



Hawthorne Elementary School PAC

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Hawthorne Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes for November 23rd 2023

Start: 7:43pm

Finish: 9:07pm

Attendees in person: Lindsay, Keith, Kim L, Stef, Erin C, Trish S, Tanya H, Grace B, Kim E, Ashli O.

Attendees on Zoom: N/A

Opening Remarks:

A welcome to Parents & Guests

Approve agenda and last meeting minutes

- Stef approved minutes, Ashli seconds
- Tanya approved agenda, Stef seconds

School Enhancement Committee:

Fruit & Veg: (Tanya H, Grace B and Mel S)

- Oranges were able to be distributed to whole school
- Apples went to half the school, next apples will go to the other half. Extra apples go to CYCW and distributed accordingly

Walk to School: On hold by PAC until next school year - Teachers are interested in throwing their own. More info to come after holidays

Office Décor (Mel S): Mel and Kim met up on nov. 21st and looked at all the decor. We looked through all the Christmas stuff. We will be asking some teachers for help with the wall decorations. 2 parents have offered to help with hanukkah decor. Set up is on Dec 4th

Front Mural Garden: Nothing to report so far. Cannot do much until spring.

Emergency Bin & Preparation: Erin has emailed Gurinder about doing an inventory. Lindsay has more info on that from DPAC

Coffee/Hot Chocolate events: Christmas Hot Chocolate is coming up on Dec 15th. We will be getting hot water from McDonalds in the big dispensers that we will just add the hot chocolate mix to. Kim reached out to Carolyn Gavsie and she is kindly donating 300 mini sufganiyot. These are small round jelly donuts that are a symbol of Hannukah. Carolyn and her children will be helping us hand out these wonderful treats at the event. We will be getting parent volunteers to help with other donated treats

We found the Santa costume. Needs a new beard. Kim has a friend willing to play santa. If anyone wants to volunteer to be another character let kim know.

Hot Lunch Committee

Hot Lunch: (Jenna G)

Next hot lunch is McDonalds tomorrow the 24th

Jenna is away. Sent in update

"We've had one successful round of hot lunch that seemed to go fairly smoothly. I'm very thankful for all the volunteers and for Steffanie Vandermeer for continuing to guide me through the process.

We're looking forward to our first McDonald's hot lunch tomorrow. The kids seem super excited about the McDonald's option!

In terms of finances, our profit from October's hot lunch was \$806.97, and tomorrow's is projected to be \$1022.01.

I'm hoping to send out a survey to Hawthorne parents in January to get some feedback on our food options so far. Hopefully that will provide us with some good ideas for our menus next year."

Communications Committee

Website/Social Media: (Ashli O)

- Getting a good system. Parents seem to be reading the info and meeting deadlines. Minimal questions about info posted online

Fundraising Committee:

We would like to announce Tamara Laza has stepped up to take on the lead position in the fundraising committee. Tamara can be reached at our fundraising email

Fundraiser.hawthorne@gmail.com. Tamara is away tonight but fundraisers (mabel's labels,neufelds) are in progress and an update will be given next meeting

Grinch Trees (Kim L): Orders opened on Oct 17th and ended on Nov 17th. Tree delivery will be Nov 28th after school. We are getting the trees for \$10 + tax (\$10.50 each) and have sold them for \$15 each. We will have extra trees for purchase on site for \$15 Cash.

We have sold so far: 140 trees and we will have another 10 trees for purchase at the school Nov.28th

We will need a few volunteers to help me distribute the trees and one parent to help with the cash box for anyone purchasing a tree on site.

Cobs: When purchasing from cobs tell them what school you are from. They will write the schools name on the receipt and we get a 10% kick back.

Movie Night: Dec.1st is movie night. Need volunteers!! Sign up genius is set up and movie night poster has been shared.

Chosen Movie: The winner of the PAC movie poll is the 2018 The Grinch movie starring the voice of Benedict Cumberbatch.

Doors open: 5pm

Movie starts: 6pm

Concession items:

Pizza, COBS treats, Drinks, Popcorn and I am going to try and make some candy bags if I can find the time.

Yearbook Committee:

Gurinder is away - No update given from her in time for meeting

- Erin has created the drive and teachers all have access.

Spring Fair Committee:

Update from Jenna B - Jenna was away but emailed an update that was read out loud Spring Fair planning is well under way. We have had some individuals step up to agree to manage several important aspects including food, games, and the vendor's market. That being said, we still need parent volunteers for the following sub-committee roles: decoration, organizing the raffle and collection of raffle donations from our community. Our next meeting is December 5, please email Jenna if you wish to attend or volunteer for a role on our committee.

Next meeting: Dec. 5th at 7pm in library

We are now bringing back Hot Dog days to the school. Our 1st Hot Dog day is on Dec 8th and is being run by Jenna Berry with the assistance of the hot lunch committee. We are looking for volunteers for this day to:

1: Cook weiners (volunteers with an insta pot most welcome, 2-3 volunteers)

2: put hot dogs in buns and wrap with a napkin (we need a min 4 volunteers)

3. Count and bag the hot dogs per class (we need a min 2 volunteers)

Executive Communications Report:

President and Vice President:

- Front veggie garden: I have sent in the form for the donation box from west coast seeds
- Would like to discuss the call for nomination for the 3 members at large positions. Ashli Owen and Jenna Berry have put their names in for nomination.

DPAC Rep:

- Discussed SOGI, an inclusive and diverse curriculum. Teachers teach based on their discretion for each age group.
- FSA's - parents aren't pleased with this process. Each child stays completely confidential and the results are to ensure the changing curriculum is beneficial
- Delta has a 60% participation rate. Other areas up to 90% and as low as 30%.
- Important to have them to see impact of post pandemic implements
- Jan 11th - community safety meeting. All welcome to attend

Treasurer Report:

- Kim and Keith will do a survey regarding pre audit screening.
- Gaming grant has been modified to \$8600 from \$9000. It changed due to enrolment at the school
- Hardship fund has been modified from \$1000 to \$2000 to help more children.
- Not much activity in banking wise for Oct.
- \$630 profit from grinch trees

Voting:

Vote in Ashli and Jenna as members at large

I, Kim Lundgren would like to put to a vote for our member at large position. I would like to vote in our communications committee leader Ashli Owen, as the holder of 1 of the 3 members at large positions.

Motion Passed

I, Kim Lundgren would like to put to a vote for our member at large position. I would like to vote in our Spring Fair committee leader Jenna Berry, as the holder of 2nd of the 3 members at large positions.

Motion Passed

Principal Report:

- Reminded PAC to keep all fundraising items at the school.

- New Mathminds program is new to delta. Seems to be going well. Jacob Martin's has been coming into classes to co teach and help teachers for pro d days.
- Sock drive was successful
- Food drive will run Dec 1-8
- Teachers are interested in return it bins. Willing to help sort
- Field trips have been successful. Gymnastics, Science world and Pumpkin patch so far.
- Looking for more sandbox toys.

Questions Period:

No questions