

Minutes—CW Henry PTA
September 22nd, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom

Welcome from President (Leah Corsover)

- Elections will take place tonight

Principal's Message (Ms. Davis)

- All teachers are using Google classroom as their primary platform. Teachers can use Google Meets or Zoom as their platform for live instruction—Henry teachers are switching over to Zoom in the next few weeks.
- Homework has been de-emphasized this year. K-5 students will not have homework other than unfinished assignments from the school day. We want to be as flexible as possible with what works for your family.
- Teachers will be starting to submit grades in core content areas; parents are encouraged to view their children's grades on the SDP parent portal.
- Please reach out to Principal Davis or your child's teacher if you have feedback about virtual learning.
- Tomorrow is back to school night from 5-7 p.m.
- School selection opened on Friday and will remain open until November 6th. If you live out of catchment, and have a rising kindergartner (or other child) that would like to attend CW Henry, it is crucial that you apply through the school selection process, which you can find on the school district website.
- Budget overview: Have made some purchases so far including iReady license, materials and supplies; waiting another month or so to determine what to do about extracurriculars but will have some clubs whether in person or virtual.

Elections

- Only those who have paid dues for this year can vote in PTA elections. Our membership chair, Bridget Morak, will verify membership as vote is taken. Link to join is on our website, www.cwhenrypta.org
- Nominees:
 - **Leah Corsover** – President
 - **Baiyina Brown** – Vice President
 - **Tamora Jackson**—2nd Vice President
 - **Mark Graham** – Treasurer/Finance Chair
 - **David Washington** – Recording Secretary
 - **Monica Frichtel** – Corresponding Secretary
- All candidates running unopposed, approved by vote in chat box.

Committee Overviews

- **Events** (Meghan Medlock): Organizes community-building events such as school clean up, family fun nights, parent night out. Will be working on some virtual events this year such as a bingo night. Contact Meghan at 917-539-3261 or deejayfive1@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the events committee
- **Membership** (Bridget Morak): Recruit members, maintain the database (which is mostly automatic now). Contact Bridget at bibitanmorak@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the membership committee
- **Fundraising** (Natasha Broadwater): Planning virtual fundraisers this year—Storybook character bingo night coming up Oct. 20 6-8. Contact Natasha at 267-882-7357 if you would like to be part of the fundraising committee
- **Lower School** (Orien Smith-Warren and Jonathan Barnes): Represents concerns of parents in K-5; in “normal” years plans the lower school dance. Contact this committee at lowerschool1@cwhenrypta.org
- **Upper School** (Lynda O’Leary and Kim Smith): Represents the concerns of 6th-8th grade families; Contact them at henrypartnerships@gmail.com
- **Communications** (Rachel Marks): manages website, PTA social media accounts, eNewsletter. Contact Rachel at CWhenrypta@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the communications committee
- **Playground** (Kristen Roth): paused for the moment after successfully obtaining our new playground! May pick up again in the future with some new goals

- **Garden** (Meredith Jacoby): Maintains the garden and in a typical year organizes classroom visits; this year the garden will set up activities kids can do on their own time: scavenger hunt, bat-themed story walk, life cycle of plants lab. 2 community garden work days coming up. Contact Meredith at merjacoby@gmail.com Also can join Garden Facebook group, CW Henry Garden
- **Finance** (Mark Graham): Works on creating and maintaining budget, reviewing financial processes.

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- **Updates:** We have brought in \$2500 so far this year and spent only a small amount. We have \$29,000 in reserves in our bank account. We have committed to approx. \$7,000 in expenses so far this year (not a full budget yet). Budget is still being developed and the PTA encourages input about spending priorities for the school community.

Additional Business

- Question from parent about Spiritwear: sale will take place sometimes soon for anyone who would like to order gym shirts (this is done through the school, not PTA).
- Getting new instruments—looking for people interested in taking on this project of increasing the number of instruments we have available, as currently we have more interest than available instruments and would like to have enough that every child who wants to can participate in music lessons

Visit the PTA website www.cwhenrypta.org for information on events, fundraisers, meeting minutes, volunteer opportunities, community news and to **join and donate to the PTA!**

Contact us: Cwhenrypta@gmail.com