

## Minutes-General PTA Meeting (Virtual)

February 21, 2023

### I. Meeting Agenda

- Meeting agenda shared

### II. January Meeting Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved
- Yes-6, No- 0, Abstain-0

### III. Principal's Message

- Improvements to school building
  - i. Capital improvement requests submitted to SDP
    1. ADA ramp/automatic doors for improved building access
    2. HVAC improvements allowing for better cooling/ heating control
    3. Science lab renovations
      - a. No current lab facilities
      - b. Lab facilities would allow students to access full science curriculum
    4. Electrical upgrades
  - ii. Hopeful that submitted requests will be approved
  - iii. Planning to upgrade upper school lockers as well
- Playworks update
  - i. Thank you again for PTA contribution!
  - ii. Training dates are TBD
    1. Confirmed dates will be shared with school community
- Spring Festival
  - i. Scheduled for Friday, June 2nd
  - ii. Looking for parent volunteers to help run event activities
    1. Teachers would like to participate along with students
- March Morale
  - i. March can be busy/stressful for teachers
    1. Fewer days off
    2. Budget decisions affecting teacher allotment made
    3. PSSA prep begins
  - ii. Seeking ways to boost morale and show appreciation
    1. PTA interested in planning a March appreciation event
- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - i. Week of May 8th – 12th
  - ii. Looking to collaborate with PTA
    1. School has \$2000 budgeted
    2. Would welcome PTA input and contribution
    3. Arranging for massages during the school day suggested

- Thankful for all the beautification efforts
  - i. Painted doors and halls look great!
- Please reach out with any questions or for additional information!

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Vice Principal- Mr. Wilson: [kwilson4@philasd.org](mailto:kwilson4@philasd.org)

Lead Teacher-Ms. Rama: [kaguann@philasd.org](mailto:kaguann@philasd.org)

#### IV. Projects and Events

- Hosting a Quizzo event on Saturday, 3/25
  - i. Will include trivia, live music, pizza, beer, raffles, and more!
  - ii. Will be held at the Circus Arts School
    - 1. Circus school allowing PTA to use event space for free
  - iii. Event details to be shared soon!
    - 1. Information will be posted online and in the school newsletter
    - 2. Event flyers will be distributed
- Spring movie night
  - i. Planning an outdoor movie night for April/May
  - ii. Will submit dates for approval
  - iii. Additional details to come
- Volunteers interested in helping with upcoming events are encouraged to reach out
  - Projects and Event Co-Chair, Meghan Medlock- [deejayfive1@gmail.com](mailto:deejayfive1@gmail.com)
  - Projects and Event Co-Chair, Nate Holt- [holt.nathaniel@gmail.com](mailto:holt.nathaniel@gmail.com)

#### V. Fundraising Committee

- Hosting 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, 5/13
  - i. Will feature activities for all ages!
  - ii. Have received a number of \$100 donations from local business
    - 1. Business names will be featured on event tee
    - 2. Water station being sponsored by a dental office new to Chestnut Hill
      - a. Owner Dr. Wright introduced and welcomed to the community!
  - iii. Volunteers interested in helping please reach out to Fundraising Chair-  
Natasha Broadwater at [natasha.broadwater@icloud.com](mailto:natasha.broadwater@icloud.com)

#### VI. Beautification Fund

- Funds update shared
  - i. \$2,830 raised to date
    - 1. \$1,146 spent
    - 2. \$1,600+ remaining to use!
  - ii. Several projects in the works
    - 1. Updates and volunteer opportunities will be shared
  - iii. Have received a lot of positive community feedback!

VII. Garden Committee

- Hosting a Seed Swap on 2/26 from 12-2pm
  - i. Meeting in the community room at Blue Marble Bookstore
  - ii. All are welcome to attend!
    - 1. Can come to chat, trade, or just grab seeds to plant
- Upper school logo contest
  - i. Launching a logo creating contest with the help of digital literacy teacher, Ms. Pownell
  - ii. Entries to be submitted by 3/22 and plan to pick winner by 4/1
  - iii. Logo could be featured on merchandise and signage at the annual plant sale!
- Plant sale planning underway
  - i. Will host in the spring
  - ii. Additional details to be shared
- Garden classes to resume soon!
  - i. Mild weather may allow for an earlier start
  - ii. Classes typically resume in April
  - iii. Will reach out to farm educators
- Seed Starter Project/Garden Library
  - i. Looking to organize a planting project for the K-2 Autistic Support students
  - ii. In the early stage of planning
  - iii. Working with school speech therapist, Ms. Sepe
    - 1. Ms. Sepe also looking to collect gardening books for children

VIII. Playground Committee

- Play structure bridge broken
  - i. 4+ replacement chains/parts needed
    - 1. PTA can share information to order needed parts
  - ii. SDP would need to approve the \$99/piece expenditure
  - iii. Principal Ross will reach out

IX. Lower School Committee

- Dance scheduled for Friday, May 5th
  - i. Will be held outdoors on the school yard
  - ii. Time to be announced
  - iii. Planning with kindergarten teacher Mrs. D!
  - iv. Exploring rain date options
    - 1. Encountered weather challenges last year
- School tours
  - i. Tours held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:15am
  - ii. Kindergarten open houses scheduled for 3/7 and 5/11 at 9:15am

X. Upper School Committee

- Plans for the upper school dance underway!
  - i. Scheduled for Friday, 4/14
  - ii. Seeking PTA help with dessert donations
    1. Looking for nut-free, prepackaged sweets to be dropped off close to event date
      - a. Cookies, cakes, or bars welcome
    2. PTA to create a sign-up genius to share with families
- Participating in the Inclusion Coin Drive
  - i. Please send in any spare change to contribute
- Upcoming theatre trip planned with Ms. Cantarini
- Basketball team having a great season!
  - i. 20-3 record going into March Madness
  - ii. Go Hawks!
- Junior Achievement Day returning to Henry
  - i. School counselor, Ms. Dietz will share information with families
  - ii. Event held during the school day

XI. Membership Committee

- Happy to have a local business owner/new community member in attendance!
  - i. Hope to have more community members participate in PTA meetings
- Valentine's Day appreciation efforts well received!
- Open to hosting another appreciation event in March
  - i. Volunteers interested in helping plan are encouraged to reach out to Membership Chair-Alysia Sheaffer at [Alysia.bruno@gmail.com](mailto:Alysia.bruno@gmail.com)

XII. Finance Committee

- Working on completing annual PTA Audit

XIII. Open questions/topics

- Community Relations Committee at local condominium building interested in supporting Henry
  - i. Building located at 520 Carpenter Lane
  - ii. Principal meeting with committee to explore options
- Mount Airy School Coalition looking for members/volunteers
  - i. Parents interested in joining can reach out to Principal Ross
- Realtor tour of local schools to include Henry
  - i. Realtors are interested in learning more about local schools
  - ii. Will be driving by Henry, Houston, and Lingelbach

Next PTA Meeting- **3/14 (In Person), 5/23 at 8pm (Virtual)**

Visit [www.cwhenrypta.org](http://www.cwhenrypta.org) for information on events, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, community news and to **join and donate to the PTA!**