
Hawes Gym  
September 12, 2018  
7:30pm

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Meeting began at 7:53pm

Attendees: Val Auyeung, Laura Waisnor, Jenn Tozzi, Colleen Tansey, Kelly VanZile, Kirstin Walsh, Yoojin Yoo, Marianne Griffith, Laura McGrath, Dr. Semendinger, Jamie Ng, Cinthya Herrera, Maggie Sweeney, Jen Pisani, Erin Yates

### **Co-President Update**

HSA Website created in Wix will now be used for all financial transactions in place of Community Pass. The website makes transactions easier to track. The HSA calendar is there, and flyers are there and will be added. They will put events on there as they occur. Halloween Bash and Mix & Mingle will be added soon.

HSA Calendar – morning meetings have been moved to Fridays from Wednesdays to try to increase attendance.

### **Co-VP Update**

*Back to school coffee* happened and came in under budget. It was well attended, it was a beautiful day. Lots of extra bagels, but not as much leftover.

*School supplies* – everything went well. A few people have paid for planners who ordered the kits, so that money will be refunded.

*Hawes Under the Stars* - Dana Feeney and Aimee DeSheplo running it, we need lots of volunteers.

*Photo Day* committee – Sept 27 is photo day, there's a typo on the form

*Mix & Mingle* – flyer is out, last year's attendance was low and the hope is that more people come. The date is November 16 at Park West Loft, 8-11pm

*Grocery cards* – Monika Skibo is running this fundraiser again this year. She also sent information for the Stop & Shop A+ program, where you can get points directed to a school. You have to sign up for it each year.

*Directory* – Marianne Griffith is coordinating again and is waiting for the Skyward download from the BOE. Looking to sell ads in the directory. ½ page and full pages are available.

*Drama* – working with a new company, Curtain Up. In previous years there have been 60+ kids in the program. Someone asked about the days of the week being moving around.

*Beautification* – OJ has worked over the summer.

*Safety committee* – slow down around the school and no u-turns; Walk to School month is in October; License reader at the door – will be in effect in a couple of weeks, trying for a week at RHS and then will roll out; Dr. Sem spoke about the immigration simulation when there was a drill last year. They ran an outdoor drill on the second day of school. Dr. Sem highlighted that Ridgewood emergency services are extremely responsive. Officer Phil is a program sponsored through RPD, Bike safety is covered at field day. The K class gets a fire department visit. Crossing guard at S. Van Dien does not cross many children, there is a discussion about moving the crossing guard to Stevens or Pleasant

*TicToc* – Maggie Sweeney – will pass along information about it. There haven't been enough signups for the classroom visits in the past.

*Halloween Bash* – many decorations were thrown away last year. Erin may go and take an inventory to see what's there. Val and Laura cleaned the closet out over the summer because they did an asbestos removal. It was suggested that Erin Yates get 10x10 tents for the Haunted House, which she is running.

*Spiritwear* – Jen Giammarella is running Spiritwear, and they are looking into pom-pom hats. New merchandise will be for sale at the Holiday Boutique.

### **Principal Update**

Dr. Sem – covered school safety; PARCC scores coming in the mail soon. The district received the results. 5<sup>th</sup> grade received the fourth section. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is closed at Hawes, and children will have to go elsewhere. Hawes has accepted children from Somerville and Travell this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers made class lists last year for 3 classes and for 4 classes in the spring in the event there was a section added.

Community Outreach program is coming back and the first one is lined up for October 2, called Unselfie, helping children to interact off of electronic devices. Community program on October 30 as a follow up.

Come to BTS night tomorrow, especially for Dr. Sem's talk at 7:15.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM**