

Minutes-General PTA Meeting (Virtual)

January 17, 2023

I. December Meeting Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved
- Yes-10, No- 0, Abstain-0

II. Meeting Agenda

- Meeting agenda shared

III. Principal's Report

- Thank you to MLK Day volunteers!
 - i. Turnout was amazing!
 - ii. Hallway doors and school grounds look great
- Special education classrooms under audit
 - i. Process going well
- Star testing underway
 - i. Results help measure individual and group academic growth
 - ii. Information valuable in preparing for PSSAs
- Playworks
 - i. Large amount of remaining balance raised
 - ii. Working on final contract details
- School budget to be released in late February/early March
- Henry a top pick for many families looking for schools out of catchment
 - i. 274 students chose Henry as their first choice
- Seeking out additional student teachers/interns
 - i. Henry has great student teachers helping this year!
 - 1. The additional classroom support has been very valuable
 - ii. Reaching out to Saint Joes, Drexel, and Temple for interested students
- Funding for additional clubs and activities approved!
 - i. Interested in starting a girls flag football team through the *Play Like a Girl* program
 - 1. More information to be shared soon
 - ii. Interested in starting a chess, scrabble, and drama club as well
 - iii. Looking for coaches and staff leaders
 - iv. Eagles may host a clinic at Henry in the spring!
- School building recently underwent an energy review
 - i. Some lighting and heating repairs recommended
 - 1. Working with SDP
 - ii. Have been troubleshooting heating solutions with building engineer
 - 1. Some classrooms are cold while others are very warm

- 2. Hope to update heating system in the future giving teachers individual classroom temperature control
- Beginning to think about Spring Carnival and Field Day plans
 - i. Would welcome PTA support!
 - 1. Help from parent volunteers would allow teachers to participate more with students
- Please reach out with any questions or for additional information!

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Lead Teacher-Ms. Rama: kaguann@philasd.org

IV. Projects and Events

- Thank you to all MLK Day participants!
 - i. Awesome turnout
 - ii. Special shout out to Kim Massare, Amy Ignatow, Kristin Roth, and Principal Ross for organizing and coordinating activities
- Upcoming Quizzo Fundraiser
 - i. Looking to host in March at Brotherly Grub venue on Germantown Avenue
 - ii. Project and Events Co-Chair Nate Holt will emcee event
- iii. Please reach out if interested in helping with trivia or planning!

Projects and Event Co-Chair, Meghan Medlock- deejayfive1@gmail.com

Projects and Event Co-Chair, Nate Holt- holt.nathaniel@gmail.com

V. Fundraising Committee

- 5k Walk/Run
 - i. Hoping to hold on May 13th
 - 1. Previous date conflicted with school play
 - 2. Date submitted for approval
 - ii. Bruno's Restaurant in Chestnut Hill donating \$100 and 300 water bottles to event!
 - iii. Additional event details to be shared soon
 - iv. If interested helping plan or volunteering please reach out!

Fundraising Chair Natasha Broadwater- natasha.broadwater@icloud.com

VI. Beautification Fund

- Successful MLK Day!
 - i. 21 colorful doors painted throughout the building!
 - ii. 15 volunteers from the circus school helped paint
- Kindergarten lobby to be painted next
 - i. Working on final plans for the space
 - ii. Dates and volunteer sign-up to be shared

VII. Garden Committee

- Garden and Kindergarten playground cleaned on MLK Day
 - i. Lots of browns for the compost collected
 - ii. Alphabet on K playground repainted
- A number of spring projects in the works
 - i. Looking for ways to get the upper school involved in the garden
 - 1. Upper school teacher Ms. Harley interested in a dye garden project
 - 2. Could explore offering service credit or small stipend for student help
 - ii. Looking to create fun informational garden videos to post online
 - 1. Open to student and/or parent help
 - 2. Can ask WHY Club to help film
 - 3. Videos could help potential volunteers feel more comfortable getting involved with the garden

VIII. Playground Committee

- Dirt and debris removed from clogged drain last week
 - i. A lot removed!
 - ii. Workers will return to remove even more
- Open to ideas to keep drain clear
 - i. Can explore creating a rain garden near drain
 - ii. Can see if PWD has any grants available

IX. Upper School Committee

- Trip to the Franklin Institute planned for 1/18
- Plans underway for the upper school dance in April
- Snack sale and pajama day coming up
- Boys' basketball team is having a great season!

X. Finance Committee

- Playworks update-
 - i. \$8600 needed for Playworks training
 - 1. PTA agreed to pay half- \$4300
 - 2. \$3200+ has been raised by Kim Massare
 - 3. School will pay for the remaining \$1100
- PTA Audit
 - i. Completed audit required to be in good standing with state PTA
 - ii. Kim Massare has agreed to help complete the audit
- Winter Appeal
 - i. \$3000+ donated!
 - 1. \$2000 via PayPal
 - 2. \$1000 matching donation from an anonymous donor

3. A few check donations received as well
- Voted to approve expenditures for MLK Day
 - i. \$250 spent
 - ii. Expenditure approved; Yes-10, No- 0, Abstain-0

Next PTA Meeting- **2/21 at 8pm** (*Virtual*), **3/14** (*In Person*)

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